

Prayer changes things. The most effective prayers are not the ones which seek to change my situations and circumstances—the world and people around me; the most effective prayers are the ones that change ME.

Practice — talking to God
Pattern — talking with God
posture — listening to God
presence — being with God

_____ in our lives...
to listen and respond to the Holy Spirit
to cultivate meaningful relationships
to nurture the wellbeing of our community

“The whole reason why we pray is to be united into the vision and contemplation of him to whom we pray.”
—Julian of Norwich

because of the _____ we are given _____ to
be in _____

because of _____ we have _____
which _____ the Lord’s glory

Greek *katoptrizo* = reflection, meditation, contemplation

through communion with God
we _____

through communion with God
we _____

because of the _____ we are
being _____ into the _____

Prayer That Makes Room in Your Life

2 Corinthians 3:7–18 (NIV)



⁷ Now **if the ministry** that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ **will not the ministry** of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ **If the ministry** that brought condemnation was glorious, **how much more glorious is the ministry** that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And **if what was transitory** came with glory, **how much greater** is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because **only in Christ is it taken away**. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces **contemplate** the Lord’s glory, are being **transformed** into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

Why did Moses put a veil over his face?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

T I O M W H E N G N A C D
H R N C O M P A R I S O N
F S A C H R E A D T L N N
B R I N G S E W D M E D R
H B T I S R A E L I T E S
D E A T H I V G C D T M P
R C K R M A T L R A E N I
V A E W R H O O E W R A R
E U N G G V L R R A S T I
I S N U H E G I S Y C I T
L E O C C G L O R Y H O D
P R U A E I G U E V E N B
B M F M I N I S T R Y W R
M O S E S M O N H S I I F

Now if the **ministry** that **brought death**, which was **engraved** in **letters** on stone, **came** with **glory**, so that the **Israelites** could not look steadily at the **face** of **Moses** **because** of its **glory**, **transitory** though it was, will not the **ministry** of the **Spirit** be **even more glorious**? If

the **ministry** that **brought condemnation** was **glorious**, how **much more glorious** is the **ministry** that **brings** righteousness! For what was **glorious** has no **glory** now in **comparison** with the surpassing **glory**. And if what was **transitory** **came** with **glory**, how **much greater** is the **glory** of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like **Moses**, who would put a **veil** over his **face** to prevent the **Israelites** from seeing the end of what was passing **away**. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same **veil** remains **when** the old covenant is **read**. It has not been removed, **because** only in Christ is it **taken away**. **Even** to this day **when** **Moses** is **read**, a **veil** covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the **Lord**, the **veil** is **taken away**. Now the **Lord** is the **Spirit**, and where the **Spirit** of the **Lord** is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the **Lord's** **glory**, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing **glory**, which comes from the **Lord**, who is the **Spirit**.