

Feb. 8 '09 Who Rules Your Heart? John 17

Things can happen and life can stiff us and we can focus on that or we can remember that we have a power source, James 5:16. the disciples would often find Jesus in prayer. where do you find your power? Where do you find fulfillment? In finances, degrees, possessions, job or in prayer? Jesus did nothing but what the Father told Him in prayer. Prayer and God are often our last recourse when it should be our first. Wouldn't it save a lot of trouble to ask first instead of later? Some of us are living in bondage to the raw deals life has given us. we replay incidents and circumstances that leave us angry and bitter and God wants to set us free. We can come away from such things under the cover of prayer and know that it is all in God's hands. Don't think that we can escape troubles. John 15:18; John 16:33. And don't think that it will all come from the world; some will come from other Christians. Our enemy works hard to cause tension and offences between brothers and sisters in the faith. Our outside ministries will count for little if there are divisions between us. Jesus prayed for unity amongst His followers because that would be the drawing factor for others. there is a power in that. To be devoted to a prayer life, to communion with God is the key to that power. Forget about learning how to pray, just do it. Simply pour out your heart to God. It's life changing. Prayer is a privilege that unleashes God's power. It's the furnace room of heaven. Heb. 5:7 tells us that Jesus prayers were heard because of His obedience. If we were to take an inventory of our prayer lives what would they consist of? How often are we still and know that He is God?

Psalms 25:4-5 show me, teach me, lead me. Where He wants to take us we will not we will not get by osmosis, it has already been revealed. We will receive confirmation for it. but if we're not in the word we won't know anything. There won't be anything for the Holy Spirit to confirm. He won't give us more until we are faithful with what we already have. Is Jesus Lord of our lives or not? For some of us He is our Saviour but not our Lord. That is the reason why our walk with God is so frustrating at times. And things will not get better' we are at a standstill until we settle the lordship issue. Where does God have His finger on your life? What we sow we will reap. Jer. 29:11 go with His plans. It can be a hard thing to give up the throne of your heart but it needs to be done. Don't brush off the convicting actions of the Holy Spirit; that is God moving in our midst, in our lives. Deal with it right now. turn over the Lordship of your life to Him now. Jesus saves!