

03/01/2009 – Chuck Bartlett**“Prayer and its Connections”**

- Four areas in which prayer is connected
 - Prayer and righteous living
 - James 5:16 – a righteous man’s prayer avails much
 - A righteous man is one who confesses and repents his own faults
 - 1 Peter 3 – live in a way so our prayer is not hindered
 - Prayer and humility
 - Luke 15:17ff – the prodigal son repents and knows he’s done wrong
 - Luke 18:9ff – Jesus told a parable to those who trusted in themselves (the tax collector and Pharisee pray)
 - Matt 6:7 – we will not be heard for our many words
 - Matt 15:7-9 – we can honor God with lip-service only
 - Prayer and frequency
 - 1 Thess 5 – do not stop praying
 - Matt 26 – Jesus prayed for the same thing three times
 - Prayer and closeness to God
 - James 4:6 – draw near to God, he draws near to you
 - Acts 16:25 – Paul and Silas were praying after being beaten (i.e. “down and out”)