

“THE WORTH OF PRAYER”
Acts 4:24-33

The value of prayer is impossible to over estimate. In Acts 4 is a good example of the worth of prayer. These verses give us a window through which we can view the early church’s prayer life and the results of it.

I. PRAYER RECOGNIZES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

“So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them.....” (Acts 4:24a).

II. PRAYER RELIES UPON THE STATEMENTS OF GOD.

“.... who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:”(Acts 4:25).

III. PRAYER RECEIVES STRENGTH FROM GOD.

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word” (Acts 4:29). And v. 31 “they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

IV. PRAYER RELEASES THE SPIRIT OF GOD. Acts 4:31

“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

V. PRAYER REUNITES THE SAINTS OF GOD. Acts 4:32

“Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.”

VI. PRAYER READIES THE SPEAKER FOR GOD. Acts 4:33a

“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

VII. PRAYER RECEIVES THE SANCTION OF GOD. Acts 4:33

“.... And great grace was upon them all.”

Prayer is of inestimable worth! What marvelous things it has accomplished! To the extent that we value the worth of prayer, to that extent we will work at prayer. *“What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer”!*

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