

***Peace for the Journey ... May 10, 2010***

Scripture Reading: [Luke 11:1-13](#)

To pray is the enjoy one of the most significant gifts you can receive from God: the gift of relationship.

Think today about some of the most important relationships in your life. You may have honored or remembered your mother yesterday and recognized the importance of parents and family. If you're married, you have a relationship with your spouse -- and possibly children too. There are also relationships with friends, colleagues, and co-workers. How do you develop and maintain these important relationships in your life?

If you're like most people, your relationships grow and continue with time. You know that it takes time to make phone calls, send emails, and meet to talk. You know that you can't maintain a friendship unless you spend time in conversation on a regular basis. Yes, some relationships withstand the tests of neglect, but the best relationships in life have been nurtured with regular contact and communication.

Your relationship with God is no different. Thankfully it is possible for everyone of us to be in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and prayer is one of the primary means for being in relationship with God. In Luke 11, Jesus teaches about prayer and says (verse 13) that God's greatest desire is to give us the Holy Spirit. In other words, God wants to give us a relationship with God's own self.

So, if you want to have a relationship with God, spend time in prayer every day. Make a commitment to talk to God every day. Talk about your life and let God talk to you about your life. Do your part to grow and develop a relationship with God. God's already done His part.