



Seven Steps to Answered Prayer

Part 2

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Introduction – Learning how to pray effectively is one of the most important things a believer can do in their Christian walk. We as believers cannot be a success in fulfilling God’s purpose for our life without knowing how to pray according to biblical principles.

- **Prayer is _____ things of Heaven to Earth.**

Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. NKJV

- **A Believer’s Prayer Life should be _____ and Built upon the Word of God.**

1 John 5:14-15 - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. NKJV

Last week we studied the first four Steps to Answered Prayer.

Step One – Be Specific and _____ on God’s Promises – Decide what you want from God and find the scripture or scriptures that promise these things in His Word.

Step Two – _____ God for what you want. We must ask God for the things you want and believe that you receive them when you pray, and you shall have them.

Step Three – Be _____ in Your Thinking – Line every one of your thoughts and desires up with what you have asked for in accordance with God’s Word.

Step Four - **Guard Your _____** – We must guard our minds against every evil thought (an evil thought is anything contrary to the Word of God).

Now let's move on to tonight's study as we continue with Step Five.

- V. _____ **on God's Promises** – Meditate means to think deeply upon and to go over and over something in your thought life.
- A. **Proverbs 4:20-22** - My son, **give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;** For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. NKJV
- B. **See Yourself with the _____ that God Promised.**
- C. **Joshua 1:8** - 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. NKJV
- D. **Psalms 1:1-3** - Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And **in His law he meditates day and night**. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. NKJV
- VI. **Continually _____ God for the Answer** – Lift your heart to God and let praise and thanksgiving come out of your mouth continually for what God has already done and is bringing to pass in your life now.
- A. **Philippians 4:6** - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; NKJV
- B. **Psalms 19:14** - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. NKJV
- C. **Psalms 35:27-28** - Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And **let them say continually**, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long. NKJV
- D. As we thank God for the answer to the prayer that we have prayed according to His Word, we are demonstrating our _____, that we have received what we asked no matter what we currently see, feel or are experiencing in our life.

- VII. **Make Every Prayer a _____ of Faith** – It is thinking faith thoughts and speaking faith words that lead the heart out of doubt and defeat and into faith and victory.
- A. If you have prayed in faith for something according to God’s Word and you have not yet seen the _____ of the prayer, don’t pray for it again in the same way you did at first, just pray a prayer of thanksgiving.
- B. **Isaiah 43:26** - Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted. NKJV
- C. We can go back to God and state our case bringing Him in _____ of His Word and thanking Him that He is not a man that He should lie...
- D. **Numbers 23:19** - God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? KJV
- E. **Genesis 18:22-23** – Abraham stood before the Lord and declared to Him (The Lord) His nature, ... **“Far be it from you Lord to destroy the righteous with the wicked.”**
- F. As we turn our _____ into statements of Faith, we are keeping our minds stayed on Him, we are building up our faith by hearing God’s Word and demonstrating to God that He can trust us to hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering.
- G. **Hebrews 10:23** - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. NKJV

Conclusion – God has given us access to all that He is and all that He has through His Word. As we, by faith access His promises and pray according to His will, we can know and have confidence that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him as Sons of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 - For **all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. NKJV

Tonight we have learned that prayer is not trying to talk God into doing something for us that He doesn’t want to do. Prayer is simply finding out what God has said in His Word, asking Him for it and standing our ground against the devil and not allowing doubt, fear or unbelief steal what God said belongs to us as Children of God through Faith in Jesus Christ.