**When Should I Pray?**

Psalm 55:1-17

**Psalm 55:1 (ESV)**Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

**Psalm 55:17 (ESV)**Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He hears my voice.

1. **Seasons of Dryness**

**Psalm 55:1 (ESV)**Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

1. **Seasons of Danger**

**Psalm 55:2 (ESV)**Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

**Psalm 55:3 (ESV)**because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

1. **Seasons of Dread**

**Psalm 55:4 (ESV)**My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

**Psalm 55:5 (ESV)**Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

**Psalm 55:6 (ESV)**And I say, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

**Psalm 55:7 (ESV)**yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah

**Psalm 55:8 (ESV)**I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest.”

1. **Seasons of Disappointment**

**Psalm 55:12 (ESV)**For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him.

**Psalm 55:13 (ESV)**But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

**Psalm 55:14 (ESV)**We used to take sweet counsel together; within God’s house we walked in the throng.

**Practical Principles for Prayer [this should be a build list]**

1. *Maintain an attitude of prayer continually.*
2. *Pursue the discipline of prayer daily.*
3. *Look for opportunities to pray constantly.*
4. *Join others in prayer regularly.*