

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion — Lesson 84

MEMORY VERSE — DANIEL 6:10

“He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”

- Daniel had a good prayer life. It was structured and consistent. Every day he prayed three times as he would kneel and give thanks to God.
- Kneeling when praying is often seen in the Bible, but is not a prerequisite. It is a physical posture of reliance, submission, and worship. If a person’s heart is not submitted to God, the physical posture means nothing.
- Before Daniel prayed on this day, he knew there was a new law that had forbidden anyone to pray to God and ask for anything (Dan. 6:7). The consequence was to be thrown into a den of lions! When Daniel was praying and giving thanks to God, he knew his life was on the line. Daniel put his trust in God’s plan for the future and gained comfort through his prayer.
- When we go to God in prayer several things happen:
 - God prepares us for the future.
 - God gives direction on which way we should go.
 - God provides wisdom in how to handle situations.
 - God makes us aware of potential danger.
 - God helps us to overcome temptation.
 - God comforts and encourages us with His Spirit.
 - God fellowships with us.
 - God changes our minds and hearts.
 - God shows us His will.
- Someone once said that a Christian is only as strong as his prayer life.
- Prayer is your communication with God. Communion with God will keep you in tune with God’s future plan for your life.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Has there ever been a time in your life when you should have prayed for guidance and you didn’t? Explain.
- Can you think of some reasons why a Christian would not want to pray to God?
- Why is it important to give thanks to God when we pray?

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for something He has done in your life.
- Ask God to direct your future decisions to line up with His will.

CHALLENGE

- Create a prayer list if you do not already have one. Use it to remind you of things to pray for.