

Given to Prayer

Psalms 109:4

Text:

Psa 109:4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself unto* prayer.

Intro:

Deu 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence;...

We are commanded to pray for our enemies and those that despitefully use us (Matt. 5:44).

We are commanded to love one another and our neighbors in the Old Testament as well (Ex. 23:4-5; Prov. 20:22; Prov. 24:17).

Literally reads "I prayer".

Matthew Henry explains it this way:

"I am for prayer, I am a man of prayer, I love prayer, and prize prayer, and practise prayer, and make a business of prayer, and am in my element when I am at prayer."

The expression of "given to" is used to describe someone that has a tendency or likelihood of doing a particular thing. My question to you is this, what are you given to? This verse squarely hits the nail on the head as to how a Christians response should be at any time! Pray about it!

I. Automatic Response is Prayer

Psa 109:4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

All Matters

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

All Manners

1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

II. Abiding in Prayer

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Constant Contact

Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

David:

Psa 119:164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

Daniel:

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

III. Appetite for Prayer

Pro 23:2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

When tempted of Satan, Jesus response was:

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

John 4, Jesus was at the well with the Samaritan woman!

Joh 4:30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Joh 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

Joh 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

Joh 4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

Joh 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Jesus had the Appetite

Mat 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Disciples had the Appetite

Luk 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Conclusion

As natural as breathing should be talking to the Lord in prayer!