

SERMON NOTES

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The Church Gathered to Pray

Mark 11:15-18

Prayer is simply _____ to God.

"On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, 'Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

"My house is to be a house of _____."

Anabaptist Characteristics

- _____ baptism = A _____ Church
- Holding each other _____
- Commitment to _____.
- Making disciples
- Caring for _____

Pietistic Characteristics

- Having a personal _____ with Jesus.
- Reading your _____
- Speaking to God in _____
- Growing in _____

Doing programs without bathing them in _____ will mean failure.

If the Church is called a House of Prayer, then we need to come out to _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - *Rejoice _____ . Pray without _____ ; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Jim Cymbala - Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire "No matter what I preach or what we claim to believe in our heads, the future depends upon our times of prayer."

Pastor Charles Haddon Spurgeon, said in a sermon a hundred years ago: The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings.

Ephesians 6:18 "...praying at _____ times in the Spirit, with _____ prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with _____ perseverance, making supplication for _____ the saints..."