# God Speaks To Us Through Prayer

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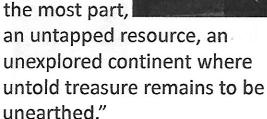
## Five Ways God Speaks To Us

God speaks to us through ...

- 1. His creation (heavens & earth)
- 2. His written word (the Bible)
- 3. His Holy Spirit within us
- 4. Prayer
- 5. Other people

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"Prayer is, for the most part,



- Dr. Calvin Wittman

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Col. 4:2,3 (The Amplified Bible)

2 Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving. 3 At the same time pray for us, too, that God will open a door [of opportunity] to us for the word, to proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have been 3 imprisoned.

### Four Stages of Prayer

- Thanksgiving (Ps. 100:4a)
- Praise (Ps. 100:4b)
- Intercession (Jas. 5:16; 1 Tim. 2:1)
- Supplication (Phil. 4:6)

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### Characteristics of Effective Prayer

- Our prayers should be persistent
- Our prayers should be alert and focused
- Our prayers should be passionate

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#### Ps. 141:2 (NIV)

2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

"If there is no fire on the altar, the incense will not rise to God."

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"The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer."



- F. B. Meyer (1847-1929)

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