

Discussion & Application:

1. List ways that a mother can positively influence her child (or that anyone can influence others in their lives). What one practical way could you improve in each of those areas?
2. Why do some people believe that prayer is the most important way that we positively influence others? What biblical support would they give? Would your current priorities demonstrate that you believe it as well?
3. Discuss the 5 points under Priority / Passion of prayer. Why should prayer be a greater priority in our lives? How can we grow in our passion to pray?
4. Discuss the problems we face when we try to pray. Give examples of these in your life. What practical steps can we take to overcome them?
5. Discuss the 6 points under Hannah's pattern of prayer. Do you see others in the Bible who prayed this way? How might you incorporate those elements into your prayer life? How might you model those and teach them how to pray this way?
6. What are your current GOALS in prayer? How do you RECORD your prayers? How do you EVALUATE your prayer life? To whom are you ACCOUNTABLE to pray? What THINGS do you pray for on a consistent basis?
7. Look at the suggested list of things to pray about. Which of those do you pray for most often? Why? Which of those do you pray for the least? Why? How will you remind yourself to pray for them?
8. List 3 specific ways you will make prayer a greater priority in your life this week. Commit to do them starting TODAY.
9. Pray for the leaders of this church:
  - To know God intimately, walk in the Spirit, and be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word of God (Acts 6:4)
  - To model / teach / train us to pray (Lk. 11:1ff)
  - To make prayer a priority in every area of ministry

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Selected Scriptures

“A Parent’s Greatest Influence”

[Maternity in Light of Eternity]

I. PURPOSE (in our own lives & for our kids)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s will / purpose. (Mt. 6:9-10, 25-33)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 26:41)

C. Bring \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 14:13)

II. PRIORITY / PASSION:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 6:18; 1 Th. 5:17)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ to Pray (1 Sam. 12:23)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ !

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

III. PROBLEM

A. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:1-4, 8)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 66:18)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:10-20)

IV. PATTERNS: (Hannah – 1 Sam. 1-2)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ the need - v. 2

B. \_\_\_\_\_ God's sovereignty & power - v. 11

C. \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 10

D. \_\_\_\_\_ to Scripture - v. 11 (cf. Dan. 9:2 Jer. 29:10)

E. \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ - 2:1-20 (cf. Lk. 1:46-55)

F. \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ -  
1:21-28; 2:18-21 (cf. Acts 12:5, 12)

b. Growth

c. Friends

d. Mother & Father (you and your spouse)

e. Spouse of your children

f. Children of your children

g. Pastors to children

h. Teachers (school / church)

i. Safety of children

j. Future of children

k. Ministry of your children

l. Adopted children

m. Spiritual children

V. PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS:

So What?

A. Believe God (Eph. 3:20)

B. Great Things

1. G\_\_\_\_\_

2. R\_\_\_\_\_

3. E\_\_\_\_\_

4. A\_\_\_\_\_

5. T\_\_\_\_\_ to pray for:

a. Salvation