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THAT *I* AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10

*Unleashing the
Power of Prayer*

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1. "Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." Psalm 100:4. Powerful prayer begins with worship.
2. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. "In quietness and confidence will be your strength." Isaiah 30:15
3. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9. Confession is a requirement of prevailing powerful prayer. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18. (Remember the A.C.T.S. acrostic: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication)
4. "Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." I Peter 5:6. We must humbly submit to God's will. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6
5. "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22 Have faith that God is able to provide and do more than we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20
6. "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11 All prayer is spiritual warfare. "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." I John 4:4 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,

against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12

7. "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." Romans 8:14 Wait for the Lord and Listen for His voice. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 "Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD." Psalm 27:14
8. "You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:2-3 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you". Matthew 7:7 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." I John 5:14
9. Find Prayer Partners. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:19-20
10. Persistence. Keep focused. "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
11. Maintain an attitude of gratitude. "Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His loving-kindness is everlasting. Who can speak of the mighty deeds

of the LORD, Or can show forth all His praise?" Psalm 106:1-2

12. Put your confidence in the Lord. "...But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:6- Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us." I John 3:21-23

The main thing in all of this is that we receive our power by being plugged into the source of all power- the Creator God of the universe. Like a lamp that is unplugged, we do not shine our lights at all if we are not infused with His power. Even when we are plugged in, we may not be "switched on!" The key to powerful prayer is to be plugged in and turned on. Prayer then becomes less about us and more about God. We find we are mighty in prayer because we are praying according to the will of God. Our desires are becoming His desires, instead of us trying to make Him bend to our wishes and desires. In order to be powerful in prayer we need to have clean hands and hearts. We must not regard iniquity in our hearts nor give the devil a foothold in our lives. Purity of heart will result in powerful prayer.

From E.M. Bounds: (Selections from: *Power Through Prayer, The Power of Prayer, Weapon of Prayer and Guide to Spiritual Warfare..*)

Evangelism and Intercession: "Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men."

Prevailing Prayer: "Spiritual work is taxing work, and men are loath to do it. Praying, true praying, costs an outlay of serious attention and of time, which flesh and blood do not relish."

Signs of the Times: "A prayer less age will have but scant models of divine power. The age may be a better age than the past, but there is an infinite distance between the betterment of an age by the force of an advancing civilization and its betterment by the increase of holiness and Christlikeness by the energy of prayer."

Persistence in Prayer: "Our praying needs to be pressed and pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied, and a courage that never fails."

The Relationship between the Bible and powerful prayer: "The Word of God is the fulcrum upon which the lever of prayer is placed, and by which things are mightily moved."

Prayerless ministry: "Nothing is well done without prayer for the simple reason that it leaves God out of the account." "Prayer concerns God, whose purposes and plans are conditioned on prayer."

Effective ministry: "Whatever affects the intensity of our praying affects the value of our work." Page 6

Spiritual maturity and Spiritual warfare: "Arrested spiritual development, either in the initial or the more advanced stages, is always an exposed position. Spiritual immaturity always leaves us vulnerable to Satan's attacks."

Priority of Prayer: "The praying which makes a prayerful ministry is not a little praying put in as we put flavor to give it a pleasant smack, but the praying must be in the body, and form the blood and bones. Prayer is no petty duty, put into a corner; no piecemeal performance made out of the fragments of time which have been snatched from business and other engagements of life; but it means that the best of our time, the heart of our time and strength must be given."

God's Strategy: "What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer."

My Prayer List

