**Why pray from Gods perspective** –

* God wants to answer prayer and show himself strong on our behalf – John 16:24, Matthew 7:7, James 4:2-3 –you have not because you ask not… Mark 11:22-26
* God wants his people to have confidence in him and no one else – 1John 5:14, Exodus 20:5 – God is a jealous God, 1 Kings 18:38 – How long halt ye between two opinions?
* God Created man for his own pleasure – Gen. 1:26, John 4:24

**Why pray from a person’s perspective –**

* We have been commanded to do so – Luke 18:1, 1 Thess.5:17, Matthew 6:5 – When you pray…
* The Holy Spirit is the only one who knows what a person really needs at any given time – Romans 8:26, John 16:13 – When he the Spirit of Truth has come…
* So we can have personal peace – Phil. 4:6-7
* and peace in our land – 2 Chron. 7:14, 1 Timothy 2:1-3

 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

**Why pray? from Satan’s perspective** –

* Why pray? Gods not hearing you anyway is Satan’s way of pushing unbelief – Gen. 3:1 - Hath God said? Hebrew 11:6, Jesus marveled at their unbelief – Mark 6:6
* Satan wants mankind to see themselves as God – Romans 1:21 – For when they knew God…, 2 Tim. 3:1-5 – In the last days perilous times…, 1 Cor. 2:14 The Natural man receiveth not the things of God…
* Deception in prayer since he can’t stop man from praying – Luke 18:10-14