

Men Devoted to Prayer

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to . . . prayer.

Col. 4:2 Devote yourself to prayer.

1 Timothy 2:8 Men, lift up holy hands in prayer.

Luke 5:16 Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray.

Luke 11:1 Lord, teach us to pray.

Men's Prayer

(From the *Red Green Show*)

I'm a man.

But I can change . . .

If I have to . . .

I guess.

Here are three (of many) keys to help us as men be devoted to prayer.

1. Motivation ("*devote yourself*")

As men of God, how can we improve our motivation to pray?

2. Commitment to learning ("*teach us to pray*")

As men of God, how can we be more committed to studying about prayer?

3. Desire to be like Jesus ("*he often withdrew to pray*")

As men of God, how can we be faithful and expectant about growing in our desire to be like Jesus?

Conclusion: This is a short list of "keys" to being devoted to prayer. You can probably think of many more. Devoted to prayer does not mean that you are already perfect at it. But it certainly does imply a healthy degree of motivation, commitment to learning, and a desire to be like Jesus in his prayer life. None of that is completely determined by your own ability, initiative, or track record. As in all things related to spiritual development, it is the fruit of God's Spirit in the life of a devoted (although sometimes flawed) disciple.

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