Prayer

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TWO BIG PRAYER MISTAKES:

OUR PRAYERS ARE TOO _____. - I wonder if God wants us to ask him for things that will show off his ______ when he answers it.

2) OUR PRAYERS ARE TOO _____. ______ prayers do not move God to ______ actions. – James 4:2-3

STRENGTHENED WITH POWER

When Paul prays in his Epistles:

- I pray [*blank*], so that [*blank*].

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **Ephesians 3:14-15**

- When you pray, you can pray in any _____ you feel comfortable praying.
- "I encourage you to vary your postures when you pray." Pastor Craig
- We serve an infinitely, spiritually ______ heavenly father. Yet so many of us are living like spiritually ______ children.

<u>I pray</u> that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ <u>so that</u> Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... **Ephesians 3:16-17**

- God's _____ is available to you!

...And <u>I pray</u> that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, <u>to grasp</u> how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and <u>to know</u> this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:17-19**

- If you ever look on and wonder why someone has something you don't have spiritually; the answer just might be that they have something you don't have:
 A _______ of the Love of God.
- THIS knowledge is not something that is naturally _____, it has to be supernaturally _____.
- Love isn't just what God does, it is ______ HE IS.
- Your **identity** is not based on what you have or what you do, but what God
 _____ of you!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21**

- The **GREATEST** thing you can picture in your mind, our God can ______

_____!!!

** If you are interested, watch the rest of the Prayer series! **

THINK IT OVER

• List some of your prayers that require the spiritual richness of an all-powerful God.

• If God answered all of your prayers last week, how would your life and others' lives look different? In other words, you pray "so that," what?

• What will you pray for with power this week? Be specific.