

Contending

ENGAGING IN
REVOLUTIONARY PRAYER

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If contending in prayer was easy — if it was just second nature to all who follow Jesus — then Scripture wouldn't have been filled with urgent reminders to DEVOTE OURSELVES to prayer (Colossians 4:2).

What are the main obstacles that stand in our way from having passionate lives of revolutionary prayer?

1. **Our** _____ — We like to have everything figured out and put into a box that is logical and rational. But God doesn't fit into any box, and He invites us to simply trust in Him.

“Adults tend to be encumbered by the baggage of doubt, fear, and wrong belief systems that keep us from simply trusting God to do what He promises to do. We have become captive to a materialistic and non-supernatural worldview. We may not realize how deeply we have become affected by this corrosive influence. But if we ignore God's promises to do the impossible, it is as if we...have taken scissors to Scripture.” John Robb

Luke 10:21 At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.

2. **Our** _____ — While God never turns away from our sincere cries for help, there are times when we create prayer-obstacles by turning away from Him and others.

- _____ (1 Peter 3:7)
- _____ (1 John 3:21-22)
- _____ (James 4:2-3)
- _____ (James 1:5-8)

3. **Our** _____ — Unless we intentionally set aside time to spend with Jesus, our lives quickly can become prayer-less.

Luke 5:16 As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.