



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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### The Passion of the Amazing Servant

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When we talk about passion, we talk about the things that we truly love doing. Jesus was an amazing servant as he preached about His Father's business. But regardless of His busy schedule, He would always find time for His passion for prayer; he would move away from the crowds and His disciples, and seek quiet time to have a communion with His Father (Mk 1:35).

#### 1. Jesus's was a Man of Prayer (Lk 6:12)

- 1.1 His Ministry was full of prayer time (Lk10: 21). He desired His Father's will every morning, seeking the direction of His Ministry.
- 1.2 He prayed to His Father in thanksgiving for the sake of the people who witnessed His miracles (Lk 11).
- 1.3 Tiredness did not stop Him from doing his work for the Father. He cast out a demon, and healed the sick well into the night, but He was still not too tired to pray.
- 1.4 He prayed when in sorrow and distress, but still left everything to His Father's will (Mt 26:36-40).

#### 2. Do we have the same passion for prayer?

##### How do we pray?

- 2.1 We are one with Jesus; He lives in us (Gal 2:20). Thus, whatever He wants, we will also want. We no longer live for ourselves, all the things in our past is gone (2Cor 5:17). Do we pray in unity with Jesus?
- 2.2 A prayer is meant to be done with reverence and holiness. Instead of praying with the lips, pray with the heart (Mt 15:8). When praying the rosary, let us not just recite it, but pray fervently.

3.2 When we pray, let us not be like hypocrites (Mt 6:5). We should not pray just to show off to people that we pray. We should find a solitary place, have nothing else in our minds, be totally attuned to God and tell Him what we are feeling. He will give us solace.

3.3 When praying, never forget the **ACTS**. Jesus was a sinless man, yet he would always use these 4 pillars of prayer.

##### A – adoration

In our service, do we focus on giving God our adoration? Or do we complain about how tired we are?

##### C - confession

Do we pray before, during and after doing something in your work or study? Do we witness for Him?

##### T – thanksgiving

Do we pray when we have done something well?

##### S – supplication

Do we pray for others' needs, as well as our needs?

We must set out our lives to be worthy of Jesus Christ, for we are His followers. Jesus led a life of prayer, and in love with what He was doing for His Father. We are urged to follow His example of being an amazing servant with a true passion for prayer. Let us focus on God, and let our prayers be from our hearts.

##### Reflection:

How can you emulate Jesus' life and His dedication to prayer? Do you pray to glorify God?

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