

Prayerfulness

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“And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.”

Luke 2:51 ESV

Prayerfulness can be described as a “culture” of prayer—what we engender and who we are, not just what we do. In the same way that participating in a worship event does not necessarily make me worshipful, and participating in a witnessing program does not make me a witness, being at a prayer meeting does not make me prayerful. Prayerfulness is more like a mode of our spirits. It is how we are wired as Christians.

Being prayerful is an attitude of our hearts, a stream and flow of communication with God. It is the carrying of a burden, a calling, a purpose, a need, a problem and a vision, usually for someone or some particular thing.

Mary, Jesus’ mother, was an example of prayerfulness. Mary was set on a process of prayer from the moment the angel announced her pregnancy. By the time Jesus was twelve, she had been in that process of prayer for many years, and so she was not surprised when they found Him in the Temple with the priests.

Mary was prayerfully “adding everything up” in her heart, and so, when Jesus was 30 years of age, Mary knew it was time for her son to be revealed as the Messiah. Mary had been in a process of prayer.

Like Mary, our life of faith is to journey with God in a process of prayer—prayerfully listening, observing and waiting on Him, adding everything up in our hearts.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

ACTIVATION

- Evaluate your prayerfulness. Allow the Holy Spirit to connect your spirit with His in constant communication today.
- When difficulties arise, don’t vent them to another person; take them to God and pray through them, pray over them, pray in the Spirit about them.
- As you increase your prayerfulness, watch how God answers the cries of your heart!

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 6:17; John 2:4–5