

Sunday 9:30am Men's and Ladies classes  
 Sunday Worship 10:30am  
 Midweek Service 7:00pm  
 Nursery and Children's ministry are always available

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2 Men/ Women 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	3	4 Noon Prayer	5	6 Noon Prayer  Staff Meeting 1:00 PM	7	8
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December 9th, 2018



# Right or Wrong Prayer?

**James 4:2-4 (NASB)**

**You do not have because you do not ask.  
 3 You ask and do not receive, because you  
 ask with wrong motives, so that you may  
 spend it on your pleasures.**

**Welcome Guests!**

**Thank you for visiting us today! We hope you  
 help yourself to a refreshment in the  
 Hospitality Area before or after the service.**

## Right or Wrong Prayer?

Like far too many Christians, I used to pray often but without any concept of Biblical prayer. In fact, the only prayer I had ever known from the Bible was the Lord's Prayer.

As I look back on my prayer life before I ever knew its rules, two things are certain.

First, I never actually "prayed" the Lord's prayer. I simply recited it!

Second, all the rest of my prayers fell under this criteria from James 3.

<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

When I read this scripture for the first time in Bible school the lights went on! My prayers had never been prayed with the right motives because every person, place or thing that I prayed for were centered on my pleasures!

I don't think we realize the mind-boggling status God has bestowed on our Motivations! In an American culture that seeks to disguise its true motivations rather than reveal them, Christians can find themselves doing the same. 'Pleasures' are something in God's Kingdom that is very sensitive because they are to be given to others rather than ourselves.

This scripture captures the right motivation for 'Pleasures'.

**Luke 12:32** "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

When we have others on our heart, our prayer life gets God's attention. The Bible compares prayer to a sweet aroma in God's nostrils! Since most of you reading this live in Greeley, we all can appreciate the days when the wind is calm and the offensive aromas absent!

Finally, a successful prayer life is one of the greatest joys in all of Christianity! You will find yourself praying over something significant, knowing God will deal with the situation.

In fact, you can get to a place in God where the finished prayer is remarkably the moment when Victory bubbles up in your spirit. You will start rejoicing and praising God with your heart full of thanksgiving to God.

When the answer finally comes, it is great to see, but anti-climactic compared to the moment of Victory. Here is the best news of the day. You can be a great prayer warrior if you want to. When He wakes you up in the middle of the night jump out of bed and ask Him what He wants you to pray about. It all starts with motivation!



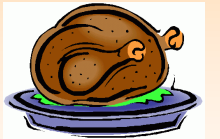
## What's Happening at VCF?

We have begun practicing with the children for the songs they will be doing in the Christmas service. Please have your children at Children's Church on Sundays and Wednesdays for these practices.



Wednesday, December 12th will be the Youth Christmas Party in the Lift. And this will also be the date for the Annual Christmas Cookie Decorating Party for Children's Church in His House.

Do you need a turkey for this Holiday Season? The food bank has blessed us with some turkeys. If you need one, please put your name on the list on the clip board. We will fill as many of those requests as possible.



Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm will be our Church Family Christmas Party. We will start with a light soup dinner. Please bring a Holiday treat or appetizer you would like to share. Then we will be singing songs, playing games and each person will go home with a small gift. Turkeys will be given out at this time as well.

We will start off the New Year in January with a baptism service on Sunday, January 6th. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Foyer. You will need to bring your own towel and meet with Pastor Brian before the service.

## Have you found us on Social Media?!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, December 23rd at 10:30 AM will be the Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Service.  
**NO CHURCH ON DECEMBER 26TH**

December 31, 2018 at 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Holy Spirit Meeting

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:



We are participating in 21 Days to Access. All of us want to have greater access with both God and those you minister too. Come on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and we will pray for you!