



LEVEL ONE:
**BACHELOR
OF PRAYER**

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Introduction

Teach us to Pray

The disciples devoted their lives to following Jesus, and Luke records the one lesson they specifically asked that He teach them: “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).

These men had seen Jesus miraculously feed a crowd of thousands, heal people suffering from incurable illnesses like blindness and leprosy, and refute the false teaching of the religious leaders of their day. But the part of Jesus’ life that stood out to them the most, the part they most wanted to emulate in their own spiritual lives, was the way Jesus prayed. Clearly, prayer is essential to following Jesus and living the Christian life. Yet, so few in the Church have fully explored the vast horizons of prayer or discovered the treasures of God hidden in this ancient discipline.

Perhaps this is why I was so profoundly impacted by Andrew Murray’s classic book *With Christ in the School of Prayer* when I read it in my early years of ministry. As I absorbed Murray’s writing, I was struck by the realization that the highest calling Christ has given the Church is the call to intercessory prayer. Years later, the lessons from Jesus that Murray expounded upon inspired me to create *The Change the World School of Prayer*, the first in the ongoing School of Prayer teaching series.



For over four decades, it has been my privilege to share these teachings with churches, prayer groups, Bible studies, student organizations and believers in diverse countries and cultural contexts. I've been truly humbled by the response we have received from those who have benefited from these teachings. More than 3 million people have been strengthened in their prayer lives, and many have gone on to birth prayer movements that have likewise impacted millions. Most of all, I am in awe of what God accomplishes through His Church when His people devote themselves to sincerely and passionately calling on His name in worshipful prayer and intercession.

Welcome to the Global Prayer School

Compiled in this curriculum is a collection of 14 School of Prayer series born out of literally thousands of hours of personal and corporate prayer. These teachings on prayer, evangelism, discipleship and personal growth are those that I feel have been the most instructive, inspiring and impactful over the past 40 years.

These teachings are organized into three year-long levels, each divided into four courses:

1. Bachelor of Prayer
2. Master of Prayer
3. Doctor of Prayer

To complete all three levels in three years, a student must complete at least one major lesson each week, spend time in daily prayer for the duration of the course, maintain a weekly prayer journal, complete the required reading assignments for each series, and respond to



written assignments over the Internet. In the third level, students must also form a regular prayer group and begin the process of organizing a Wall of Prayer in their communities or church networks.

Those who complete these requirements systematically will be awarded recognition in the form of a *Global Prayer School* Certificate of Affirmation. While the *Global Prayer School* does not consider itself a traditional academic institution, and our Certificates of Affirmation are not equivalent to degrees from accredited universities, we feel that honor and affirmation is due to those global Christ followers who give themselves completely to the study and mobilization of prayer.

Some students may wish to speed up their progress through the three levels, which is permissible as long as all the criteria for each level is met. Those who are unenrolled may also access these teachings individually or out of order, but they should understand that this approach does not count toward a Certificate of Affirmation.

To enroll in the Global Prayer School or to access its teachings and their corresponding videos and PowerPoint presentations, visit **globalprayerschool.com**.

A Call to Intercessors

Whether you enroll in the *Global Prayer School* to complete the levels systematically, or you wish to access these teachings individually for your own benefit, I pray that your time in these materials will be an experience of spiritual growth and inspiration. The *Global Prayer School* is a call to intercessors not only to go much deeper in



personal and corporate prayer and intercession but also to become prayer mobilizers and prayer teachers as well.

As the respected early 20th century Bible teacher S. D. Gordon wrote: “Prayer isn’t the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of the earth are the people that pray.” My prayer for you as you participate in this *Global Prayer School* is that you will encounter the Holy Spirit in a new way, learn to pray as you haven’t before and become a mobilizer for prayer throughout your sphere of influence.

May God bless you, Student of Prayer.

Dick Eastman

International President
Every Home for Christ



COURSE ONE:

**CHANGE THE
WORLD SCHOOL
OF PRAYER**



Change the World School of Prayer

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LESSON ONE

**PRAYER:
UNTAPPED
POWER**

The Power of Prayer... Its Threefold Potential

Foundational Scripture

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

James 5:16b (NLT)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“Generally, if not uniformly, prayer is both starting-point and goal to every movement in which are the elements of permanent progress. Whenever the church is aroused and the world’s wickedness arrested, somebody [somewhere] has been praying.”

—Dr. Arthur T. Pierson
Bible Scholar



“One day Christians will give themselves to a study of prayer, and when they do it will change the world.”

—Charles Steinmetz
Scientist, Electrical Engineer

Prayer’s Threefold Potential

Potential One:

World _____ and Prayer
(The capacity to change the _____)

Scripture

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:35-38 (KJV)



Every Home for Christ

Three Unalterable Convictions

1. Conviction One: The Main Thing
The Great Commission must be taken _____!
2. Conviction Two: The Necessary Thing
Without _____, the task is impossible!
3. Conviction Three: The Key Thing
Prayer will remove every _____ that stands in the way!

Potential Two:

Christian _____ and Prayer
(The capacity to change the _____)

Scripture:

While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence. The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind... They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them.

Acts 4:31-33 (MSG)

Potential Three:

Personal _____ and Prayer
(The capacity to change the _____)

What is Prayer?

A Biblical Overview (Four Definitions)

Voices from the Past:

“The powers of the eternal world have been placed at [prayer’s] disposal. It is... the channel of all blessings, the secret of power and life... It is on prayer that the promises [of God] wait for their fulfillment, the Kingdom for its coming, and the glory of God for its full revelation.”

—Andrew Murray

Author of *With Christ in the School of Prayer*

Definition One:

Prayer is entreating spiritual _____.

1. The Example of _____

Scripture:

When it was time for the sacrifice to be offered, Elijah the prophet came up and prayed... “Answer me, GOD; O answer me and reveal to this people that you are GOD, the true GOD...” Immediately the fire of GOD fell and burned up the offering, the wood, the stones, the dirt, and even the water in the trench.

1 Kings 18:36, 37, 38 (MSG)



2. The Example of _____

Scripture:

Now the king of Aram had issued these orders to his charioteers: “Attack only the king of Israel!” So when the Aramean charioteers saw Jehoshaphat in his royal robes, they went after him. “There is the king of Israel!” they shouted. But Jehoshaphat cried out to the LORD to save him, and God helped him by turning the attack away from him.

2 Chronicles 18:30-31 (NLT)

3. The Example of _____

Scripture:

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church... Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off *his* hands.

Acts 12:1, 5-7 (NKJV)

Summary: Prayer is _____ to God.



Definition Two:

Prayer is transacting spiritual _____.

Scripture:

Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:18-19 (NKJV)

God's Law of Spiritual Authority:

When we take _____ on earth, we _____ God's power from the heavenlies.

To "Bind" (a legal definition):

"To _____ as by oath or _____ restraint"

Summary: Prayer is _____ in God.

Definition Three:

Prayer is tapping spiritual _____.

Scripture:

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things...

Daniel 2:20-22 (NKJV)



How Do We Tap God's Secrets?

Scripture:

The secret of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)

God-friendship is for God-worshippers; They are the ones he confides in.

Psalm 25:14 (MSG)

The key to confiding is _____!

Scripture:

Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3 (NLT)

Summary: Prayer is _____ in God.

Additional Notes and Comments:

What is Prayer?

A Biblical Overview (Continued)

Definition Four:

Prayer is developing spiritual _____.

Voices from the Past:

“Prayer is not casting a fishing line with a hook toward God to catch from Him a blessing, but to cast a line toward God so that He might pull ourselves closer to Him.”

—Theodore Cuyler
Pastor, Expositor

Scripture:

..The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32 (KJV)

The results of knowing God:

STRONG: Firm and _____

EXPLOITS: Bold _____ and daring _____

The essence of knowing God:

“Know” in Hebrew: _____



Scripture:

...The people that do _____ their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32b (KJV)

Now Adam knew [YADA] Eve his wife, and she conceived...

Genesis 4:1 (NKJV)

YADA defined:

“Life-giving _____; direct _____ contact”

Scripture:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

“Way” defined:

“A course affording passage from one place to another”

“Acknowledge” defined: _____

Personal paraphrase: “In all your days — YADA God through direct, intimate contact.”

The YADA Prayer Premise:

Just as _____ (YADA) in marriage creates a deep and meaningful relationship leading to physical conception and human life, _____ (YADA) with God, through prayer, creates a deep and meaningful spiritual relationship leading to divine conception and

LESSON TWO

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
PERSONAL LIFE**

The Ingredients of Spiritual Development

Foundational Scripture:

Seek GOD, all you quietly disciplined people who live by GOD's justice. Seek GOD's right ways. Seek a quiet and disciplined life. Perhaps you'll be hidden on the Day of GOD's anger.

Zephaniah 2:3 (MSG)

Who may climb the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies. They will receive the LORD's blessing and have right standing with God their savior. They alone may enter God's presence and worship the God of Israel.

Psalms 24:3-6 (NLT)

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT)

Voices from the Past:

"Prayer is the breath of life, the expression of the soul's best, holiest, and heavenliest aspirations; the symptom and token of its spiritual health, and right and happy relations with God."

—Hugh MacMillan
Bible Expositor



Ingredients of Spiritual Development

Ingredient One:

Total _____

Focus: The _____ Christian

Scripture:

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:11 (NKJV)

“Reckon” defined:

“To _____ oneself as being...”

Scripture:

So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:11 (NLT)

What is surrender?: “To _____ up!”

What is the great enemy to the surrendered life?

Our primary enemy: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race.”

—William Ewart Gladstone

British Statesman, 19th Century British Prime Minister

Scripture:

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness...

Galatians 5:16 (MSG)



Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds.

Galatians 6:7 (MSG)

How do we overcome selfishness?

The cure for selfishness is _____.

The key to dying is _____.

Scripture:

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

The World-less Christian...

Scripture:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:15 (NKJV)

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

1 John 2:15 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

"Anything that cools my affection toward Christ is the world."

—John Wesley
Founder of the Methodist Church

The Ingredients of Spiritual Development (Continued)

Ingredient Two:

Total _____

Focus: The _____ Christian

“Discipline” defined:

“Training that develops self-control or _____”

Voices from the Past:

“Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life... All things else being equal, our prayers are only as powerful as our lives.”

—A. W. Tozer
Author, Pastor

Scripture:

All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches.

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT)

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (KJV)



“Temperate” defined:
“Self-restrained in _____”

Two Major Control Areas for Personal Development:

1. _____ Care
The management of my _____
2. _____ Care
The management of my _____

Control Area One:

Temple Care (Managing My Temple)

Scripture:

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

1. Care Focus One: _____
2. Care Focus Two: _____
3. Care Focus Three: _____

Control Area Two:

Blessing Care (Managing My Blessings)

Scripture:

Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)

The Ingredients of Spiritual Development (Continued)

Ingredient Three:

Total _____

Focus: The _____ Christian

Voices from the Past:

“It is as men live that they pray. It is the life that prays.”

“All lack of power to pray aright and perseveringly, all lack of power in prayer with God, points to some lack in the Christian life.”

—Andrew Murray

Author of *With Christ in the School of Prayer*

Scripture:

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV)

Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ...

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need, but compassion for the poor—what a blessing!

Proverbs 14:21 (MSG)



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

What is compassion?

From the Latin...

Com, meaning “_____” or “_____”

Patti, meaning “to _____”

“Compassion” defined:

“To _____ with or _____”

Voices from the Past:

“Compassion is not pity. Compassion is love in action.”

—Oswald J. Smith

Christian Statesman, Pastor

Three Keys of Compassion

1. The key of _____

A _____ Spirit

“Intensity” defined:

“Existing in an extreme degree; the level of _____ displayed by my involvement”

Scripture:

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him [Christ] to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem...

Luke 9:51 (NKJV)

2. The key of _____

A _____ Spirit



“Sensitivity” defined:

“To be acutely _____ of the _____
of others; the level of my _____ of the
_____ and _____ of others”

Scripture:

Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous.

1 Peter 3:8 (NKJV)

3. The key of _____

A _____ Spirit

“Generosity” defined:

“The act of _____ our possessions and resources with those in _____; the level of my _____ to release myself and _____ to bless others”

Scripture:

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8 (NKJV)

LESSON THREE

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
PRAYER LIFE**

Seven Pillars for a Powerful Prayer Life

Foundational Scripture:

Wisdom has built her spacious house with seven pillars.
Proverbs 9:1 (NLT)

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live. He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned...
1 Timothy 2:1-4 (MSG)

The Example of _____

Scripture:

When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.
Daniel 6:10 (MSG)



The Example of _____

Scripture:

In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.

2 Chronicles 31:21 (NIV)

The Example of _____

Scripture:

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles...

Luke 6:12-13 (NIV)

The Example of _____

Scripture:

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for Christians everywhere, I have never stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

Ephesians 1:15-17 (NLT)

**The Effective Prayer Life
Seven Essentials, Imperatives, and Pillars**

1. Essential One:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.



Imperative One:

For a powerful prayer life, we must have an _____ of both _____ and _____.

Pillar One: _____

Scripture:

Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

Above all and before all, do this: Get Wisdom! Write this
at the top of your list: Get Understanding!

Proverbs 4:7 (MSG)

Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge
of the Holy One results in understanding.

Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

Cultivating a Right Concept of God

1. God is _____.

Scripture:

Job answered God: "I'm convinced: You can do anything
and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your
plans."

Job 42:1-2 (MSG)

2. God is _____.

Scripture:

"Can anyone hide from me? Am I not everywhere in all
the heavens and earth?" asks the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:24 (NLT)

Seven Essentials, Imperatives, and Pillars (Continued)

2. Essential Two:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.

Imperative Two:

For a powerful prayer life, we must _____ that prayer _____.

Pillar Two: _____

Scripture:

When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them.

Psalm 91:15 (NLT)

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)



NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

3. Essential Three:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.

Imperative Three:

For a powerful prayer life, we must understand prayer's most essential _____.

“Catalyst” defined:

“A substance that modifies or increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed in the process; something that precipitates a process or event without being changed by the consequences”

Pillar Three: _____

(our catalyst for effective prayer)

Scripture:

The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father. Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it!

John 14:12-14 (NLT)



What Does it Mean to Pray in Jesus' Name?

- I. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray within the limits of His _____.
- II. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray within the limits of His _____.
- III. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray within the limits of His _____.

Scripture:

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

4. Essential Four:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.

Imperative Four:

For a powerful prayer life, we must _____ completely in the _____ of God's _____.

Pillar Four: _____
(God's Word)

Scripture:

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)



How Do We Build our Confidence in Prayer?

Scripture:

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

Ephesians 6:17-18 (NLT)

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

The English words “effectively works” are derived from the Greek word _____
(meaning “_____ within”).

Seven Essentials, Imperatives, and Pillars (Continued)

5. Essential Five:

The effective prayer life needs a strong
prayer _____.

Imperative Five:

For a powerful prayer life, we must _____
and _____ a regular prayer _____.

Pillar Five: _____

Scripture:

God is always on the alert, constantly on the lookout for people who are totally committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (MSG)

Every morning you'll hear me at it again. Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on your altar and watch for fire to descend.

Psalms 5:3 (MSG)

I'll bless you every day, and keep it up from now to eternity.

Psalms 145:2 (MSG)



6. Essential Six:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.

Imperative Six:

For a powerful prayer life, we must have _____ and _____ to our prayers.

Pillar Six: _____

Scripture:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7 (NKJV)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

7. Essential Seven:

The effective prayer life needs a strong prayer _____.

Imperative Seven:

For a powerful prayer life, we must develop a _____ for _____.

Pillar Seven: _____



Scripture:

Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Psalm 126:5-6 (NKJV)

If I acted crazy, I did it for God; if I acted overly serious, I did it for you. Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (MSG)

Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out.... Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am...'

Isaiah 58:6-7, 9 (NKJV)

The Twofold Focus of a Compassionate Prayer Ministry

1. Spiritual _____

...To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens... that you break every yoke...

Isaiah 58:6 (NKJV)

2. Physical _____

...To share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor...

Isaiah 58:7 (NKJV)



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder what you believe are the key things that hinder the establishing of a prayer commitment. What are some of the “bonds of wickedness” in our community or culture that will only be broken through spiritual warfare? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Acknowledge in prayer those hindrances that keep you from being more faithful in daily prayer. Then, take time to focus prayer on the removal of obstacles (“bonds of wickedness”) in your home, community, our nation or the world.

LESSON FOUR

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
PRAYER MISSION**

Understanding and Embracing Our Mission in Prayer

A Threefold Biblical Foundation

1. A Biblical _____

Scripture:

May God be merciful and bless us. May his face shine with favor upon us. May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.
Psalm 67:1-2 (NLT)

2. A Biblical _____

Scripture:

And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come.
Matthew 24:14 (NLT)

“Whole world” in Greek: *Oikoumene*

“The inhabited world; where people live”
(From *Oikos*: “dwelling/house”)

“Nations” in Greek: *Ethnos*

“Peoples; people groups”



3. A Biblical _____

Scripture:

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a mighty shout, “Salvation comes from our God on the throne and from the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell face down before the throne and worshiped God. They said, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and forever. Amen!”

Revelation 7:9-12 (NLT)

The Three Levels of the Prayer Warrior’s Prayer Mission

Level One:

The calling of a...

World Prayer _____

Cultivating a _____ strategy of prayer

Focus: _____

Scripture:

Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your possession.

Psalms 2:8 (NLT)

For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.

Romans 8:16-17 (NLT)



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder how you believe prayer may have had an impact on your salvation. Do you know the person who may have prayed for you? Why do you believe intercession is the believer's highest calling? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Take time to "ask" for the nations. If in a small group, use Every Home for Christ's World Prayer Map and, in pairs, pray for the several nations listed on the days of your births (e.g., if you were born on the 20th, pray for the nations listed that day). If you do not have the map, pray for those nations that come to your mind.

The Three Levels of the Prayer Warrior's Prayer Mission (Continued)

Level Two:

The calling of a...

World Prayer _____

Cultivating a _____ strategy in prayer

Focus: _____

Scripture:

Now, son of man, take a clay tablet, put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. Then lay siege to it: Erect siege works against it, build a ramp up to it, set up camps against it and put battering rams around it.

Ezekiel 4:1-2 (NIV)

“Siege” defined:

1. “A prolonged attack; to pursue diligently and persistently”

2. “A blockade of a city or fortress to compel it to surrender”



How to Be a World Prayer Missionary

Scripture:

Proceeding on through Mysia, they [Paul, Silas and Timothy] went down to the seaport Troas. That night Paul had a dream: A Macedonian stood on the far shore and called across the sea, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” The dream gave Paul his map. We went to work at once getting things ready to cross over to Macedonia. All the pieces had come together...

Acts 16:8-10 (MSG)

Step One:

_____ your missionary _____ (i.e., nation or people group).

Where Is Your Macedonia?

Step Two:

_____ your missionary _____ (i.e., research your people group or nation and create a seven-day plan).

Example: Locate all major cities and towns and list several for each day of the week.

Step Three:

_____ your missionary calling _____.

Note: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you unique ways to pray over each day’s plan.



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder what part of the world (nation or people group) you would like to go to if God allowed you to be a full-time missionary. What are some ways you might develop your prayer strategy or do research into this nation or people group? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Using one or more of the five focuses on the EHC World Prayer Map (Open Hands, Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Heavens) pray for the nation or people group that is on your heart or comes to your mind. Pray that the “Lord of the harvest” (Christ) will send out workers into this field (Matthew 9:37-38).

The Three Levels of the Prayer Warrior's Prayer Mission (Continued)

Level Three:

The calling of a...

World Prayer _____

Cultivating a _____ strategy for prayer

Focus: _____

Voices from the Past:

“The man who mobilizes the Christian Church to prayer will make the greatest contribution to world evangelism in history.”

—Andrew Murray
Author

Scripture:

The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly.

Isaiah 60:22 (NIV)

So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen!—to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (MSG)



O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray to the LORD day and night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all you who pray. Give the LORD no rest until he makes Jerusalem the object of praise throughout the earth... Go out! Prepare the highway for my people to return! Smooth out the road; pull out the boulders; raise a flag for all the nations to see.

Isaiah 62:6-7, 10 (NLT)

Sowing Seeds as a Prayer Mobilizer...

1. “Sow” Every Home for Christ World Prayer Maps among friends, your church, and even other churches.
2. “Sow” good books, CDs, or other materials that might help people pray more faithfully.
3. “Sow” prayer training like *The Change the World School of Prayer* through small groups, Sunday school classes, or even in homeschooling settings.
4. “Sow” yourself into the calling of a prayer mobilizer by organizing a prayer cell or small group.

LESSON FIVE

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
PRAYER PROGRAM**

The Practice of Prayer: Three Keys

Voices from the Past:

“There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.”

—Brother Lawrence
17th Century Monk

“Solitude is a means of spiritual education. Seek it; ordain it; cherish it; value it not for its own sake, but for faith’s sake, and Christ’s sake...”

—Bishop Huntington
19th Century Bible Scholar

Three Keys to a Practical Prayer Encounter

Key One: The _____ of Prayer

Key Two: The _____ of Prayer

Key Three: The _____ of Prayer

Key One:

The _____ of Prayer



Scripture:

You of this generation, consider the word of the LORD... Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

Jeremiah 2:31-32 (NIV)

...We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“The real victory in all... service is won... beforehand, by prayer... Service is [merely] gathering up the results.”

—S. D. Gordon

Early 20th Century Bible Teacher

The Threefold Value of Making Prayer a Priority

1. Prayer contributes to our spiritual _____.

The _____ Value!

Scripture:

Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God’s pure kindness. Then you’ll grow up mature and whole in God.

1 Peter 2:2-3 (MSG)

2. Prayer contributes to our spiritual _____.

The _____ Value!

Scripture:

But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)



3. Prayer contributes to our spiritual _____.
The _____ Value!

Scripture:

There was a man named Cornelius who lived in Caesarea, captain of the Italian Guard stationed there. He was a thoroughly good man. He had led everyone in his house to live worshipfully before God, was always helping people in need, and had the habit of prayer.

Acts 10:1-2 (MSG)

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 18:1 (MSG)

Additional Notes and Comments:



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder why you think it is that so few Christians make prayer a daily priority. In what ways do you think daily prayer contributes to our spiritual growth and maturity? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Ask God to show you what obstacles or circumstances hinder you from making prayer a daily priority. Declare, in prayer, your desire to keep a daily appointment with Jesus to sustain a consistent devotional habit.

The Practice of Prayer: Three Keys (Continued)

Key Two:

The _____ of Prayer

Scripture:

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 18:1 (MSG)

Two Qualities of Consistent Prayer

1. Consistent prayer is _____.

“Systematic” defined:

“Methodical; _____; well-ordered”

Scripture:

Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God,
For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the
morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct *it* to You,
And I will look up.

Psalms 5:2-3 (NKJV)



“Direct” is from the Hebrew _____.

(*ARAK* means “to set in order.”)

Literal translation: _____

2. Consistent prayer is _____.

“Complete” defined:

“Having all necessary _____, elements or
_____”

Scripture:

...Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

Pray at all times... with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty.

Ephesians 6:18 (AMP)

Cultivating a Complete Prayer Program

“My Most Important Appointment Today is with Jesus!”

Scripture:

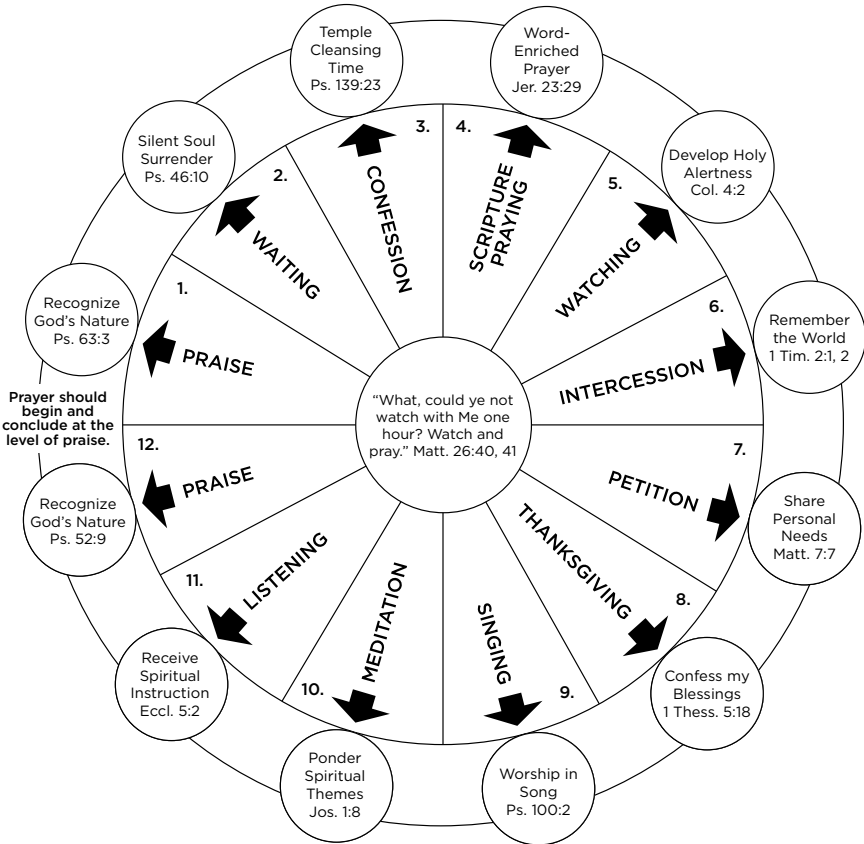
Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Matthew 26:40-41 (NKJV)



Cultivating a One-Hour, 12-Step Prayer Plan

from *The Hour That Changes the World* by Dick Eastman
(Chosen Books)



Step One: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"

Psalm 70:4 (NIV)



Step Two: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning...

Psalm 130:5-6 (NIV)

Step Three: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Psalm 32:5 (NIV)

Step Four: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

Step Five: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)



Step Six: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture: I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives...

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

Step Seven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

Step Eight: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

...In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

Step Nine: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)



Step Ten: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Step Eleven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

Step Twelve: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Revel in his holy Name, God-seekers, be jubilant!

1 Chronicles 16:10 (MSG)



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder the value of having a specific plan or program for prayer. How does having a plan of prayer contribute to helping us be more faithful and consistent in daily prayer? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Take time to practice two of the 12 steps: watching and interceding. Be silent for a few moments and observe in your heart a circumstance or individual needing intercessory prayer. Then, verbally intercede for that need.

The Practice of Prayer: Three Keys (Continued)

Key Three:

The _____ of Prayer

Scripture:

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place... Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 6:6 (MSG)

Definitions:

“Room” (NKJV), “Closet” (KJV), and “Secluded place” (MSG) are from the Greek *TAMIEION*.

TAMIEION defined:

1. “Storage room for foodstuffs” (nourishment)
2. “Bed chamber” (intimacy)



Biblical Examples of a Place for Prayer

1. Abraham

Scripture:

Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

Genesis 19:27 (NIV)

Abraham's Place: _____

2. Daniel

Scripture:

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room... He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done...

Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

Daniel's Place: _____

3. Jesus

Scripture:

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Mark 1:35 (NKJV)

Jesus' Place: _____ (Gethsemane)

The Gap Concept:

Establishing a Personal Place of Prayer

Scripture:

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NIV)



Note: "...stand **before me** on behalf of..."

The Value of a Personal "Gap!"

A. It's a place of _____.

Peter's rooftop encounter

Scripture:

...Peter went up on the housetop to pray... and saw heaven opened...

Acts 10:9, 11 (NKJV)

B. It's a place of _____.

David's "still waters" revelation

Scripture:

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalms 23:1-3 (NKJV)

C. It's a place of _____.

Paul's anti-anxiety prescription

Scripture:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything... Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:6, 8 (NLT)



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder how having a special place for prayer could strengthen your intimacy and consistency in daily prayer. How would having such a secret place help you be more faithful and focused in daily prayer? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Ask God to help you keep a daily appointment by having a special meeting place for daily prayer (whether it's an unused room, an actual closet, or even an easy chair in your living room or bedroom). Declare, in prayer, your desire to keep a daily appointment with Jesus for devotional prayer.

LESSON SIX

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
PRAISE LIFE**

Encountering God and Enlisting Heaven

Foundational Scripture:

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause His face to shine upon us, That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

Psalm 67:1-3 (NKJV)

Understanding the Realities of Praise

Reality One:

Praise is _____ the wonders of God's person.

Scripture:

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You..." Come and see the works of God; *He is* awesome *in His* doing toward the sons of men.

Psalm 66:1-3, 5 (NKJV)



He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be astounded. They will put their trust in the LORD.

Psalm 40:3 (NLT)

Reality Two:

Praise is _____ the presence of God and being consumed by His beauty.

Scripture:

I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet.

Psalm 27:4 (MSG)

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Psalm 73:24-25 (NIV)

Reality Three:

Praise is _____ in the glory of God and enjoying all He has for us.

Scripture:

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:3-4 (NIV)



Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise, who shout on parade in the bright presence of God. Delighted, they dance all day long; they know who you are, what you do—they can't keep it quiet! Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us—you've been so good to us! We're walking on air!

Psalm 89:15-17 (MSG)

Reality Four:

Praise is _____ the enemies of God by enthroning the presence of God.

Scripture:

But you [God] *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
Psalm 22:3 (NKJV)

Then Hezekiah prayed to God: “God-of-the-Angel-Armies, enthroned over the cherubim-angels, you are God, the only God there is, God of all kingdoms on earth. You made heaven and earth... But now step in, O God, our God. Save us from him. Let all the kingdoms of earth know that you and you alone are God... Then the Angel of God arrived and struck the Assyrian camp—185,000 Assyrians died. By the time the sun came up, they were all dead—an army of corpses!

Isaiah 37:15-16, 20, 36 (MSG)



AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Ponder what you feel it means to discover the wonders of God's person. King David spoke of beholding or contemplating the "beauty of the Lord." How would you define this? Journal your thoughts in the space that follows.

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Prayerfully express your desire to learn to praise God more. Focus on a particular need or issue in your life (or the lives of others) and then verbally declare your delight in God "over" this need or issue.

Understanding the Realities of Praise (Continued)

Reality Five:

Praise is _____ the nature and character of God through exalting His name.

Scripture:

My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

Psalm 22:25 (NKJV)

According to Your name, O God, So *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalm 48:10 (NKJV)

I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will wait for your mercies in the presence of your people.

Psalm 52:9 (NLT)

Reality Six:

Praise is _____ the awesome greatness of God and His salvation to the nations.



Scripture:

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples... Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Psalm 96:1-3, 9-10 (NIV)

Reality Seven:

Praise is _____ strongholds of spiritual opposition by exalting God.

Scripture:

We are human, but we don't wage war with human plans and methods. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the Devil's strongholds. With these weapons we break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God. With these weapons we conquer their rebellious ideas, and we teach them to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT)

Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

Acts 16:25-26 (NLT)

Understanding the Realities of Praise (Continued)

Reality Nine:

Praise is _____ the righteousness and glory of God through expressive worship.

Scripture:

David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, singing and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

1 Chronicles 13:8 (NLT)

I have taken a stand, and I will publicly praise the LORD.

Psalm 26:12 (NLT)

And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly tunic. So David and all Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with much shouting and blowing of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6:14-15 (NLT)

Reality Ten:

Praise is _____ ourselves to a consistency in daily, personal praise.



Scripture:

The work of the Levites was to assist the priests, the descendants of Aaron, as they served at the house of the LORD... And each morning and evening they stood before the LORD to sing songs of thanks and praise to him.

1 Chronicles 23:28, 30 (NLT)

I will praise you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day, and I will praise you forever.

Psalms 145:1-2 (NLT)

Reality Eleven:

Praise is _____ principalities and powers of darkness by triumphing in our praises over them.

Scripture:

Save us, O LORD our God, And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.

Psalms 106:47 (NKJV)

Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed." After consulting the leaders of the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!" At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.

2 Chronicles 20:20-22 (NLT)

LESSON SEVEN

**THE PRAYER
WARRIOR'S
MARCHING ORDERS**

Hearing and Obeying God: Four Premises of Divine Guidance

Foundational Scripture:

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG)

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend...

Exodus 33:11 (NIV)

Four Premises of Divine Guidance

Premise One:

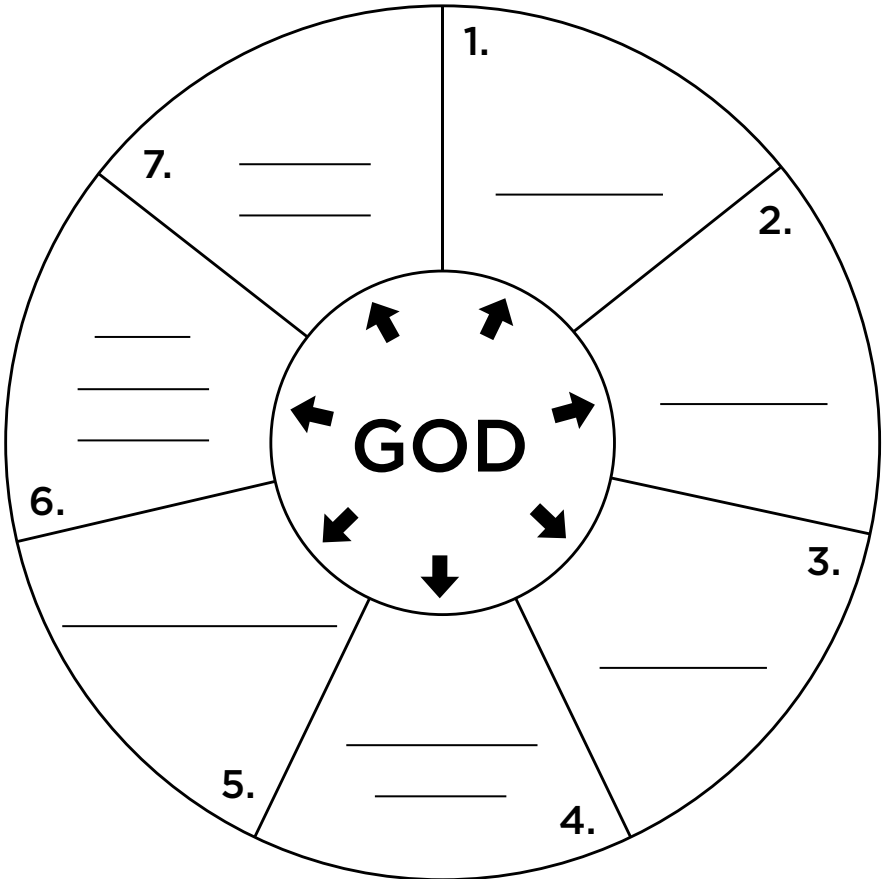
Divine guidance is the _____
communication of God's daily _____ for every
believer.

**Summary: God still _____ to _____
today!**



Seven Ways God Communicates with His Children

The Circle of Guidance





1. God communicates _____.

Scripture:

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.

Acts 9:3-7 (NIV)

And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain... And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

Exodus 19:17, 19 (NKJV)

2. God communicates through _____.

Scripture:

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia... So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

Acts 16:6, 8-9 (NIV)



In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

Acts 9:10 (NIV)

3. God communicates through _____.

Scripture:

Now when they [Mary and Joseph] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

Matthew 2:13 (NKJV)

But God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in bed.

Job 33:14-15 (NLT)

4. God communicates through _____.

Scripture:

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all... for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit... to another discerning of spirits...

1 Corinthians 12:4, 6, 8, 10 (NKJV)



Three Ways God Speaks Using Spiritual Gifts

A. _____

“The right use of knowledge” communicated supernaturally

B. _____

The supernatural revelation of understanding regarding situations

C. _____

The supernatural ability to identify error or impure motives

5. God communicates through _____.

Scripture:

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up... The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

Jonah 1:1-4, 11-12 (NIV)



6. God communicates through a _____
_____.

Scripture:

Then He [God] said [to Elijah], “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:11-12 (NKJV)

7. God communicates through His _____.

Scripture:

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG)

Additional Notes and Comments:

Four Premises of Divine Guidance (Continued)

Premise Two:

Divine guidance _____ from the dwelling
_____ of God, which is the _____ of man.

Summary: God speaks from _____ He _____.

Scripture:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you... Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:16-17, 23 (NIV)

Premise Three:

Divine guidance must be _____ with
_____ and counsel.

**Summary: Expect God to _____, but use
_____!**



Scripture:

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This *is* the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 (NKJV)

My sheep recognize my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27 (NLT)

Understanding the Three Voices of Divine Guidance

Scripture:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you...

James 4:7-8 (NIV)

The Three Voices of Divine Guidance

1. _____ can speak.

“Submit yourselves... to God.”

2. _____ can speak.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

3. _____ can speak.

“Come near to God and he will come near to you...”

Four Premises of Divine Guidance (Continued)

Premise Four:

Divine guidance, to be effective, requires a _____ of _____.

Summary: Learn to _____ and _____.

Scripture:

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine...

Exodus 19:5 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Deuteronomy 6:3 (NIV)

And we will receive whatever we request because we obey him and do the things that please him.

1 John 3:22 (NLT)



Seven Steps to Discerning the Will of God

Step One: Spend a season in _____ daily concerning the matter in question until specific _____ or direction is received in some manner.

Key: _____

Step Two: During prayer, spend time actually _____ for an inner voice or impression from God concerning the matter in question. Contemplate the _____ of your situation. Ponder it carefully.

Key: _____

Step Three: Study God's _____ in reference to your situation. God may impress you to _____ to a specific verse or passage of Scripture. Do it!

Key: _____

Step Four: Seek wise _____, whenever possible, from at least _____ respected Christians whose lives indicate they have learned to live in God's Word.

Key: _____

Step Five: Evaluate all that has come to you through God's Word, circumstances, and any inner _____. From all of this, _____ a prayerful conclusion.

Key: _____



COURSE TWO:

JOURNEY OF POWER



Journey of Power

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Why Pray? A Traveler's Guide for the Journey of Power (A Prayer-Pilgrim's Progress)

Timeless Insights

“The men upon whose shoulders rested the initial responsibility of Christianizing the world came to Jesus with one supreme request. They did not say, ‘Lord, teach us to preach; ‘Lord, teach us to do miracles,’ or ‘Lord, teach us to be wise’... but they said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’”

—Billy Graham

Two Observations...

- **The Necessity of Prayer**
- **The Nature of Prayer**

Foundational Scripture

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

Understanding God's “If Clauses” of Scripture

There are _____ conditional clauses of Scripture.



Examples:

_____ (NKJV)

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”

_____ (NKJV)

“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

_____ (NKJV)

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

_____ (NKJV)

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...”

Observation One:

The Necessity of Prayer (Four Insights)

Timeless Insights

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

—Martin Luther

Insight One:

Prayer prepares the way for _____.

Scripture:

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved... For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-10, 13 (NLT)



Insight Two:

Prayer prepares the way for divine _____.

Scripture:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)

Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Exodus 33:11 (NLT)

Insight Three:

Prayer prepares the way for spiritual _____.

Scripture:

The humble shall see *this and* be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

Psalms 69:32 (NKJV)

...but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV)

Insight Four:

Prayer prepares the way for unexpected _____.

Scripture:

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church... And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter's voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but



ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.” Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened *the door* and saw him, they were astonished.

Acts 12:5, 13-16 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, prayer is to the soul.”

—Corrie ten Boom

Observation Two: The Nature of Prayer (Four Definitions)

Timeless Insights

“Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Definition One:

Prayer is _____!
(_____ with God.)

Scripture:

The three went out. God descended in a Pillar of Cloud and stood at the entrance to the Tent. He called Aaron and Miriam to him. When they stepped out, he said, Listen carefully to what I’m telling you. If there is a prophet of God among you, I make myself known to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But I don’t do it that way with my servant Moses; he has the run of my entire house; I speak to him intimately, in person, in plain talk without riddles: He ponders the very form of God...

Numbers 12:5-8 (MSG)



Definition Two:

Prayer is _____!
(Applying God's _____.)

Scripture:

When it was time for the sacrifice to be offered, Elijah the prophet came up and prayed, “O God, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make it known right now that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I’m doing what I’m doing under your orders. Answer me, God; O answer me and reveal to this people that you are God, the true God, and that you are giving these people another chance at repentance.” Immediately the fire of God fell and burned up the offering, the wood, the stones, the dirt, and even the water in the trench.

1 Kings 18:36-38 (MSG)

Definition Three:

Prayer is _____!
(Hearing God's _____.)

Scripture:

Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice.

John 10:1-4 (MSG)



Scripture:

Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him.

Deuteronomy 13:4 (NLT)

Definition Four:

Prayer is _____!

(_____ the Lord.)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is an all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.”

—Chrysostom,
Early Church Father

Scripture:

“But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me... They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me...”

Ezekiel 44:15-16 (NKJV)

Embarkation... Beginning Our Journey

Timeless Insights

“All the Christian virtues are locked up in that word, prayer.”
—Charles H. Spurgeon

Embracing the Challenge

- **The Path of Prayer**
- **The Price of Prayer**

Foundational Scripture

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV)

The Path of Prayer

Scripture:

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 16:11 (NIV)



I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:104-105 (NIV)

Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

Proverbs 2:9 (NIV)

Five Prayer-Paths Along Our Journey of Power

Path One:

Prayer is a path of _____.

Scripture:

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

Acts 10:1-2 (NIV)

Path Two:

Prayer is a path of _____.

Scripture:

Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.

Matthew 16:25 (MSG)

Path Three:

Prayer is a path of _____.



Scripture:

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

Path Four:

Prayer is a path of _____.

Scripture:

Listen, God! Please, pay attention! Can you make sense of these ramblings, my groans and cries? King-God, I need your help. Every morning you'll hear me at it again. Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on your altar and watch for fire to descend.

Psalms 5:1-3 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

“Just as the business of the tailor is to make clothes, and that of the shoemaker to mend shoes, so the business of the Christian is to pray.”

—Martin Luther

Path Five:

Prayer is a path of _____.

Scripture:

“...I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make



sure you won't be disappointed." God's Decree. "I'll turn things around for you..."

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

"Prayer does not just fit us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work."

—J. Oswald Chambers

The Price of Prayer

Scripture:

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12:24 (NIV)

Five Case Studies in Prayer

Along the Journey of Power

Case Study One:

The _____ Example

Scripture:

So Moses and his assistant Joshua set out, and Moses climbed up the mountain of God... Then Moses disappeared into the cloud as he climbed higher up the mountain. He remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:13, 18 (NLT)

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have



made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

Exodus 32:30-32 (NLT)

Case Study Two:

The _____ Example

Scripture:

I have cried until the tears no longer come; my heart is broken. My spirit is poured out in agony as I see the desperate plight of my people. Little children and tiny babies are fainting and dying in the streets... Cry aloud before the Lord, O walls of beautiful Jerusalem! Let your tears flow like a river day and night. Give yourselves no rest; give your eyes no relief.

Lamentations 2:11, 18 (NLT)

“I’ll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I’ve swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there’s one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God’s loyal love couldn’t have run out, his merciful love couldn’t have dried up. They’re created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!”

Lamentations 3:19-24 (MSG)

Case Study Three:

The _____ Example

Scripture:

Ahab reported to Jezebel everything that Elijah had done, including the massacre of the prophets. Jezebel immediately sent a messenger to Elijah with her threat... When Elijah saw how things were, he ran for dear life to



Beersheba, far in the south of Judah. He left his young servant there and then went on into the desert another day's journey. He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, wanting in the worst way to be done with it all—to just die...

1 Kings 19:1-5 (MSG)

Case Study Four:

The _____ Example

Scripture:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Isaiah 6:1-5 (NIV)

Case Study Five:

The _____ Example

Scripture:

Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him... And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 22:39, 44 (NKJV)

First Encounter

“The Peak of Unbelief”

Timeless Insights

“The power of prayer rests in the faith that God hears it. The moment I am assured that God hears, I feel drawn to pray and to persevere in prayer.”

—Andrew Murray

Choosing Your Guide . . .

Scripture:

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live...

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)

The _____ Guide
_____ is a choice.

Scripture:

When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

Matthew 28:17 (NKJV)

Greek word for doubting: *Distazo*

“To stand _____!”



The _____ Guide
_____ is a choice.

Scripture:

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“It matters little what form of prayer we adopt or how many words we use, what matters is the faith which lays hold on God and touches the heart of the Father who knew us long before we came to Him.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Realities of Confronting the Peak of Unbelief

The _____ of doubt and the _____
of faith

Reality One:

The Force of _____

A. Doubt breeds _____.

Scripture:

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord...

James 1:5-7 (NIV)



B. Doubt breeds _____.

Scripture:

And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you."

John 10:23-26 (NKJV)

C. Doubt breeds _____.

Scripture:

They stubbornly tested God in their hearts, demanding the foods they craved. They even spoke against God himself, saying, "God can't give us food in the wilderness"... When the Lord heard them, he was furious. The fire of his wrath burned against Jacob. Yes, his anger rose against Israel, for they did not believe God or trust him to care for them..."

Psalm 78:18-19, 21-22 (NLT)

D. Doubt breeds _____.

Scripture:

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

Matthew 14:23-26 (NKJV)



Reality Two:

The Fruit of _____

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is more than a wish; it is the voice of faith directed to God.”

—Billy Graham

A. Faith assures us of _____ .

Scripture:

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

B. Faith assures us of _____ .

Timeless Insights

“Prayer projects faith on God, and God on the world. Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer moves God.”

—E. M. Bounds

Scripture:

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?” So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will



be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Matthew 21:18-22 (NKJV)

C. Faith assures us of _____ .

Scripture:

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

James 5:15 (NIV)

D. Faith assures us of _____ .

Scripture:

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that’s not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

Romans 5:1-2 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is asking for rain. Faith is carrying the umbrella.”

—Robert C. Savage

Second Encounter “The Mountain of Sin”

The Killer and the King . . .

Two Supernatural Forces at Work Along the Journey of Power

Timeless Insights

“If we could take account of our losses in spiritual things as we can in our financial, we would be startled at what losses we are suffering—traceable to a lack of prayer.”

—Henrietta Mears

Force One:

The _____ of prayer,
_____ the killer

Force Two:

The _____ of prayer,
_____ the King

Continuing Forces on the Journey of Power . . .

Satan the Killer - _____



Scripture:

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”

Revelation 12:10 (NIV)

Christ the King - _____

Scripture:

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

Force One

The _____ of Prayer

Satan: The Killer-Accuser

Confronting _____ and conquering _____.

Scripture:

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...”

John 10:10 (NKJV)

Satan and Prayer: Three Realities

Timeless Insights

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

—Samuel Chadwick



A. Satan's _____

Scripture:

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NLT)

B. Satan's _____

Scripture:

Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

Daniel 10:12-13 (NLT)

C. Satan's _____

Scripture:

Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver." So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely"... She tormented him



with her nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it. Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else.”

Judges 16:4-6, 16-17 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“To confess your sins to God is not to tell Him anything He doesn’t know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them, they become the bridge.”

—Frederick Buechner

Force Two

The _____ of Prayer

Christ: The King-Intercessor

_____ Christ and _____ Satan

Scripture:

...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“Since Jesus ever lives to intercede, any time you pray—day or night—Jesus is already interceding. Every time you go to prayer you can be Jesus’ prayer partner.”

—Wesley Duewel

Definitions: “Enable/Enabler”

Enable: “To _____ with the means or opportunity to achieve a goal; to make



_____, practical or easy.”

Enabler: “One who enables another to achieve or _____ a task.”

Definition: “Constrain”

“To _____ the motion of; to use force to hold _____ the efforts of someone or something; to restrain movement or activity.”

Jesus the Enabler..

Scripture:

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:12-14 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Jesus didn’t pray about things, He brought things about, by prayer.”

—Armin Gesswein

Jesus and Prayer: Three Realities

A. Jesus _____ prayer.

Scripture:

...Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:16 (NIV)



B. Jesus _____ prayer.

Scripture:

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1 (NIV)

C. Jesus _____ prayer.

Scripture:

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Jesus is the supreme model of a person devoted to prayer. He was constantly in an attitude of prayer, and never more urgently than in the face of suffering.”

—Billy Graham

Third Encounter

“An Avalanche of Excuses”

Dual Dangers . . .

- Prayer _____ to overcome
- Prayer _____ to avoid

Timeless Insights

“One of the greatest sins we commit against ourselves and those around us is the sin of not praying.... Our prayerless lives are the sin that keeps the world from knowing Jesus! They are the sin that keeps us from knowing Him!”

—Hope MacDonald

Foundational Scripture

You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?

Galatians 5:7 (NIV)

But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 (NKJV)



Timeless Insights

“How little time the average Christian spends in prayer! We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little.... The power of God is lacking in our lives and in our work. We have not because we ask not.”

—R. A. Torrey

Two Cautions for Our Journey

Caution One:

Overcoming Prayer _____

Scripture:

...the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask for it. And even when you do ask, you don't get because your whole motive is wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:2, 3 (NLT)

Seven Hindrances to Effective Prayer

Timeless Insights

“The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness.”

—John Wesley

Hindrance One: _____

Scripture:

I was so swamped by guilt I couldn't see my way clear. More guilt in my heart than hair on my head, so heavy the guilt that my heart gave out. Soften up, God, and intervene; hurry and get me some help...

Psalms 40:12-13 (MSG)



Hindrance Two: _____

Scripture:

Some of the leaders of Israel approached me and sat down with me. God’s Message came to me: “Son of Man, these people have installed idols in their hearts. They have embraced the wickedness that will ruin them. Why should I even bother with their prayers?”

Ezekiel 14:1-3 (MSG)

Hindrance Three: _____

Scripture:

But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

Mark 11:25 (NLT)

Hindrance Four: _____

Scripture:

If you don’t know what you’re doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You’ll get his help, and won’t be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who “worry their prayers” are like wind-whipped waves.

James 1:5-7 (MSG)

Hindrance Five: _____

Scripture:

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:21-22 (NIV)



Timeless Insights

“You can organize until you are exhausted; you can plan, program, subsidize all your plans. But if you fail to pray, it is a waste of time. Prayer is not optional for us. It is mandatory. Not to pray is to disobey God.”

—Richard Halverson

Hindrance Six: Cherished _____

Scripture:

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened...

Psalm 66:18 (NIV)

Hindrance Seven: Marital _____

Scripture:

The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.

1 Peter 3:7 (MSG)

Caution Two:

Avoiding Prayer _____

Scripture:

“Stay alert, be in prayer, so you don't enter the danger zone without even knowing it. Don't be naive. Part of you is eager, ready for anything in God; but another part is as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire.” He then went back and prayed the same prayer. Returning, he again found them sound asleep. They simply couldn't keep their eyes open, and they didn't have a plausible excuse.

Mark 14:38-40 (MSG)



Timeless Insights

“A child of God can grieve Jesus in no worse way than to neglect prayer.”

—O. Hallesby

Five Excuses That Weaken Prayer

Excuse One: _____

Scripture:

A nap here, a nap there, a day off here, a day off there, sit back, take it easy—do you know what comes next? Just this: You can look forward to a dirt-poor life, poverty your permanent houseguest!

Proverbs 6:10-11 (MSG)

Excuse Two: _____

Scripture:

Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’”

Luke 14:16-20 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Beware the barrenness of a busy life.”

—Corrie ten Boom



Excuse Three: _____

Scripture:

The lazy person claims, “There’s a lion on the road! Yes, I’m sure there’s a lion out there!”... Lazy people take food in their hand but don’t even lift it to their mouth. Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors.

Proverbs 26:13, 15-16 (NLT)

Excuse Four: _____

Scripture:

Saul died because he was unfaithful and disobeyed the LORD. He even asked advice from a woman who talked to spirits of the dead, instead of asking the LORD. So the LORD had Saul killed and gave his kingdom to David, the son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 10:13-14 (CEV)

Timeless Insights

“If you sow in prayerlessness, you will reap powerlessness, peacelessness, joylessness, fruitlessness, and backslidenness.”

—Raymond Kwong

Excuse Five: _____

Scripture:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Fourth Encounter

“The Peak of Habit”

Conquering the Peak:

The Necessity of a Prayer Habit

- The Prayer Habit Developed
- The Prayer Habit Sustained

Timeless Insights

“When a man is born from above, the life of the Son of God is born in him, and he can either starve that life or nourish it. Prayer is the way the life of God is nourished.”

—Oswald Chambers

Foundational Scripture

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

Reaching the Peak...

Developing Consistency in Daily Prayer



Timeless Insights

“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”

—Martin Luther

I. The Prayer habit _____!

Four Objectives

Objective One:

Establish a specific _____ for daily prayer.

Scripture:

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Matthew 26:40-41 (NKJV)

Objective Two:

Establish a set _____ for daily prayer.

Scripture:

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.

Psalms 55:17 (NKJV)

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

Acts 3:1 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“The first and decisive battle in conjunction with prayer is the conflict which arises when we are to make



arrangements to be alone with God every day.”

—O. Hallesby

Objective Three:

Establish a suitable _____ for daily prayer.

Scripture:

“Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

Matthew 6:6 (MSG)

While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed.

Mark 1:35 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

“The first thing the Lord teaches His disciples is that they must have a secret place for prayer; every one must have a solitary spot where he can be alone with his God. Every teacher must have a schoolroom.”

—Andrew Murray

Objective Four:

Establish a systematic _____ for daily prayer.

Scripture:

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)



“...All manner of prayer and entreaty.”

Ephesians 6:18 (AMPC)

II. The Prayer habit _____!

Three Suggestions

Suggestion One:

Keep a Prayer _____.

Scripture:

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 (NKJV)

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers...

Ephesians 1:15-16 (NKJV)

Suggestion Two:

Keep a Prayer _____.

Scripture:

At the Lord's direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress. These are the stages of their march, identified by the different places where they stopped along the way.

Numbers 33:2 (NLT)



“Get a scroll, and write down all my messages against Israel, Judah, and the other nations. Begin with the first message back in the days of Josiah, and write down every message, right up to the present time.”

Jeremiah 36:2 (NLT)

Suggestion Three:

Keep a Prayer _____.

Scripture:

After Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, he went up to the Lord’s Temple and spread it out before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed this prayer before the Lord: “O Lord, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! You alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth.”

2 Kings 19:14-15 (NLT)

“Aaron will regularly carry the names of the sons of Israel on the Breastpiece of Judgment over his heart as he enters the Sanctuary into the presence of God for remembrance. Place the Urim and Thummim in the Breastpiece of Judgment. They will be over Aaron’s heart when he enters the presence of God. In this way Aaron will regularly carry the Breastpiece of Judgment into the presence of God.”

Exodus 28:29-30 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

“According to Jesus, by far the most important thing about praying is to keep at it.”

—Frederick Buechner

Fifth Encounter

“The Plateau of Intercession”

Timeless Insights

“As far as my understanding of these things goes, intercessory prayer is the finest and most exacting kind of work that is possible for men to perform.”

—O. Hallesby

Understanding Intercession

- **Elements of Intercession**
- **Examples of Intercession**

I. Elements of Intercession

Timeless Insights

“Intercession is simply love at prayer.”

—The Kneeling Christian

Element One: _____

Scripture:

Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death... Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be



our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Hebrews 2:14, 17-18 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them.”

—John Calvin

Element Two: _____

Scripture:

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints...

Romans 15:30-31 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“It is staggering to even begin to realize that the whole process by which God’s will is done on earth depends on an interceding Church.”

—Jack Hayford

Element Three: _____

Scripture:

And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 22:44 (NKJV)



Timeless Insights

“The church has many organizers, but few agonizers; many who pay, but few who pray; many resters, but few wrestlers; many who are enterprising, but few who are interceding. The ministry of prayer is open to every child of God. In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much to so few.”

—Leonard Ravenhill

Element Four: _____

Scripture:

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

James 2:14-16 (NLT)

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalms 2:8 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Intercession is truly universal work for the Christian. No place is closed to intercessory prayer. No continent—no nation—no organization—no city—no office. There is no power on earth that can keep intercession out.”

—Richard C. Halverson

Scripture:

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's



glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Romans 8:16-17 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer should never be an excuse for inaction. Nehemiah prayed, but he also set watches for protection — he used common sense. As a result, what had not been done in a hundred years’ time was finished in fifty-two days.”

—Corrie ten Boom

II. Four Examples of Intercession

Timeless Insights

“Intercession is the link between man’s impotence and God’s omnipotence.”

—Andrew Murray

Example One: _____ and _____

Scripture:

Moses and Aaron stood at the front of the Tent of Meeting. God spoke to Moses: “Back away from this congregation so that I can do away with them this very minute.” They threw themselves facedown on the ground. Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer and fill it with incense, along with fire from the Altar. Get to the congregation as fast as you can: make atonement for them. Anger is pouring out from God—the plague has started!” Aaron grabbed the censer, as directed by Moses, and ran into the midst of the congregation. The plague had already begun. He put burning incense into the censer and atoned for the people. He stood there between the living and the dead and stopped the plague.

Numbers 16:43-48 (MSG)



Example Two: _____ and his _____

Scripture:

“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has”... When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!

Job 42:8b, 10 (NLT)

Example Three: The _____

Scripture:

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”

Luke 10:30-35 (NIV)

Example Four: _____ and _____



Scripture:

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:1-8 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

"If all regenerate church members in Western Christendom were to intercede daily simply for the most obvious spiritual concerns visible in their homes, their workplaces, their local churches and denominations, their nations, and the world... the transformation which would result would be incalculable."

—Richard Lovelace

Sixth Encounter “The Cove of Holiness”

Hiding Out with Jesus in the Cove of Holiness

- The Meaning of Holiness
- The Model of Holiness

Foundational Scripture

And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer—secret, fervent, believing prayer—lies at the root of all personal godliness.”

—William Carey

The Meaning of Holiness: Six Definitions

Scripture:

Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.

Psalms 37:37 (NKJV)



“Blameless” (KJV: “Perfect”) is derived from the Hebrew word *Tam*.

Definition One: _____

“Complete” defined: “Having all that is necessary to be _____; fully _____.”

Scripture:

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NLT)

Definition Two: _____

“Pious” defined: “Marked by or showing reverence and _____ to God.”

Scripture:

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Luke 2:25-26 (NLT)

Definition Three: _____

“Gentle” defined: “Free from _____ or sternness; _____.”

Scripture:

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the



unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV)

Definition Four: _____

“Undefined” defined: “Marked by _____;
uncontaminated in any manner.”

Scripture:

...and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

1 Peter 1:4 (NLT)

Definition Five: _____

“Upright” defined: “Marked by strong moral
_____; honorable.”

“Rectitude” defined: “Moral integrity.”

Scripture:

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

Definition Six: _____

“Plain” defined: “Characterized by _____;
free of _____.”



Scripture:

But all of you, leaders and followers alike, are to be down to earth with each other, for—God has had it with the proud, But takes delight in just plain people. So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (MSG)

The Model of Holiness: Five Distinctives

Scripture:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.”

—John Bunyan

Distinctive One: Holy living is _____ Jesus.

Scripture:

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:23 (NIV)

Distinctive Two: Holy living is _____ Jesus.

Scripture:

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)



Distinctive Three: Holy living is _____ Jesus.

Scripture:

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:4-7 (NIV)

Distinctive Four: Holy living is _____ Jesus.

Scripture:

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...

Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV)

Distinctive Five: Holy living is _____ Jesus.

Scripture:

For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.

Philippians 1:20 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life.”

—William Law

Seventh Encounter: “The Mountain of Self-Will”

Foundational Scripture

In the meantime, the disciples pressed him, “Rabbi, eat. Aren’t you going to eat?” He told them, “I have food to eat you know nothing about.” The disciples were puzzled. “Who could have brought him food?” Jesus said, “The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started.”

John 4:31-34 (MSG)

The Will of God and Prayer

Timeless Insights

“The heart of prayer is not to alter God’s will but to find it.”

—Sam Shoemaker

- **Defining God’s Will**
- **Discerning God’s Will**

Timeless Insights

“The purpose of all prayer is to find God’s will and to make that will our prayer.”

—Catherine Marshall



I. Defining God's Will

Four Realities

Reality One:

God desires all nonbelievers to be set _____ from _____.

Key Word: _____

Scripture:

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in his freedom!

Romans 6:17-18 (MSG)

Reality Two:

God desires all believers to _____ in _____.

Key Word: _____

Scripture:

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work.

Colossians 1:9-10 (MSG)



Reality Three:

God desires all believers to live separated _____.

Key Word: _____

Scripture:

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father when our Master Jesus arrives with all his followers.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (MSG)

Reality Four:

God desires for all believers to live in _____.

Key Word: _____

Scripture:

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17:20-23 (NIV)



II. Discerning God's Will

Six Steps

Scripture:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:7-8 (NIV)

George Mueller's Six Steps to Discerning God's Will.

(From *No Easy Road*, p. 105)

Step One:

I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.

Summary: Surrender _____

Step Two:

Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

Summary: Reject _____

Step Three:

I seek the will of the Spirit through, or in connection with, the Word of God.

Summary: Search _____

Step Four:

Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with



His Word and Spirit.

Summary: Evaluate _____

Step Five:

I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

Summary: Ask _____

Step Six:

Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Summary: Respond _____

Timeless Insights

“Many of us have discovered that true prayer begins where we can begin to say with Jesus, ‘Not my will, but Thine be done.’ That should not mean mere resignation to fate, it should mean cooperation with the will of God.”

—Sam Shoemaker

The Key to Answered Prayer

Scripture:

And we receive from Him whatever we ask for, because we [watchfully] obey His orders—observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us—and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him.

1 John 3:22 (AMP)

Timeless Insights

“When you pray you get in on God’s will before it happens.”

—Delores Jarvis

Eighth Encounter

“The Bridge of Balance”

Foundational Scripture

And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (NKJV)

What Is Temperance?

Two Definitions . . .

A. “Temperance” Defined:

“Moderation in action, thought or feeling; to restrain oneself.”

[Note: From the Latin word _____: “to moderate.”]

B. “Moderate” Defined:

“Avoiding extremes of behavior or expressions; to observe reasonable limits.”

The Balanced Life of a Praying Believer

(Cultivating Balance: A Fourfold Process with Christ as Our Example)



Scripture:

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52 (NKJV)

Process One: Cultivating _____ Balance

Scripture:

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

Ephesians 1:15-17 (NLT)

- A. Pray _____.
- B. Read your Bible _____.
- C. Fellowship with believers _____.
- D. Give biblically and _____.

Process Two: Cultivating _____ Balance

Scripture:

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6 (NLT)

- A. _____ frequently (a book per month).
- B. _____ responsibly (hide your “remote”).
- C. _____ continually (reflect on your experiences).



Process Three: Cultivating _____ Balance

Scripture:

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

- A. _____ healthily.
- B. _____ regularly.
- C. _____ sufficiently.

Process Four: Cultivating _____ Balance

Scripture:

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Hebrews 10:23-24 (NLT)

- A. _____ attentively.
- B. _____ wholeheartedly.
- C. _____ passionately.

Ninth Encounter

“The Mountain of Persistence”

Foundational Scripture

Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it.

Philippians 3:13-16 (MSG)

“Persistence” Defined:

“To be obstinately _____ or tenacious in an activity. To pursue a _____ no matter the _____ until completion.”

Timeless Insights

“There is no power like that of prevailing prayer. It turns ordinary mortals into men of power.”

—Samuel Chadwick



Two Considerations in Conquering the Mountain of Persistence

- Models of Persistence
- Modes of Persistence

Models of Persistence

“Model” Defined:

“Something or someone that serves as a _____ or example; a description used to help visualize a _____ or thing.”

Timeless Insights

“From one end of the Bible to the other, we find the record of people whose prayers have been answered—people who turned the tide of history by prayer, men who prayed fervently and whom God answered.”

—Billy Graham

Example One: The _____ Model

Scripture:

As they ran from the People of Israel... God pitched huge stones on them out of the sky and many died. More died from the hailstones than the People of Israel killed with the sword. The day God gave the Amorites up to Israel, Joshua spoke to God, with all Israel listening: “Stop, Sun, over Gibeon; Halt, Moon, over Aijalon Valley.” And Sun stopped, Moon stood stock still Until he defeated his enemies. (You can find this written in the Book of Jashar.) The sun stopped in its tracks in mid sky; just sat there all day. There’s never been a day like that before or since—God took orders from a human voice! Truly, God fought for Israel.

Joshua 10:11-14 (MSG)



Example Two: The _____ Model

Scripture:

In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed... So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision. My strength left me... Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted... Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me..."

Daniel 10:1-3, 8-9, 12-13 (NLT)

Example Three: The _____ Model

Scripture:

In late autumn, in the month of Kislev... I was at the fortress of Susa. Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said, "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love



him and obey his commands, listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned!”

Nehemiah 1:1-6 (NLT)

Example Four: The _____ Model

Scripture:

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age... and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luke 2:36-37 (NKJV)

Example Five: The _____ _____ Model

Scripture:

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church... And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod...” So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter’s voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.” Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

Acts 12:5, 11-16 (NKJV)



Modes of Persistence

Timeless Insights

“Of all the mysteries of the prayer world, the need of persevering prayer is one of the greatest... Just as the ploughman has to take his ten thousand steps, and sow his ten thousand seeds, each one a preparation for the final harvest, so there is a need-be for oft-repeated persevering prayer, all working out some desired blessing.”

—Andrew Murray

“Mode” Defined:

“A functional _____ of something; a particular _____ or variety to a thing or _____.”

Mode One: _____

“Tenacity” defined: “Persistence in maintaining, adhering to, or _____ something valued or _____.”

Scripture:

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem...

Luke 9:51 (NKJV)

Mode Two: _____

“Audacity” defined: “Recklessly _____; intrepidly _____.”



Scripture:

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:26-29 (NKJV)

Mode Three: _____

“Consistency” defined: “Marked by _____ continuity; free from _____.”

Scripture:

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 18:1 (MSG)

Mode Four: _____

“Intensity” defined: “Existing in an extreme degree; demonstrating great _____, determination or _____.”

Scripture:

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak... Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

Genesis 32:24, 26 (NIV)

Tenth Encounter

“Burden’s Outlook”

Foundational Scripture

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:7-8 (NIV)

Prayers That Prevail

Scripture:

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Hosea 10:12 (NIV)

Sow righteousness, reap love. It’s time to till the ready earth, it’s time to dig in with God, Until he arrives with righteousness ripe for harvest.

Hosea 10:12 (MSG)

“Prevail” Defined:

“To gain ascendancy through _____ or superiority; to _____.”



Timeless Insights

“Just as the contractions of a woman’s uterus herald the beginning of labor, there are times when God’s Spirit stirs our souls to seasons of intense travail. We must travail in prayer until God’s purposes are birthed.”

—John Dawson

Five Qualities of Prayers That Prevail

Quality One: _____ Prayer

Scripture:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:16-18 (NKJV)

Quality Two: _____ Prayer

Scripture:

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Psalms 126:5-6 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of himself.”

—Mother Teresa

Quality Three: _____ Prayer



Scripture:

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin... Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me... The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11, 17 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“The first thing that makes a prayer acceptable to God is the brokenness and humility of the one who prays: ‘If my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray... I will hear from heaven’... in other words, what makes a heart upright and what makes prayers pleasing to God is a felt awareness of our tremendous need for mercy.”

—John Piper

Quality Four: _____ Prayer

Scripture:

Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.” As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been



drinking. “Must you come here drunk?” he demanded. “Throw away your wine!” “Oh no, sir!” she replied. “I haven’t been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord.”

1 Samuel 1:9-15 (NLT)

Timeless Insights

“Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon

“Spiritual birth, like physical birth, is always accompanied by labor pains.”

—Anonymous

Quality Five: _____ Prayer

Scripture:

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil—To make Your name known to Your adversaries, *That* the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him... And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

Isaiah 64:1-4, 7 (NKJV)

Hebrew for “Stirs Up”: _____

“To arouse oneself from sleep or heavy slumber.”

Final Encounter: “Trail’s End: The Mountain of God’s Power”

Releasing God’s Power to Transform the Nations

Timeless Insights

“I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space, but I can lay it aside and go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.”

—Sir Isaac Newton

“Prayer can do anything God can do.”

—E. M. Bounds

Foundational Scripture

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:4, 8 (NKJV)



The Sevenfold Impact of a Holy Spirit-Anointed “Power Encounter!”

(Supernatural Power for Supernatural Prayer)

Definitions:

“Super”:

“Over and _____; higher in quality or degree;
_____ than.”

“Natural”:

“Having a _____ or usual character; not out
of the _____.”

“Supernatural”:

“Departing from what is usual or normal; that which
_____ the _____ of nature.”

Timeless Insights

“Prayer can change anything. The impossible doesn’t exist. His is the power. Ours is the prayer. Without Him, we cannot. Without us, He will not.”

—Jack Hayford

The Supernatural Impact of Supernatural Prayer

Scripture:

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave



witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:31-33 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“To pray is a supernatural way of getting to know a supernatural God. When we pray, God makes us His partners! He chooses us to become part of His ministry here on earth.”

—Rosalind Rinker

First Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... the place where they were assembled was shaken...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

Two Applications of the Shaking . . .

A. A simple demonstration of the _____ presence of _____.

B. A shaking up of the _____ in order to _____ impurities.

Scripture:

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty.. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

Haggai 2:6-7, 9 (NIV)



At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:26-27 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“John Knox was a man famous for his power in prayer, so that Queen Mary of England used to say that she feared his prayers more than all the armies of Europe.”

—Charles Finney

Second Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Romans 15:18-19 (NKJV)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is the easiest and the hardest of all things; the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; its results lie outside the range of human possibilities; they are limited only by the omnipotence of God.”

—E. M. Bounds



Third Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... they spoke the word of God with boldness...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 (NKJV)

Fourth Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...

Acts 4:31-32 (NKJV)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

Fifth Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common...

Acts 4:31-32 (NKJV)

And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and



brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it.

Acts 4:34 (MSG)

Now, friends, I want to report on the surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches in Macedonia province. Fierce troubles came down on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. The trial exposed their true colors: They were incredibly happy, though desperately poor. The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (MSG)

Sixth Impact: A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And when they had prayed... with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus...

Acts 4:31, 33 (NKJV)

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power...

1 Corinthians 2:1-4 (NIV)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is the power that wields the weapon of the Word.”

—John Piper

Seventh Impact: A Supernatural _____



Scripture:

And when they had prayed... great grace was upon them all...

Acts 4:31, 33 (NKJV)

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

But Noah found favor with the LORD.

Genesis 6:8 (NLT)

But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.

Genesis 6:8 (MSG)

Timeless Insights

“Prayer is the conduit through which power from heaven is brought to earth.”

—O. Hallesby



COURSE THREE:

PRACTICAL PRAYER LIFE



Practical Prayer Life

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“Prayer” Defined...

“When you pray...” (Matthew 6:6, NKJV)

Greek Word: *Proseuchomai*

“A desire towards!”

“A divine wish or desire”

Voices from the Past:

“Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God.”

—E. M. Bounds

“Prayer is the slender nerve that moveth the muscles of omnipotence.”

—Charles Spurgeon

“Prayer is the simplest act in all religion. It is simply speaking to God. It needs neither learning nor wisdom nor book-knowledge to begin it. It needs nothing but heart and will.”

—J. C. Ryle



“Practical” Defined

1. Capable of being _____.
2. Of, relating to, governed by or acquired through practice or action rather than _____ or speculation.
3. Designed to serve a specific _____.

Scripture:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication...

Ephesians 6:10, 18 (NKJV)

I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I’ll listen. When you come looking for me, you’ll find me.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (MSG)

Always be joyful. Keep on praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 (NLT)

Five Ingredients of a Practical Prayer Life

Ingredient One: _____

Paul’s Apostolic Admonition...

Scripture:

Praying always...

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)



Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 18:1 (MSG)

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“Contact with the world and with the multitude distracts us and scatters our thoughts. For this reason it is necessary for us to withdraw at regular intervals to attain the quietude to hear God’s voice.”

—Professor O. Hallesby

Ingredient Two: _____

Scripture:

Praying always with all prayer...

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

Note the New International Version:

“And pray... with all kinds of prayer.”

Voices from the Past:

“Get out of the ruts of prayer. Some of us can only pray in one way, and consequently we get tired of praying. The ruts of prayer are the deepest ruts in the world.”

—W. H. Faunce

Scripture:

That’s why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you



embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything.

Mark 11:24 (MSG)

Ingredient Three: _____

Scripture:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

...don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who plead with him day and night?

Luke 18:6 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.

Romans 8:26 (MSG)

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

"My soul was exceedingly enlarged and I was in such anguish that I pleaded with much earnestness and importunity. When I rose from prayer I was extremely weak and overcome. I could scarcely walk straight."

—David Brainerd

Ingredient Four: _____

Scripture:

Praying always—with all prayer... being watchful...

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Mark 13:32-33 (NKJV)

Ingredient Five: _____

Scripture:

Praying always with all prayer and... perseverance.
Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

The Amplified Version reads:

“Keep alert with strong purpose and perseverance.”

“Persevere” Defined

“To persist in an _____ in _____ of circumstances, opposition or discouragement.”

Voices from the Past:

“Certain requirements must be met if the art of prayer is to be acquired. In the main there are two: practice and perseverance. Without practice no Christian will become a real man or woman of prayer. And practice cannot be attained without perseverance.”

—Professor O. Hallesby



Scripture:

And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You...

Isaiah 64:7 (NKJV)

Hebrew Words:

A. “Stirs himself up”

UWR: “To arouse oneself from a heavy sleep or slumber.”

B. “To take hold”

CHAZAQ: “to cling; to conquer; to grab and hold onto with great force.”

Scripture:

Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!”

Genesis 32:24-26 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“In these days there is not time to pray; but without time, and a lot of it, we shall never learn to pray. It ought to be possible to give God one hour out of twenty-four all to Himself.”

—Samuel Chadwick

Step 1 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

Scripture:

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Pray at all times—on every occasion, in every season—in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty.

Ephesians 6:18 (AMP)

12 Steps for Cultivating Daily Delight in Personal Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step One: _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Divine _____

Action Focus: Declared _____

Key Word: _____



PRAISE: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Reverently respect God, your God, serve him, hold tight to him, back up your promises with the authority of his name. He's your praise! He's your God! He did all these tremendous things, these staggering things that you saw with your own eyes.

Deuteronomy 10:20-21 (MSG)

Let them praise the name of God—it's the only Name worth praising. His radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky; he's built a monument—his very own people!

Psalms 148:13 (MSG)

Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God.

Psalms 135:1 (MSG)

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.

Psalms 106:47 (NKJV)

Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise You.

Psalms 63:3 (NKJV)

Origin of the word "PRAISE"

From the Old French word: *Presier*

Presier meaning: "to _____"



When we _____ something we...

- ESTEEM IT!
- CHERISH IT!
- TREASURE IT!

Voices from the Past:

“Since Satan is the great hindrance to successful prayer, when he is bound and banished from a situation the answers come through without fail. After all, successful prayer is overcoming satanic opposition to the purpose of God. The missing element in weak prayer is triumphant faith. And the missing element in weak faith is praise — perpetual, purposeful, aggressive praise. Praise is the spark plug of faith. It is the one thing needed to get faith airborne, enabling it to soar above the deadly influence of doubt. And the secret of faith without doubt is praise — continuous, massive, triumphant praise, praise that is a way of life.”

—Paul E. Billheimer

PRAISE: A Prayer Application

Verbalize God's _____.

PRAISE: A Life Application

Honor _____ with praise.



Where to Next?

PRAISING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 1 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Sanctify, or set aside a period of time specifically to praise God at the beginning of your prayer time.
2. Select a specific theme for praise, such as God's righteousness, His Word or His creative acts.
3. Drawing on your selected theme, declare vocally all that God is.
4. Expand your theme as much as possible. Allow God to reveal new themes for worship as your time of praise develops.

Step 2 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Two: _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Soul _____

Action Focus: Intimate _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“He who in prayer has not time in quietness of soul, and in full consciousness of its meaning, to say Abba, Father, has missed the best part of prayer.”

—Andrew Murray

“There is activity in prayer, of course, and it includes speaking with God. But that should not be all. In the quiet holy hour of prayer we should also be still and permit ourselves to be examined by the Physician of our souls.”

—Professor O. Hallesby



WAITING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3 (NLT)

Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14 (NLT)

I wait quietly before God, for my salvation comes from him.

Psalm 62:1 (NLT)

As for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

Micah 7:7 (NLT)

My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation *is* from Him. He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be moved.

Psalm 62:5-6 (NKJV)

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23 (NIV)

Six Ways to Wait...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



Summary Definition of WAITING...

A time to _____

WAITING: A Prayer Application

Love God _____.

WAITING: A Life Application

Nurture a close _____.

Voices from the Past:

“Here is the secret of the life of prayer. Take time in the inner chamber to bow down and worship; and wait on Him until He unveils Himself, and takes possession of you, and goes out with you to show you how a man can live and walk in abiding fellowship with our unseen Lord.”

—Andrew Murray



Where to Next?

WAITING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 2 in World-Changing Prayer

1. After your moments of praise, bring your mind and spirit into a time of complete silence to the world.
2. Think no thoughts but thoughts of God the Father, His Son Jesus or the Holy Spirit.
3. If words are to be voiced, let them be quiet whisperings like, “I love you, Lord” or “I long for your presence, O God.”
4. Concentrate full attention on the “love” aspect of God’s nature in these minutes of silence.

Step 3 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Three _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Declared _____

Action Focus: Humble _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“If you go back to the Scripture records, you will find that the men who lived nearest to God and had the most power with Him, were those who confessed their sins and failures.... It was when Job was confessing his sin that God turned his captivity and heard his prayer. God will hear our prayer and turn our captivity when we take our true place before Him, and confess and forsake our transgressions.”

—Dwight L. Moody



Note:

Both the Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) words for “Confession” mean:

“To _____ with.”

CONFESSION: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long... Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Psalm 32:3, 5 (NLT)

Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their fathers’ sins they will waste away. But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers... I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

Leviticus 26:39-42 (NIV)

For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

Psalm 38:18 (NKJV)

The New Living Translation reads:

“But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done.”

Note:

The Hebrew word for “declare” in Psalm 38:18 (translated as “confess” in the New Living Translation and the New



International Version) is from the Hebrew word *NAGAD*, meaning “to put before” or “to open up oneself in total honesty.”

Scripture:

When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, and when they turn back to you and confess your name, praying and making supplication to you in this temple, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to their fathers.

1 Kings 8:33-34 (NIV)

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

Summary Definition of CONFESSION...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“Before you can pray effectively for others, you must first be a clean channel through whom God can work. Your heart must be clean and free from unconfessed sin.”

—Hope McDonald

CONFESSION: A Prayer Application

Admit personal _____.



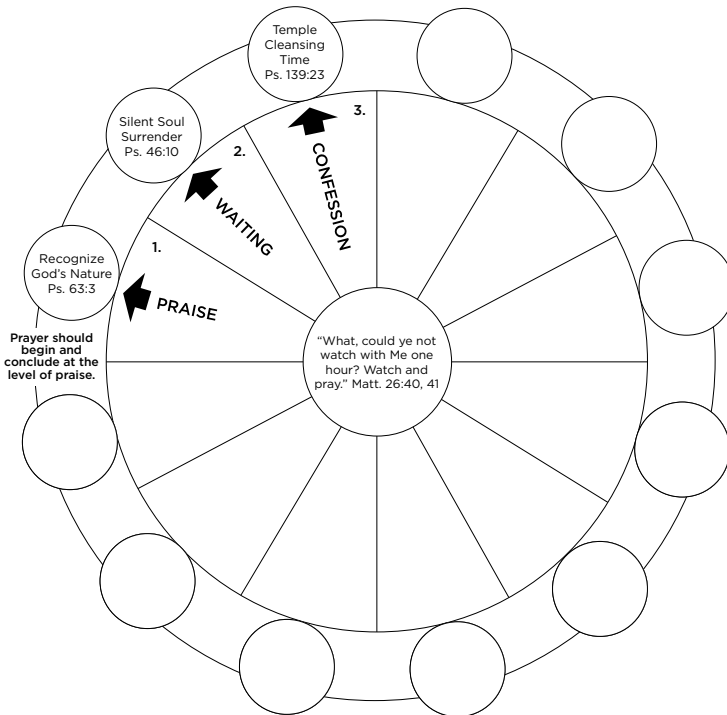
Voices from the Past:

“Confession cannot be omitted from our regular prayer life. The reason is obvious; sin is part of our daily existence. The purpose of our confession is for us to let Him know that we take seriously our faults and failures.”

—David A. Hubbard

CONFESSION: A Life Application

Be honest about _____.





Where to Next?

CONFESSING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 3 in World Changing Prayer

1. After your time of silent waiting, immediately ask God to search your heart for any unconfessed sin.
2. Mentally examine your recent activities to discover possible areas of spiritual failure that need confessing.
3. Confess any specific sins you may be guilty of, either against God or your fellow man.
4. Confess your need for specific divine guidance and supernatural unction.

Step 4 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Four _____

Basic Definition

The Act of _____ Appropriation

Action Focus: Supernatural _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Though the Bible be crowded with golden promises from cover to cover, yet will they be inoperative until we turn them into prayer.”

—F. B. Meyer

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)



“Does not my word burn like fire?” says the LORD. “Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes a rock to pieces?”
Jeremiah 23:29 (NLT)

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?... In God (I will praise *His* word), In the LORD (I will praise *His* word).
Psalm 56:4, 10 (NKJV)

God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received *a command* to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.
Numbers 23:19-20 (NKJV)

Summary Definition of SCRIPTURE PRAYING...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request, ‘Do as thou hast said!’ The Creator will not cheat the creature who depends upon this truth, and far more the heavenly Father will not break His Word to His own child.”

—Charles Spurgeon

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Prayer Application

Employ _____ Word.



Voices from the Past:

“The only thing that matters in our warfare is to throw all the energies of our being into the faithful use of this precious blade—the sword of God’s Word!”

—Amy Carmichael

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Life Application

Claim a _____ promise.

Voices from the Past:

“If there is progress in understanding prayer in depth, it is by the study of the Bible.”

—Donald Demaray

“Prayerful study of the Bible is indispensable for powerful prayer.”

—Andrew Murray



Where to Next?

SCRIPTURE PRAYING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 4 in World-Changing Prayer

1. When bringing Scripture into your devotional hour, ask God to bless His Word to your spiritual body, just as He blesses natural food to your physical body.
2. Examine a passage from either the Gospels, the Epistles, Psalms or Proverbs. Look carefully for specific ways to apply each verse to prayer.
3. As you study a verse (or verses), ask yourself what petition this passage prompts you to make, or what promise this passage contains that stands directly behind a specific petition.
4. Develop actual prayers based on the thoughts and phrases included in a verse (or verses) of Scripture and offer those prayers confidently to the Lord.

Step 5 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Five _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Mental _____

Action Focus: Sensitive _____

Key Word: _____

WATCHING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude.

Colossians 4:2 (MSG)



O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the LORD.

Isaiah 62:6 (NLT)

O Israel, wait and watch for God—with God’s arrival comes love, with God’s arrival comes generous redemption.

Psalm 130:7 (MSG)

The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their very eyes they see the LORD returning to Jerusalem... The LORD has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.

Isaiah 52:8, 10 (NLT)

WATCHING in Prayer: An Overview

To watch is to be alert.

“Alertness” Defined:

“The ability to anticipate _____ responses to that which is taking place around me; to _____ on what is happening in a situation so as to _____ accordingly.”

Voices from the Past:

“We must not only be watchful in keeping the time of prayer but also be watchful *during* the prayer time so that we may really pray... We must watch in our prayer lest it become vague. It is evident that many matters need to be settled, many people require intercession, the central message of God must be revealed, and not a few problems wait to be solved; yet at the time of prayer,



there does not seem to be any definite subject for which to pray, and there is a total lack of words to express our prayer. We struggle to say two or three sentences before we cease altogether. Clearly a satanic assault is involved here.”

—Watchman Nee

Summary Definition of WATCHING...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“To pray correctly one must be mentally alert and vigilant. Much praying is hampered by a dull, drowsy frame of mind.”

—Dr. Curtis Mitchel

WATCHING: A Prayer Application

Develop holy _____.

Voices from the Past:

“Always be on the alert to travel toward the goal of prayer, to disallow any unwanted words from mixing in, and to keep yourselves from praying prayers that are not prayers at all.”

—J. C. Ryle

WATCHING: A Life Application

Watch out for _____.

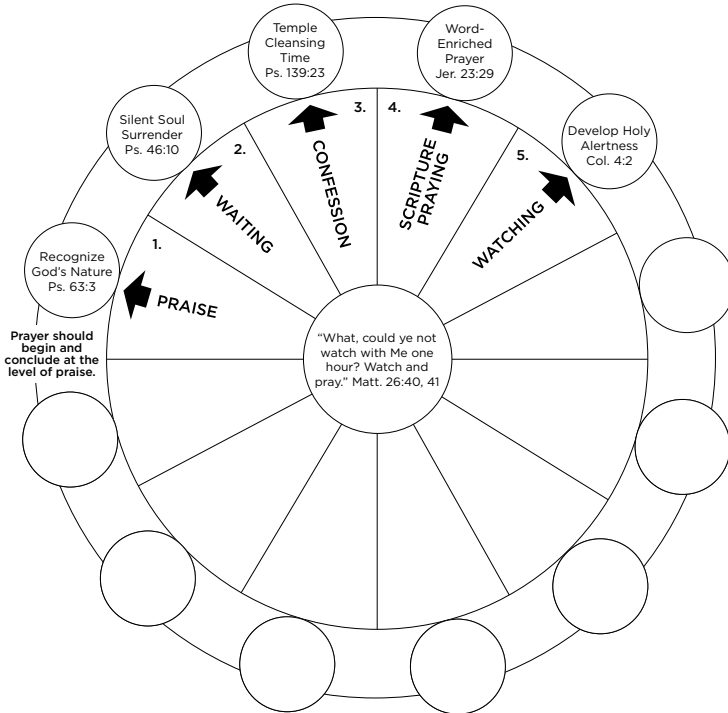
Voices from the Past:

“If I can imagine what it must be like to be the one for whom I am praying, then I find that I can begin to intercede for that person. My imagination leads me on to want to be more deeply involved with him in his own



life. This involvement leads to caring, caring leads to love, and love leads to intercession.”

—Anne Townsend



Notes:



Where to Next?

WATCHING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 5 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Take a few moments during prayer to become spiritually alert. Watch for methods Satan may try to use to hinder your Christian walk that day. Prayerfully claim power to defeat Satan in each of these areas.
2. Read denominational or missionary-evangelism newsletters/magazines to help become alert to specific needs in God's work around the world.
3. Prayerfully recall various news developments from newspapers, the Internet or television that deserve special prayer.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal further spiritual facts about these issues. This will aid you in praying more intelligently for these needs.

Step 6 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Six _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Earnest _____

Action Focus: Compassionate _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Prayer must be broad in its scope—it must plead for others. Intercession for others is the hallmark of all true prayer.”

—E. M. Bounds

INTERCESSION: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful



and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:30 (NLT)

I have one request, dear friends: Pray for me. Pray strenuously with and for me—to God the Father, through the power of our Master Jesus, through the love of the Spirit—that I will be delivered from the lions’ den of unbelievers in Judea.

Romans 15:30 (MSG)

Aaron did as Moses told him and ran out among the people. The plague had already begun to strike down the people, but Aaron burned the incense and purified the people. He stood between the dead and the living, and the plague stopped.

Numbers 16:47-48 (NLT)

Psalm 2:8 (NLT) with Romans 8:17 (NLT)

“Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.”

Psalm 2:8

“And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.”

Romans 8:17



Claims for the Nations...

1. Open _____
To _____ the Gospel

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Colossians 4:2-3 (NIV)

2. Open _____
To _____ the Gospel

Scripture:

...I am sending you to them [the LOST] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Acts 26:17-18 (NIV)

3. Open _____
To _____ the Gospel

Scripture:

For God... made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

4. Open _____
To _____ the Gospel



Scripture:

Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together...

Isaiah 45:8 (NLT)

Summary Definition of INTERCESSION...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“We often wonder at Luther, who spent three hours each day in prayer and meditation; at Bishop Andrews, spending the greater part of five hours each day in fellowship with God; at John Welsh, who thought that a day was ill spent which did not include eight or ten hours of closet communion. It seems to us as if such prolonged praying must involve an endless monotony of vain repetitions. We forget that when men are sent to market with a host of commissions from their neighbors and friends, they must needs tarry longer than when they go only for themselves. It would be a very wholesome thing if the causes of others were to detain us more constantly before the Lord.”

—F. B. Meyer

Understanding INTERCESSION: An Overview

Intercession is derived from the two Latin words:

A. *Inter*, meaning “_____”

B. *Cedere*, meaning “_____”

To intercede, thus, is to become “a go-between”!

INTERCESSION: A Prayer Application

Contend for _____.



Voices from the Past:

“When we pray for others we render them the highest service by treating them with such great dignity that we voice their needs before the throne of the King of the universe.”

—David A. Hubbard

INTERCESSION: A Life Application

Help someone in _____.

Ananias — A Case Study

Intercession is to stand between a lost soul and an almighty God, praying that this person will be delivered from the snare of Satan. Ananias, the disciple from Damascus whom God chose to pray over Saul of Tarsus (the future chief apostle Paul), is an excellent example of a faithful intercessor (Acts 9:10-18). He became a spiritual ‘mediator’ on behalf of Saul.

Ananias became so involved in his praying that his intercessions led him into a life-threatening situation. He knew well the story of how Saul of Tarsus had been systematically imprisoning Christians. In a sense, he was taking his life into his own hands by going before Saul to pray for him as the Lord had commanded.

Yet, Ananias went into this spiritual battle and boldly placed his hands upon Saul of Tarsus. Through his prayer of intercession, God removed the scales from Saul’s eyes and he became Paul, a living witness for Jesus Christ. Yet, we must never forget that a spiritual battle had been fought at the outset over the soul of this man from Tarsus.



Where to Next?

INTERCESSION...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 6 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Carefully prepare for intercession by developing a specific plan that includes special prayer for God's work around the world.
2. Summon a new compassion for these moments of intercession so your praying will reach out to the lost or suffering with genuine concern.
3. Fill your intercession with the four spiritual claims: Ask God to open doors, open minds, open hearts and open heavens.
4. Endeavor to include specific countries and their leaders during your time of intercession as well as unreached people groups.

Step 7 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Seven _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Personal _____

Action Focus: Personalized _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom. It is a rule that will never be altered in anybody’s case. If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that He may have, you and I cannot expect to have the rule relaxed in our favor.”

—Charles Spurgeon

PETITION: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and



you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (NKJV)

Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll get; Seek and you'll find; Knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need.

Luke 11:9-10 (MSG)

I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

Mark 11:24 (NLT)

That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything.

Mark 11:24 (MSG)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done... And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6, 19 (NLT)

Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:2 (NKJV)

Summary Definition of PETITION...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“Asking is the symbol of our desire. Some things God will not give until we want them enough to ask.”

—E. Stanley Jones



“We are careful to ask with a beggar’s humility, to seek with a servant’s carefulness, and to knock with the confidence of a friend.”

—Unknown

PETITION: A Prayer Application

Share personal _____.

Voices from the Past:

“Do you want to take the sting out of trouble? Take it to God and pray it through. Don’t just say, ‘Lord help me.’ But pray through the situation. Analyze it; take it apart, bring it to God piece by piece. Verbalize to God the fact that you’re hurting, you’re in trouble, you’re scared, you’re in danger, or your world has fallen in upon you.”

—Clarence Crawford

PETITION: A Life Application

Honestly express personal _____.

Voices from the Past:

“We Christians may ask our Father for all that we need. Only, let our desires be restrained, and our prayers unselfish. The personal petitions contained in the Lord’s prayer are very modest—daily bread, forgiveness, and deliverance from sin’s power. Yet these comprise all things that pertain to life and godliness.”

—Dr. David McIntyre



Where to Next?

PETITION...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 7 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Begin your petition by asking the Holy Spirit to help you claim only those desires that will bring special honor to the Lord.
2. Make a mental list of specific needs you have for that very day and offer each need to God.
3. Enlarge a petition carefully, taking time to explain to God why you desire an answer for that request.
4. Frequently examine your motives for claiming a petition. Be certain they are pure in the sight of God.

Step 8 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
 Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Eight _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Expressed _____

Action Focus: Articulated _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Thanksgiving is the act of expressing mental or oral gratitude to God for His blessings and mercies. Moreover, the giving of thanks should include heartfelt praise in accepting things we do not like, and thanking God that the apparently evil tidings were not worse ones. Thus it was that John Wesley could thank God that he broke only his arm in an accident and not his head.”

—Dr. Harold Lindsell



THANKSGIVING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude.

Colossians 4:2 (MSG)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 100:4 (NIV)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

Summary Definition of THANKSGIVING...

A time to _____



Voices from the Past:

“Among all the apostles none suffered so much as Paul; but none of them do we find so often giving thanks as he. Take his letter to the Philippians. Remember what he suffered at Philippi; how they laid many stripes upon him, and cast him into prison. Yet every chapter in that epistle speaks of rejoicing and giving thanks. There is that well-known passage: ‘Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God’ (Philippians 4:6).”

—Dwight L. Moody

THANKSGIVING: A Prayer Application

Confess personal _____

Voices from the Past:

“Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room to move in our hearts.”

—Andrew Murray

THANKSGIVING: A Life Application

Become a _____ thank you!



Where to Next?

THANKSGIVING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 8 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Begin thanksgiving by thinking about all God has given you in recent days.
2. Use these moments of reflection as a basis for offering specific thanksgiving for spiritual, material, physical and external blessings.
3. Frequently thank God “in advance” for blessings you expect Him to bestow on you in the future.
4. Thank God for at least one particular blessing you have not thanked Him for previously.

Step 9 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Nine _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Melodic _____

Action Focus: Creative _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“The gift of language combined with the gift of song is given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music.”

— Martin Luther

SINGING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Psalm 100:1-2 (NLT)



Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.

Psalm 27:6 (NLT)

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:18-19 (NLT)

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

Psalm 126:5-6 (NLT)

Then I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30 (NLT)

The Lord lives! Praise to my Rock! May God, the Rock of my salvation, be exalted! He is the God who pays back those who harm me; he brings down the nations under me and delivers me from my enemies. You hold me safe beyond the reach of my enemies; you save me from violent opponents. For this, O Lord, I will praise you among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.

2 Samuel 22:47-50 (NLT)

Summary Definition of SINGING...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

"We do not sufficiently often forget our own petty wants



and anxieties, and launch down our tiny tributaries, until we are borne out into the great ocean of praise, which is ever breaking in music around the person of Jesus. Let a part of our private and public devotion be even dedicated to the praise of Jesus—when we shall break forth into some hymn, or psalm, or spiritual song, singing and praising Christ with angels and archangels and all the host of the redeemed.”

—F. B. Meyer

SINGING: A Prayer Application

Worship with _____

Voices from the Past:

“I sing the doxology and dismiss the devil. I believe truly that Satan cannot endure it and so slips out of the room — more or less — when there is a true song.”

—Amy Carmichael

SINGING: A Life Application

Do something extra _____.



Where to Next?

SINGING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 9 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Pause in your devotional hour to sing a specific song unto the Lord.
2. Select a special theme for your song, such as praise, thanksgiving or a favorite passage of Scripture.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to create an original melody in your heart so your song is truly “a new song.”
4. Don't hesitate to sing songs of thanksgiving for specific blessings or victories you believe God will give you in the days ahead.

Step 10 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Ten _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Spiritual _____

Action Focus: Focused _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“A prayer life doesn’t just mean hours spent in actual prayer, but hours of study and meditation in the Word until the life becomes literally absorbed in the Word and the Word becomes a very part of us.”

—E. W. Kenyon

MEDITATION: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works;
I muse on the work of Your hands.

Psalms 143:5 (NKJV)



This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

Psalms 77:6 (NKJV)

These are the wise sayings of Solomon, David's son, Israel's king—Written down so we'll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it's going; A manual for living, for learning what's right and just and fair; To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on reality. There's something here also for seasoned men and women, still a thing or two for the experienced to learn—Fresh wisdom to probe and penetrate, the rhymes and reasons of wise men and women.

Proverbs 1:1-6 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“Dreaming is not meditation. Dozing is not thinking. Prayer in the secret place demands every faculty at its best. Call every faculty of the mind and body to



remembrance, recognition, and realization of the God that is in the secret and seeth in secret. Hold the mind to this fact. Tolerate no distraction, allow no diversion, indulge no dissipation.”

—Samuel Chadwick

Summary Definition of MEDITATION...

A time to _____

MEDITATION: A Closer Look

From two Old-Testament Hebrew words:

A. *Hagah*: “To _____ or _____.”

B. *Sicah*: “To _____ down.”

From the New-Testament Greek Word:

Meletaeo: “To be _____; to show _____.”

MEDITATION: A Prayer Application

Ponder spiritual _____.

Voices from the Past:

“What will be the result of meditation? Simply this, a man becomes what he thinks! ‘For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...’ (Proverbs 23:7). We become like what we think upon. Meditation restores calmness to the soul. ‘Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee...’ (Isaiah 26:3). Meditation leads to stability of life. ‘He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water...’ (Psalm 1:3)... Meditation paves the way for divine direction. ‘Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths’ (Proverbs 3:5-6). Meditation will protect and guard our



Where to Next?

MEDITATION...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 10 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Select a theme or Scripture passage for your time of meditation, applying full attention to that specific area of spiritual thought.
2. Allow your mind to wander within the framework of your chosen theme. Ponder all aspects of the theme carefully in reference to God.
3. Ask questions about this theme that might lead you into an even deeper mental study of the subject.
4. Bring Scripture into all phases of meditation. This strengthens your awareness that God's Word is the necessary foundation for all meaningful spiritual thought.

Step 11 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Eleven _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Divine _____

Action Focus: Supernatural _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Prayer is not a soliloquy, where everything comes from one side; but it is a dialogue, where God’s child listens to what the Father says, and replies to it, and then asks for the things he needs. Listening to God’s voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine.”

—Andrew Murray

LISTENING: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in



the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:15-17 (NIV)

Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.

Revelation 2:29 (MSG)

Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.

Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)

If you will listen obediently to what I say and keep my covenant, out of all peoples you'll be my special treasure.

Exodus 19:5 (MSG)

God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received a *command* to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

Numbers 23:19-20 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“Quietness in a man or a woman is a mark of strength. Noise is not eloquence. Loudness is not power. In all the departments of life it is the quiet forces that affect most. Therefore if we would be strong, we must learn to be quiet. A quiet heart will give a quiet life.”

—J. R. Miller

Summary Definition of LISTENING...

A time to _____



Voices from the Past:

“Be still sometimes—so still that God may speak,
And make His voice heard in thy waiting heart,
Sometimes the husk of His calm presence seek;
From all the world’s confusion come apart,
And silence even praise, and breathe no prayer,
But only wait for Him to meet thee there.”

—Edith H. Divall

LISTENING: A Prayer Application

Receive _____ instruction.

Voices from the Past:

“All practical power over sin and over men depends on closet communion. Those who abide in the secret place with God show themselves mighty to conquer evil, and strong to work and to war for God. They are the seers who read His secrets; they know His will; they are the meek whom He guides in judgment and teaches His way. They are His prophets, who speak for Him to others and ever forecast things to come. They watch the signs of the times and discover His tokens and read His signals.”

—Dr. A. T. Pierson

LISTENING: A Life Application

Develop a _____ spirit.



Where to Next?

LISTENING...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 11 in World-Changing Prayer

1. In the “listening” time of prayer, do not hesitate to ask God very specific questions about difficult problems or situations.
2. Search Scripture for specific answers to your questions. God most often speaks through His Word.
3. Mentally evaluate all circumstances that relate to a problem. Ask God to show you His plan through these circumstances.
4. Be prepared to write down any ideas God may share concerning the details of solving that particular problem.

Step 12 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

Step Twelve _____

Basic Definition

The Act of Joyful _____

Action Focus: Verbalized _____

Key Word: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Those who pray well will praise well; prayer and praise are the two lips of the soul; two bells to ring out the sweet and acceptable music in the ears of God; two angels to climb Jacob’s ladder; two altars smoking with incense.”

—Charles Spurgeon

PRAISE: A Biblical Basis

Scripture:

So let Heaven rejoice, let Earth be jubilant, and pass the word among the nations, “God reigns!”

1 Chronicles 16:31 (MSG)



Celebrate all the good things that God, your God, has given you and your family...

Deuteronomy 26:11 (MSG)

But let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy. Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord—rejoice in his presence!

Psalms 68:3-4 (NLT)

Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

Psalms 105:3-4 (NLT)

I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all he has done. I will rejoice in his great goodness to Israel, which he has granted according to his mercy and love.

Isaiah 63:7 (NLT)

Let those on the hunt for you sing and celebrate. Let all who love your saving way say over and over, "God is mighty!"

Psalms 70:4 (MSG)

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

Philippians 4:4 (NLT)

Voices from the Past:

"We have had much teaching on prayer, but until recently have had little on praise. Yet there is much more emphasis in the Bible on praise than prayer. In the Bible, the entire universe, animate and inanimate, is envisioned as one grand chorus of praise to the Creator. Notice especially Psalms 148-150. Psalm 145:10 declares that 'all thy works shall praise thee...' Praise is the highest



occupation of angels. Heaven is one grand paean of praise. Cherubim and seraphim unceasingly adore Him. Surely that which occupies the total time and energies of heaven must be a fitting pattern for earth.”

—Paul Billheimer

Summary Definition of PRAISE...

A time to _____

Voices from the Past:

“Happy is he whose fingers are wedded to his harp. He who praises God for mercies shall never lack a mercy for which to praise.”

—Charles Spurgeon

PRAISE: A Prayer Application

Verbalize God’s _____.

Voices from the Past:

“Solomon prevailed much with God in prayer at the dedication of the temple, but it was the voice of praise which brought down the glory and filled the house.”

—D. L. Moody

PRAISE: A Life Application

Cultivate a _____ attitude.



Where to Next?

PRAISE...

Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary
Step 12 in World-Changing Prayer

1. End your prayer time with specific praise concerning God's greatness. Focus your praise on His omnipotence (power), His omniscience (knowledge), and His omnipresence (presence).
2. With the Psalmist, "praise God because He has done it." Look back at your devotional hour and praise God for hearing each of your requests.
3. Let your spirit "rejoice" for a few moments at the close of prayer. Repeat the universal word for praise, "Hallelujah!" Don't be afraid to shout it out!
4. As Martin Luther suggested, when your devotional hour concludes, make your "amen" strong. Confess with authority that you believe God has heard your every prayer.

Seven Keys to Cultivating a Consistent Commitment for Daily Prayer!

Keepers of the Flame

An Invitation to Serve as a Watchman on a Continuing Wall of Prayer!



Every Home for Christ's Wall of Prayer located in The Jericho Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



A Call to the Wall!

Foundational Scripture:

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 18:1 (MSG)

O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord. Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth.

Isaiah 62:6-7 (NLT)

Give Aaron and his sons this command: “These are the regulations for the burnt offering: The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar... The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.”

Leviticus 6:9, 12-13 (NIV)

The Lord said to Moses, “Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually. This is the lampstand that stands in the Tabernacle, in front of the inner curtain that shields the Ark of the Covenant. Aaron must keep the lamps burning in the Lord’s presence all night. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation. Aaron and the priests must tend the lamps on the pure gold lampstand continually in the Lord’s presence.

Leviticus 24:1-4 (NLT)



Voices from the Past:

“Fire is the motivating power in prayer. We need to have the live coal from God’s altar in our hearts. The flame is not mental power or fleshly energy. It is the very being of the Spirit of God. Prayer ascends by fire. There is no incense without fire; no prayer without flame.”

—E. M. Bounds

Keepers of the Flame

A Case for Continual Prayer

The Example of David’s Tent

The Tabernacle of David

Scripture:

So he left Asaph and his relatives before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to minister before the ark continually, as every day’s work required.

1 Chronicles 16:37 (NASB)

“Continual Prayer”: A Definition

Hebrew Word: *TAMIYD*

Meaning “regularly” or “_____”

(*Tamiyd* literally means “to _____.”)

Vine’s *Expository Dictionary of Old Testament Words* says of *tamiyd*: “*Tamiyd* signifies what is to be done regularly or continuously without interruption.”

Scripture:

After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the



LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,
Says the LORD who does all these things.

Acts 15:16-17 (NKJV)

Note:

Verse 17 in the New Living Translation reads:

“...so that the rest of humanity might find the Lord...”

Seven Keys for Becoming a “Keeper of the Flame”

A Call to the Wall!

Key One:

_____ the critical necessity of
maintaining a _____ prayer habit.

Scripture:

[Samuel said to the people of Israel:] Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

1 Samuel 12:23 (NKJV)

Two Principles for Consistent Prayer

Principle One:

“You will never _____ time for daily prayer; you must _____ time for daily prayer!”

Principle Two:

“Something _____ when I pray that does not happen if I don’t. Therefore, if I have not prayed today, something has gone _____ in God’s Kingdom _____ for my life and for the lives of those for whom I may have been _____.”



Voices from the Past:

“I care not what bleak perpetual crisis we may come through, or what delightful spiritual Canaan we may enter, no blessing of the Christian life becomes continually possessed unless we are men and women of regular, daily, unhurried, secret lingerings in prayer.”

—J. Sidlow Baxter

Key Two:

_____ a set time for developing
_____ in daily prayer.

Scripture:

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:2-3 (NLT)

Voices from the Past:

“Those who have no set time for prayer do not pray.”

—Andrew Murray

Key Three:

_____ a daily reminder to help you keep
your prayer _____.

Scripture:

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of



the tribes of Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.

Joshua 4:4-7 (NIV)

Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

Jeremiah 2:32 (NIV)

Post a small 3x5 card on a bathroom mirror:

“Don’t forget your appointment today with Jesus!”

Key Four:

_____ a specific _____ to meet
God daily in prayer.

Scripture:

Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 6:6 (MSG)

Key Five:

_____ a plan for personal prayer that is
balanced and _____.



Scripture:

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

Amplified Translation:

“...all manner of prayer.”

Prayer Planning Suggestions...

- Use the book *The Hour That Changes the World*.
- Use the EHC *World Prayer Map*.
- Sign up as a Watchman Warrior.
- Keep an up-to-date prayer list.

Key Six:

_____ your prayer tools and lists by keeping them in a convenient prayer _____ (plastic bag).

Key Seven:

_____ all interruptions _____ that might disrupt or hinder your times of prayer.

Scripture:

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping.

1 Peter 5:8 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“When you... decide to practice a more abundant prayer life, Satan will start a new stratagem of making your busier, piling on your works, occupying your time



with such needs that you have no opportunity to pray. The enemy will use matters such as duty, mission, and responsibility to create his best arguments for stopping our prayer.”

—Watchman Nee

The Moravian 100-Year Wall of Prayer!

A Case Study in Perseverance in Prayer

Herrnhut, Saxony (Modern Germany)

“The Watch of the Lord” (1722)

Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf

May 12, 1727 — Revival Comes

Voices from the Past:

“The whole place represented truly a visible habitation of God among men.”

—Nikolaus von Zinzendorf

The August Decision...

August 27, 1727 — A covenant of 24 men and 24 women is entered into to sustain continuous prayer.

Decades later, an entry in a journal documenting the Moravian prayer movement reads:

“The sacred fire was never permitted to go out on the altar (Leviticus 6:3) so in a congregation which is the temple of the living God, wherever He has His altar and fire, the intercession of his saints should incessantly rise up to Him.”

—from *The Memorial Days of the Renewed Church of the Brethren* (1824).



Join Every Home for Christ's Global Wall of Prayer Today

Scripture:

"Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)



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The Power of Praying God's Promises

Scripture:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG)

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)

The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.



The life-maps of GOD are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of GOD are plain and easy on the eyes.

Psalm 19:7-8 (MSG)

Promise-Praying

Fourteen Benefits of Praying God's Word

Benefit One:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Benefit Two:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word... I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9, 11 (NIV)

Benefit Three:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

Psalm 119:91-92 (NIV)

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true. Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight.

Psalm 119:142-143 (NIV)



Benefit Four:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

Psalm 119:28-29 (NIV)

Benefit Five:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

Psalm 119:59-60 (NIV)

Benefit Six:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

Do good to your servant according to your word, LORD. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.

Psalm 119:65-66 (NIV)

Benefit Seven:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

Psalm 119:133 (NIV)



Benefit Eight:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.

Psalm 119:76 (NIV)

Benefit Nine:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

Psalm 119:97-98 (NIV)

Benefit Ten:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.

Psalm 119:125 (NIV)

Benefit Eleven:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalm 119:103 (NIV)



Benefit Twelve:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.

Psalm 119:114 (NIV)

Benefit Thirteen:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130 (NIV)

Benefit Fourteen:

Promise-Praying Releases _____.

Scripture:

May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word. May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

Psalm 119:169-170 (NIV)

The Power of City-Wide Watchmen

A Call for City-Wide Watchmen

God's Strategy for Worshiping Watchmen

Scripture:

Because I love Zion, because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent. I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch. The nations will see your righteousness. Kings will be blinded by your glory. And the LORD will give you a new name. The LORD will hold you in his hands for all to see—a splendid crown in the hands of God. Never again will you be called the Godforsaken City or the Desolate Land. Your new name will be the City of God's Delight and the Bride of God, for the LORD delights in you and will claim you as his own... O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray to the LORD day and night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all you who pray.

Isaiah 62:1-4, 6 (NLT)

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence,



and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV)

Seven Observations and Factors for Impacting Our City for Jesus

Scripture:

This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: “Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NLT)

Observation One

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor One: The _____ factor

Scripture:

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up...

Joshua 5:13 (NIV)

Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest.

John 4:35 (NLT)



Observation Two

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Two: The _____ factor

Scripture:

Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence...
Joshua 5:14 (NIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Observation Three

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Three: The _____ factor

Scripture:

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men."
Joshua 6:2 (NIV)

Our Promise Is:

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
Matthew 24:14 (NIV)



Observation Four

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Four: The _____ factor

Scripture:

March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Joshua 6:3 (NIV)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Observation Five

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Five: The _____ factor

Scripture:

“When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in.”

Joshua 6:5 (NIV)

Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)



Observation Six

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Six: The _____ factor

Scripture:

...When the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.
Joshua 6:20 (NIV)

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 (NIV)

Observation Seven

The _____ required for impacting our city for Jesus

Factor Seven: The _____ factor

Scripture:

“...See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men...” On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!”

Joshua 6:2, 15-16 (NIV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

The Power of First-Love Praying (Part 1)

Scripture:

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first...

Revelation 2:2-5 (NIV)

Going Back to Go Forward! Pioneers... Then and Now Every Generation Has Its Pioneers!

Scripture:

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way...

Hebrews 12:1-2 (MSG)



Keep a sharp eye out for weeds of bitter discontent. A thistle or two gone to seed can ruin a whole garden in no time.

Hebrews 12:15 (MSG)

The Esau Syndrome:

Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. You well know how Esau later regretted that impulsive act and wanted God's blessing—but by then it was too late, tears or no tears.

Hebrews 12:16-17 (MSG)

The Main Heading in The Message Bible Reads:

“An Unshakable Kingdom”

Unlike your ancestors, you didn't come to Mount Sinai—all that volcanic blaze and earthshaking rumble—to hear God speak. The earsplitting words and soul-searching message terrified them and they begged him to stop. When they heard the words—“If an animal touches the Mountain, it's as good as dead”—they were afraid to move. Even Moses was terrified.

Hebrews 12:18-21 (MSG)

The Text Continues:

No, that's not your experience at all. You've come to Mount Zion, the city where the living God resides... you've come to Jesus, who presents us with a new covenant, a fresh charter from God...

Hebrews 12:22, 24 (MSG)

So don't turn a deaf ear to these gracious words. If those who ignored earthly warnings didn't get away with it, what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly



warnings? His voice that time shook the earth to its foundations; this time—he’s told us this quite plainly—he’ll also rock the heavens: “One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern.”

Hebrews 12:25-26 (MSG)

The phrase “one last shaking” means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered.

Hebrews 12:27 (MSG)

Do you see what we’ve got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. He’s actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won’t quit until it’s all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

Hebrews 12:28-29 (MSG)

A “First-Love” Lesson from the Old Testament!

God spoke to Jacob: “Go back to Bethel. Stay there and build an altar to the God who revealed himself to you when you were running for your life from your brother Esau.” Jacob told his family and all those who lived with him, “Throw out all the alien gods which you have, take a good bath and put on clean clothes, we’re going to Bethel. I’m going to build an altar there to the God who answered me when I was in trouble and has stuck with me everywhere I’ve gone since.”

Genesis 35:1-3 (MSG)

God revealed himself once again to Jacob... and blessed him: “Your name is Jacob (Heel); but that’s your name no longer. From now on your name is Israel (God-Wrestler).”

The Power of First-Love Praying (Part 2)

Remembering Bethel:

Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it. Then GOD was right before him, saying, “I am GOD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.” Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “GOD is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.” Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God’s House). The name of the town had been Luz until then... “This



stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will mark this as a place where God lives. And everything you give me, I'll return a tenth to you."

Genesis 28:10-19, 22 (MSG)

This "grandson of Abraham" would be given the same promise God gave his grandfather, that through him all the nations of the earth would be blessed...

Scripture:

"All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I'll stay with you, I'll protect you wherever you go, and I'll bring you back to this very ground. I'll stick with you until I've done everything I promised you."

Genesis 28:14-15 (MSG)

Jacob's reaction is understandable:

He whispered in awe, "Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God's House. This is the Gate of Heaven."

Genesis 28:17 (MSG)

Jacob takes the very stone that had been his pillow and turns it into a pillar of praise to God.

Scripture:

Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar...

Genesis 28:18 (MSG)

Thirteen Back to Bethel "First-Love" Indicators

"First-Love" Indicator One:

Bethels represent divine _____ more than specific _____.



“First-Love” Indicator Two:

Bethels are almost always _____ and involve God’s _____ presence.

“First-Love” Indicator Three:

Bethels frequently occur during _____ of _____ or desperation.

“First-Love” Indicator Four:

Bethels often include _____ promises from God for the _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Five:

Bethels are relatively _____ and are often life-changing, “defining _____” in one’s life.

“First-Love” Indicator Six:

Bethels most often occur during _____ of _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Seven:

Bethels often include a _____ of the _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Eight:

Bethels _____ to us the awesome _____ of God.”

“First-Love” Indicator Nine:

Bethels often impact _____ seasons of one’s _____.



“First-Love” Indicator Ten:

Bethels help _____ one’s personal _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Eleven:

Bethels almost always _____ a personal _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Twelve:

Bethels seldom happen in a _____ of _____.

“First-Love” Indicator Thirteen:

Bethels are sometimes _____ or _____ experiences!

The Power of United Prayer

Timeless Insights from The Early Church

Scripture:

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:31-33 (NKJV)

When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.

Matthew 18:19-20 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“You have need not only for secret solitary [times of prayer], but also of public united prayer. And our Lord gives us a very special promise for the united prayer of two or three who agree in what they ask... it is in the union and fellowship



of believers that the Spirit can manifest His full power.”

—Andrew Murray

The Sevenfold Impact of United Prayer!

First Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

...the place where they were assembled together was shaken...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory... The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.

Haggai 2:7, 9 (NIV)

Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens... so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:26-27 (NIV)

Second Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me



everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Voices from the Past:

“Jesus knew and spoke about the added power that comes when several are praying together. It is a most glorious experience of spiritual power, and of fellowship together.”

—Sam Shoemaker

Third Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

...they spoke the word of God with boldness...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

Fourth Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...

Acts 4:32 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other’s hearts as in prayer.”

—Charles Finney



Fifth Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

...neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common...

Acts 4:32 (NKJV)

Sixth Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...

Acts 4:33 (NKJV)

Power is Authority!

Scripture:

...I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

Luke 10:19 (NLT)

Seventh Impact:

A Supernatural _____

Scripture:

And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:33 (NIV)



A literal translation reads:

“...and God’s great favor was upon them all.”

Scripture:

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:8 (NIV)

A paraphrase of this might read:

God liked what he saw in Noah!

The Noted Bible Teacher S. D. Gordon Said:

“The great people of the earth are the people who pray.
Prayer isn’t the only thing, but it is the chief thing!”

The real victory in all service is won beforehand in prayer.
Service is merely gathering up the results.

The Power of God-Sized Prayers

Praying Circles around Life's Greatest Challenges!

Foundational Scriptures:

Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Genesis 18:13-14 (NIV)

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you...” Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

Jeremiah 32:17, 26-27 (NIV)

In the morning, walking along the road, they saw the fig tree, shriveled to a dry stick. Peter, remembering what had happened the previous day, said to him, “Rabbi, look—the fig tree you cursed is shriveled up!” Jesus was matter-of-fact: “Embrace this God-life. Really embrace it, and nothing will be too much for you. This mountain, for instance: Just say, ‘Go jump in the lake’—no shuffling or shilly-shallying—and it’s as good as done. That’s why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from



small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything."

Mark 11:20-24 (MSG)

Four Biblical "Faith-Circle" Samples

"Sample" Defined:

"A _____ or _____ that is representative of a _____; an entity that is representative of a _____."

Faith-Circle One:

_____ confronts the _____ Sea!

(The Red _____ Circle)

Scripture:

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground... Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:15-16; 21-22 (NIV)

Faith-Circle Two:

_____ confronts the setting _____!

(The Setting _____ Circle)

Scripture:

The day God gave the Amorites up to Israel, Joshua spoke to God, with all Israel listening: "Stop, Sun, over



Gibeon; Halt, Moon, over Aijalon Valley.” And Sun stopped, Moon stood stock still until he defeated his enemies. (You can find this written in the Book of Jashar.) The sun stopped in its tracks in mid sky; just sat there all day. There’s never been a day like that before or since—God took orders from a human voice! Truly, God fought for Israel.

Joshua 10:12-14 (MSG)

Faith-Circle Three:

_____ confronts the _____ of _____!

(The Mount _____ Circle)

Scripture:

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good...” Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar



in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"

1 Kings 18:20-24, 30-39 (NIV)

Faith-Circle Four:

_____ confronts the _____ man!

(The Gate _____ Circle)

Scripture:

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but



what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

Acts 3:1-9 (NKJV)

Encountering a Whirlwind of Worship!

Scripture:

O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations... Your thunder roared from the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world! The earth trembled and shook.

Psalms 77:13-14, 18 (NLT)

The Message for verse 18 reads:

“From Whirlwind came your thundering voice,
Lightning exposed the world, Earth reeled and
rocked.”

“Judah is now my weapon, the bow I’ll pull, setting Ephraim as an arrow to the string... From now on people are my swords.” Then God will come into view, his arrows flashing like lightning! Master God will blast his trumpet and set out in a whirlwind. God-of-the-Angel-Armies will protect them—all-out war, the war to end all wars... Their God will save the day. He’ll rescue them. They’ll become like sheep, gentle and soft, or like gemstones in a crown, catching all the colors of the sun. Then how they’ll shine! shimmer! glow!...

Zechariah 9:13-17 (MSG)



Just before God took Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on a walk out of Gilgal... And so it happened. They were walking along and talking. Suddenly a chariot and horses of fire came between them and Elijah went up in a whirlwind to heaven.

2 Kings 2:1, 11 (MSG)

A Personal Interpretation:

Elijah: The _____ Generation

Elisha: The _____ Generation

The Whirlwind: The _____ and _____
of God!

Twice in Job We Read:

Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind...

Job 38:1 and 40:6 (NLT)

A Vision of a Vortex

A Personal Testimony

“Vortex” Defined:

“A _____ motion... within a _____
area... that sucks _____ near, toward its
_____; a place or situation regarded as drawing
to its _____ all that surrounds it.”

“Spiral” Defined:

“Circling around a _____ at a continuously
increasing or decreasing distance.”

The Significance of Gilgal

God told Joshua, “Command the priests carrying the Chest of The Testimony to come up from the Jordan.” Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the



Jordan.” They did it. The priests carrying God’s Chest of the Covenant came up from the middle of the Jordan. As soon as the soles of the priests’ feet touched dry land, the Jordan’s waters resumed their flow within the banks, just as before. The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month. They set up camp at The Gilgal (The Circle) to the east of Jericho. Joshua erected a monument at The Gilgal, using the twelve stones that they had taken from the Jordan... “Yes, God, your God, dried up the Jordan’s waters for you until you had crossed, just as God, your God, did at the Red Sea, which had dried up before us until we had crossed. This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong God’s rescuing hand is and so that you would hold God in solemn reverence always.”

Joshua 4:15-20, 23-24 (MSG)

“He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever.”

Joshua 4:24 (NLT)

The Power of Systematic Prayer

Three Secrets to Power

Defining Moments for World-Changing Prayer

First Defining Moment for World-Changing Prayer

First secret: “The _____”

Scripture:

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV)

Summary:

Effective prayer needs a _____ of _____ retreat.

Second Defining Moment for World-Changing Prayer

Second secret: “The _____”

Scripture:

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalms 2:8 (NIV)



Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

Now, son of man, take a clay tablet, put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. Then lay siege to it...

Ezekiel 4:1-2 (NIV)

Summary:

Effective prayer needs a _____ evangelism _____.

Third Defining Moment for World-Changing Prayer

Third secret: “The _____ _____”

Scripture:

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?... Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Matthew 26:36-41 (NIV)



And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Luke 22:44 (NIV)

Summary:

Effective prayer needs an _____
with_____.

Systematic Prayer: A Practical Plan

From *The Hour that Changes the World* by Dick Eastman
(Chosen Books)

“Systematic” Defined:

“Characterized by or based on a _____.
Purposefully _____; methodical.”

Systematic prayer is _____ prayer.

“Complete” Defined:

“Having all the necessary _____, elements or
_____.”

Scripture:

...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of
prayers and requests...

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

Pray at all times... with all [manner of] prayer and
entreaty...

Ephesians 6:18 (AMPC)

Cultivating Systematic Prayer

“My Most Important Appointment Today Is with Jesus!”

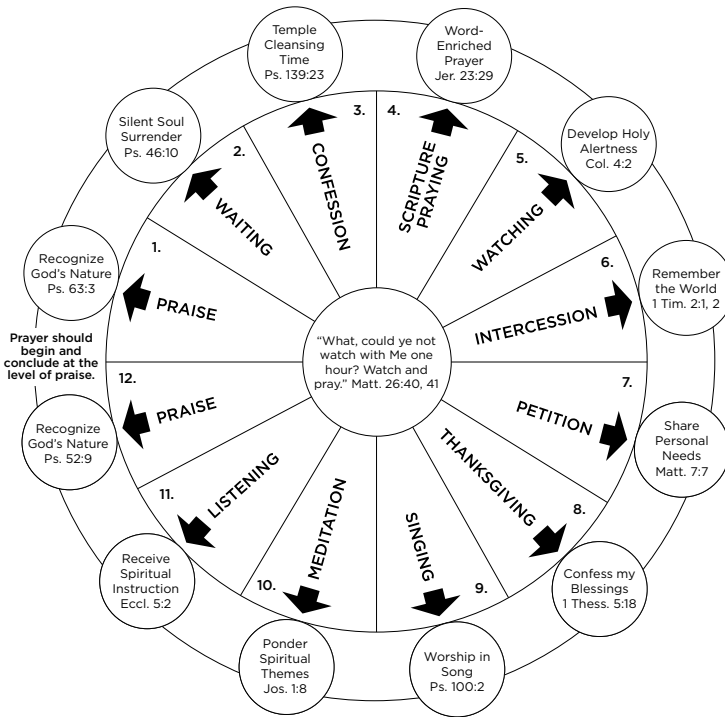


The Hour That Changes the World!

Scripture:

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:40-41 (NKJV)



Step One: _____

A Time of _____



Scripture:

...My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you.

Psalm 63:3-4 (MSG)

Step Two: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning...

Psalm 130:5-6 (NIV)

Step Three: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD..."

Psalm 32:5 (NIV)

Step Four: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

Step Five: _____

A Time of _____



Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Step Six: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority...

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

Step Seven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

Step Eight: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

Step Nine: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

...Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always



giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)

Step Ten: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Step Eleven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

Step Twelve: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

Psalms 71:14 (NIV)

The Power of Strategic-Level Praying

Cultivating Prayer that Counts!

Foundational Scripture:

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations [*ethnos*].

Mark 13:10 (NIV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world [*oikoumene*] as a testimony to all nations [*ethnos*], and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

It is true that I am an ordinary, weak human being, but I don't use human plans and methods to win my battles. I use God's mighty weapons, not those made by men, to knock down the devil's strongholds. These weapons can break down every proud argument against God and every wall that can be built to keep men from finding him. With these weapons I can capture rebels and bring them back to God and change them into men whose hearts' desire is obedience to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (TLB)

Definitions:

"Stronghold" (*Ochuroma*)

"To fortify through holding"



Strong: _____

Hold: _____

A Stronghold is a “power grip!”

Foundational Scripture:

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

No one can enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up [NKJV: “binds”] the strong man.

Mark 3:27 (NIV)

The Why of Our Warfare:

In a Word: _____

Only Two Things Are Eternal: God’s Word and Man’s Soul

Three Unalterable Convictions (The “Why” of the EHC Ministry!)

1. The Great Commission must be taken _____.

Scripture:

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Mark 16:15 (NIV)



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 5:42 (NIV)

2. Without _____ the task is _____.

Scripture:

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17:20-23 (NIV)

3. Prayer will _____ every _____ that stands in the way!

Scripture:

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Mark 11:22-23 (NKJV)



And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

“Strategic-Level” Defined:

“Strategic”: That which counts the most.

“Level”: The place or position of a person, object or concept in relation to another.

1. Prayer that _____ the most!
2. Prayer that takes us to another _____!
3. Prayer that confronts the _____!
4. Prayer that concerns the _____!
5. Prayer that is _____ in nature!

Note:

The Reason Joshua Set up 12 Stones after Crossing the Jordan...

Scripture:

He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever.

Joshua 4:24 (NLT)

Joshua Was a Strategic Thinker!

Seven Characteristics of Strategic-Level Prayer

1. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____



A Spirit of _____

Scripture:

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Luke 10:19 (NIV)

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases...

Luke 9:1 (NIV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

2. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____

A Spirit of _____

Scripture:

The Lord is a man of war.

Exodus 15:3 (KJV)

NIV:

The LORD is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Scripture:

I urge you brothers by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Romans 15:30 (NIV)



The Message:

...Pray strenuously with and for me... that I will be delivered...

Scripture:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:7-8 (NIV)

3. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____

A Spirit of _____

Scripture:

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16 (KJV)

Amplified Version:

[The fervent prayer of a righteous person is] dynamic in its working.

Scripture:

Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day... And He [the Man] said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he [Jacob] said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

Genesis 32:24, 26 (NKJV)

4. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____

A Spirit of _____



Scripture:

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.”

Mark 11:22-23 (NIV)

Elijah’s Prayer at Mt. Carmel:

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to you again. Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

1 Kings 18:37-38 (NKJV)

5. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Key Word: _____

A Spirit of _____

Scripture:

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

Matthew 21:22 (KJV)

NIV:

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

6. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____

A Spirit of _____



Voices from the Past:

“Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.”

—Jonathan Swift, *Gulliver’s Travels*

Scripture:

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Jeremiah 1:9-10 (NIV)

NKJV:

“...to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

Scripture:

As it is written: “I have made you [Abraham] a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Romans 4:17 (NIV)

KJV:

“God... quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”

Scripture:

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

Someone has wisely said...

“Faith is reaching into nowhere, grabbing hold of nothing, and hanging on until it becomes something!”



7. Strategic-level prayer is _____ prayer.

Keyword: _____

A Spirit of _____

Scripture:

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him... “salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

Revelation 12:7-12 (NIV)

Note:

“...in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

Revelation 10:7 (NIV)

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)

The Power of God's Manifest Presence

Prayer Shapes History

Voices from the Past:

“Generally, if not uniformly, prayer is both starting point and goal to every movement in which are the elements of permanent progress. Wherever the Church has been aroused and the world’s wickedness arrested, somebody, somewhere has been praying.”

— Dr. A. T. Pierson

Scripture:

What a beautiful home, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies! I’ve always longed to live in a place like this, Always dreamed of a room in your house... how blessed all those in whom you live, whose lives become roads you travel; They wind through lonesome valleys, come upon brooks, discover cool springs and pools brimming with rain! God-traveled, these roads curve up the mountain, and at the last turn—Zion! God in full view!

Psalm 84:1-2, 5-7 (MSG)

Then GOD will bring back the ancient pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night and mark Mount Zion and everyone in it with his glorious presence, his immense, protective presence, shade from the burning



sun and shelter from the driving rain.

Isaiah 4:5-6 (MSG)

The Threefold Presence of God:

1. God's _____ Presence. (I believe it!)
2. God's _____ Presence. (I sense it!)
3. God's _____ Presence. (I see it!)

Scripture:

After this, the man brought me back around to the east gateway. Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters, and the whole landscape shone with his glory.

Ezekiel 43:1-2 (NLT)

When all the work Solomon had done for the temple of the LORD was finished, he brought in the things his father David had dedicated—the silver and gold and all the furnishings—and he placed them in the treasuries of God's temple.

2 Chronicles 5:1 (NIV)

The Treasures of the House of God

Facts about Solomon's Temple:

- According to the Illinois Society of Architects (in 1925), the cost of Solomon's Temple at existing values of the time would have been about \$87,000,000,000 (87 billion).
- According to Vallapardus, the talents of gold, silver and brass in construction were worth \$34,399,110,000 (34 billion). The worth of the jewels is generally placed at a figure usually as high.
- The vessels of gold, according to the historian



Josephus, would be valued at 140,000 talents. When reduced to coinage in 1925, according to Chapel's Reduction Tables, the total would equal \$1,876,481,515 (1925).

- The vessels of silver, according to the same authority, would cost even more: \$3,246,720,000.
- The priests' vestments and robes of the singers were worth \$10,050,000.
- The trumpets alone were worth \$1,000,000.

Additional Facts about Solomon's Temple:

To the above, we must add the costs of building materials, labor, etc.

There were: 10,000 men hewing cedars
 70,000 bearers of burden
 80,000 hewers of stone (stone cutters)
 3,850 overseers (managers)

A total of: 163,850 laborers.

...All of whom worked for 7 years and 6 months. In 1925, this cost was estimated to be \$344,385,440.

Concluding Facts about Solomon's Temple:

- The materials other than gold, silver and jewels were valued at \$12,726,685,000 (12.7 billion U.S. dollars).
- The total value today would be 12 times the value in 1925 of 87 million USD or approximately 1,044,000,000,000 (over one trillion U.S. dollars).
- Note: One trillion dollars is equal to one million million. Thus it would take one million people, each with one million dollars, to equal a trillion dollars.



The Temple Was Extraordinary... But Something Was Missing!

Dedicating Solomon's Temple

Four Defining “Manifest Presence” Moments:

First Defining Moment

The _____ of God's _____ is brought in.

Scripture:

The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim.

2 Chronicles 5:7 (NIV)

Second Defining Moment

The _____ are _____ before _____.

Scripture:

The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions.

2 Chronicles 5:11 (NIV)

Third Defining Moment

The _____ are _____ in _____.

Scripture:

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord



and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.”

2 Chronicles 5:13 (NIV)

Fourth Defining Moment

The _____ is _____ with the _____ of God's _____.

Scripture:

...Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (NIV)

An Observation:

God's _____, when it comes, will _____ everything _____ out of its way!

Making Room for God's Glory

A Personal Case Study

Nine Results of a Revelation of God's Manifest Presence in Revival

Taken from A. Skevington Wood, British Methodist Scholar

Scripture:

This prayer was sung by the prophet Habakkuk: I have heard all about you, LORD, and I am filled with awe by the amazing things you have done. In this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as you did in years gone by. Show us your power to save us. And in your anger, remember your mercy. I see God, the Holy One, moving across the deserts from Edom and Mount Paran. His brilliant splendor fills the heavens, and the earth is



filled with his praise! What a wonderful God he is!
Habakkuk 3:1-3 (NLT)

1. An _____ awareness of _____.
2. An _____ sensitivity to _____.
3. A _____ concern for the _____.
4. An _____ concentration on _____.
5. An _____ standard of _____.
6. A _____ loyalty to the _____.
7. An _____ realization of _____.
8. An _____ zeal in _____.
9. A _____ for social _____.

The Real Victory!

“The great people of the earth are the people who pray. Prayer isn’t the only thing, but it is the chief thing. All spiritual victories are won beforehand in prayer. Christian service is merely gathering up the results of prayer.”

— Dr. S. D. Gordon

Additional Notes and Comments:

The Power of Practicing God's Presence

Scripture:

So now Israel, what do you think GOD expects from you? Just this: Live in his presence in holy reverence, follow the road he sets out for you, love him, serve GOD, your God, with everything you have in you...

Deuteronomy 10:12 (MSG)

No doubt about it! God is good—good to good people, good to the good-hearted. But I nearly missed it, missed seeing his goodness. I was looking the other way, looking up to the people... Until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture... I'm still in your presence, but you've taken my hand. You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me. You're all I want in heaven! You're all I want on earth... I'm in the very presence of GOD—oh, how refreshing it is! I've made Lord GOD my home. GOD, I'm telling the world what you do!

Psalms 73:1-3, 17, 23-25, 28 (MSG)

Brother Lawrence (1614-1691)

Brother Lawrence, born Nicholas Herman, a lowly and unlearned man, who, after having been a footman and soldier, was admitted as a lay brother among the barefooted Carmelites at Paris in 1666, and was afterwards known as "Brother Lawrence."



A Prayer of Brother Lawrence:

Lord of all pots and pans and things... Make me a saint by getting meals, And washing up the plates!

Voices from the Past:

“...we need only to recognize GOD intimately present with us, to address ourselves to Him every moment, that we may beg His assistance for knowing His will in things doubtful, and for rightly performing those which we plainly see He requires of us, offering them to Him before we do them, and giving Him thanks when we have done.”

—Brother Lawrence

Scripture:

Moses, man of God, blessed the People of Israel with this blessing before his death. He said, GOD came down from Sinai, he dawned from Seir upon them; He radiated light from Mount Paran, coming with ten thousand holy angels and tongues of fire streaming from his right hand. Oh, how you love the people, all his holy ones are palmed in your left hand... Benjamin: “GOD’s beloved; GOD’s permanent residence. Encircled by GOD all day long, within whom GOD is at home.”

Deuteronomy 33:1-3, 12 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.”

—Brother Lawrence



Seven Keys for Practicing the Presence of God

“Practice” Defined:

- A. To do or perform habitually or customarily; to make a habit of.
- B. To do or perform (something) repeatedly in order to acquire or polish a skill.

“Presence” Defined:

- A. The state or fact of being present; something or someone in immediate proximity in time or space.
- B. A supernatural influence felt to be nearby.

“Presence” Key Number One: _____

Scripture:

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure.”

—Brother Lawrence

Application Number One:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a continual, _____ and focused _____ of the nature and character of God!

Voices from the Past:

“A little lifting up of the heart suffices; a little remembrance of God, an interior act of adoration... are prayers which, short though they may be, are



nevertheless very pleasing to God... Let him then think of God as much as possible so that he will gradually become accustomed to this little but holy exercise..."

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Two: _____

Scripture:

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1 (NKJV)

...I’m in the very presence of GOD—oh, how refreshing it is! I’ve made Lord GOD my home.

Psalm 73:28 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“I regard myself as the most wretched of all men, stinking and covered with sores... But this King, filled with goodness and mercy, far from chastising me, lovingly embraces me, makes me eat at His table, serves me with His own hands, gives me the keys of His treasures and treats me as His favorite. He talks with me and is delighted with me in a thousand and one ways..."

—Brother Lawrence

Application Number Two:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a continual, conscious, mental _____ of inhabiting God’s secret _____ of His ever-present glory.

Voices from the Past:

“We need neither art nor science for going to GOD, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to



nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only.”

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Three: _____

Scripture:

[God] gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“Do not be discouraged by the resistance you will encounter from your human nature; you must go against your human inclinations. Often, in the beginning, you will think that you are wasting time, but you must go on, be determined and persevere...”

—Brother Lawrence

Application Number Three:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a willingness to schedule _____ seasons of spending _____ time just to wait alone with and upon the Lord!

Voices from the Past:

“One way to recollect the mind easily in the time of prayer, and preserve it more in tranquility, is not to let it wander too far at other times. You should keep it strictly in the presence of God; and being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind



calm in the time of prayer, or at least to recall it from its wanderings.”

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Four: _____

Scripture:

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing.”

John 15:4-5 (MSG)

Application Number Four:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a moment-by-moment sense of _____ with and _____ alongside the Lord Himself as we go about our daily tasks.

Voices from the Past:

“The time of business does not differ with me from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were on my knees.”

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Five: _____

Scripture:

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come



to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

Voices from the Past:

“I wish you could convince yourself that GOD is often (in some sense) nearer to us, and more effectually present with us, in sickness than in health.”

—Brother Lawrence

Application Number Five:

To practice God's presence is to cultivate a continual recognition that Jesus Christ is our _____ companion in carrying our many _____ burdens and concerns.

Voices from the Past:

“I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of GOD. For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of centre of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing...”

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Six: _____

Voices from the Past:

“I drove away from my mind everything capable of spoiling the sense of the presence of God... I just make it my business to persevere in His holy presence... My



soul has had an habitual, silent, secret conversation with God.”

—Brother Lawrence

Scripture:

With many stories like these, [Jesus] presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

Mark 4:33-34 (MSG)

Application Number Six:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a habit of spending intimate seasons _____ and _____ with God both within and beyond the secret place of prayer.

Voices from the Past:

“That we should establish ourselves in a sense of GOD’s Presence, by continually conversing with Him. That it is a shameful thing to quit this conversation, to think of trifles and fooleries... That we need only to recognize God intimately present with us, to address ourselves to Him every moment...”

—Brother Lawrence

“Presence” Key Number Seven: _____

Voices from the Past:

“Our Lord does not ask much of us, merely a thought of Him from time to time, a little act of adoration... to thank Him for the graces, past and present, that He has



bestowed on you... Lift up your heart to Him during your meals and in company; the least little remembrance will always be the most pleasing to Him.”

—Brother Lawrence

Scripture:

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire
in His temple.

Psalm 27:4 (NKJV)

Voices from the Past:

“How happy we would be if we could find the treasure
of which the Gospel speaks; all else would be as nothing.
As it is boundless, the more you search for it the greater
the riches you will find; let us search unceasingly and let
us not stop until we have found it.”

—Brother Lawrence

Scripture:

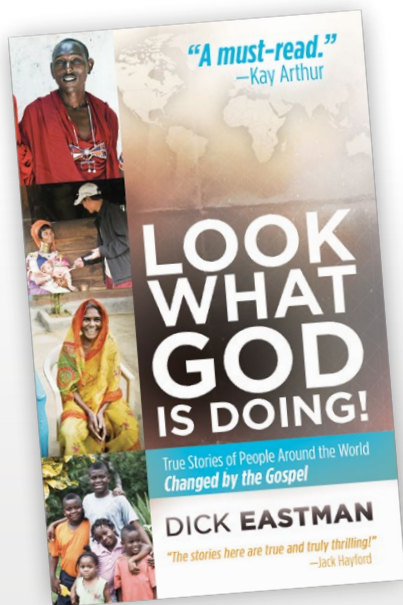
Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who
blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It
means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start
running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no
parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began
and finished this race we’re in.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (MSG)

Application Number Seven:

To practice God’s presence is to cultivate a continual
mental state of _____ the _____ of
the Lord in all we think and do throughout our daily
activities.

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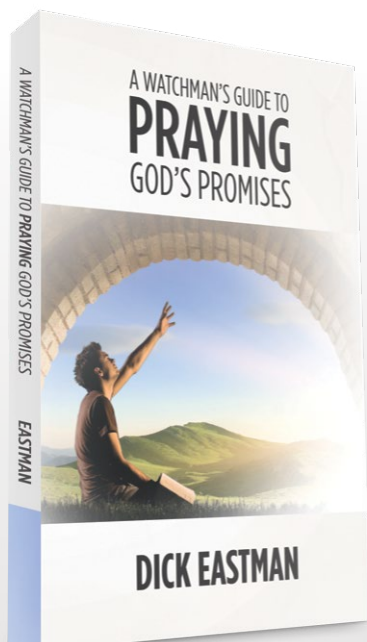
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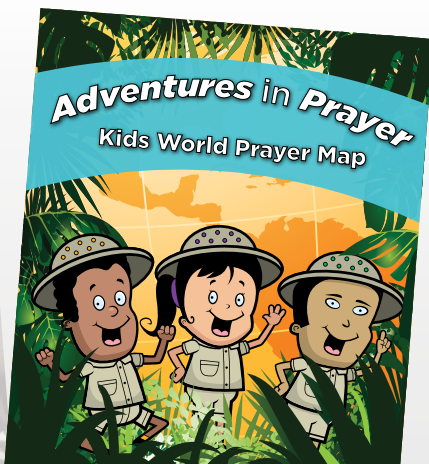
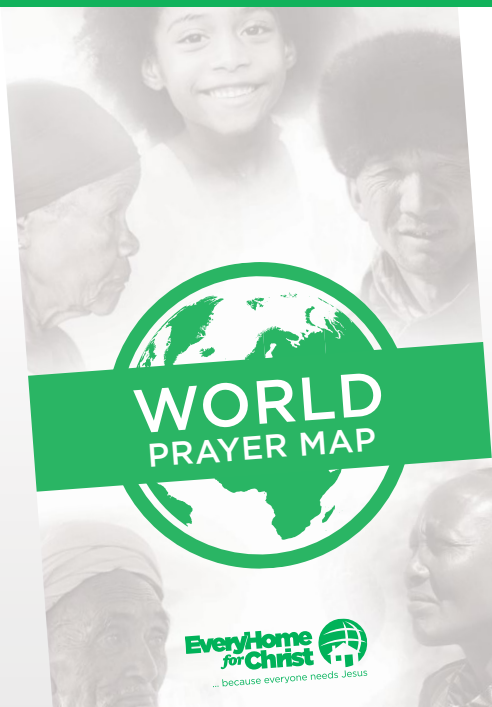
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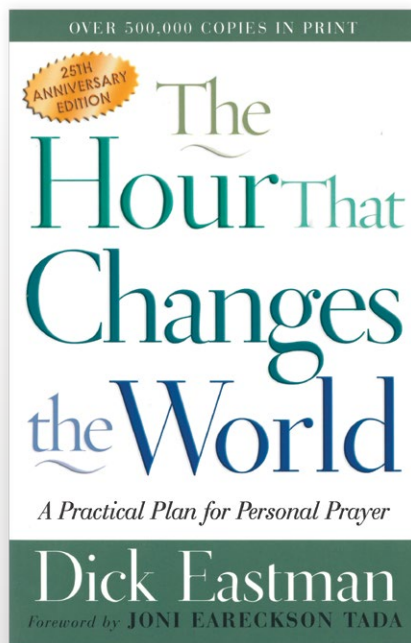
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