

Teachings on prayer from Teach Us How To Pray by Charles Fillmore.

From the Foreword:

*“But above all practice the presence of God in prayer.”*

Prayer is the practice of the presence of God. Together with the presence of God comes the power of the Divine to fulfill the pattern of the divine perfection of all things. In all and every event of our life we can experience the presence, pattern and power of God if we would pray without ceasing. To this end we live every moment of our life in the attitude, the awareness, the attuning to, the affirmation of, the alignment with and the application of the presence, pattern and power of God, to the moment, the event, the experience at hand.

*“We must know first that prayer is cumulative; that the more we pray, the more we accumulate of the powerful spiritual energy which transforms invisible ideas into visible things.”*

Practice does not make perfect, practice makes permanent.

Practicing prayer makes the awareness of the presence of God permanent in us and in our lives. Praying without ceasing makes the awareness of the free and fully available presence, pattern and power of God, a permanent attitude within we live and have our being.

Practice makes perfect in this sense: the practice of prayer makes the perfect of the Divine an instant and constant awareness, that is permanently realized in our mind, demonstrated through thoughts, feelings, words and actions and thereby manifested in our lives.

The mind is the soil in which the eternal and infinite seeds of Divine truth find germination, cultivation and harvest: the bearing of fruit. Prayer prepares the mind to receive the seed of Divine Ideas. The quality of the germination, cultivation and harvest of Divine Ideas in our consciousness, and our life, is proportionate to quality of the soil of our individual mind. Prayer prepares the consciousness to be ‘good ground’. Matthew 13:3 “Behold, a sower went out to sow ... fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!