

## **STEPS TO TAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER LIFE by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff October 18, 2020**

The way that the Lord teaches us to pray is through His Word.

I am going to be sharing the most important things that you need to know about prayer.

The word of the Lord teaches us how to pray.

### **1. We pray to God the Father in Jesus name**

**John 19:23** In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. **24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**John 19:23** In that day (WHAT DAY IS THAT? THE DAY OF SALVATION) you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask (SO HERE JESUS IS TEACHING US TO ASK THE FATHER)—

WHAT DO YOU ASK?

#### **1. WHATEVER YOU NEED THAT'S CATERED FOR IN HIS WORD**

- Healing
- Financial needs
- Deliverance
- Favor
- Open doors

2. WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT THAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO

- finances for the task at hand
- resources
- church building
- ministry building
- equipment
- cars

in my name. (WE DON'T ASK IN THE NAME OF BOB, JACK, MARY OR SUSAN, I've heard some people even pray: in your name we pray. THAT'S NOT WHAT JESUS IS TEACHING US HERE. He is being specific. If you want your prayers to be sealed they are sealed in the name of the king. KING JESUS.

When someone would make request of the kings of old, they would have a SEAL and would pour wax on the area to sign and press their signet ring or royal seal to AUTHENTICATE THE DOCUMENT)

**Philippians 2:9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**24** Until now (that's because Jesus had not yet become the sacrificial Passover Lamb) you have not asked for anything in my name. (It was not required to approach God through Messiah till then)

In Acts 3 a man was healed when Peter and John went to the Temple.

**Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. **2** 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; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** 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.**" **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and **immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.** **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

Peter got up and preached and about 5000 people got saved. The Jewish leaders thtretened them and had them beaten.

**ACTS 4:18** So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the **name of Jesus.** **19** But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. **20** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

**23** And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. **24** So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, **25** who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

'Why did the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?  
**26** The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

**27** "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together **28** to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. **29** Now, Lord, look on their threats, and **grant to Your servants** that with all boldness

they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and **that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.**”

**31** 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.

There is power in the name of Jesus.

**John 19:24** Ask and you will receive, (many people don't ask God or they don't ask God in Jesus name or they ask for the wrong things)

**James 4:2** Yet you do not have because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. And your joy will be complete.

When your prayers are answered you fill up with joy.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> step for having a successful prayer life is

## 2. BELIEVE YOU RECEIVE WHEN YOU PRAY

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Let's break that down:

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OBJECT OF DESIRE- Healing, deliverance, salvation, resources, car, house, vacation, furniture...the list goes on

you ask

YOU HAVE TO ASK FATHER GOD, it doesn't say think or hope for it says ASK when you pray,

YOU HAVE TO PRAY to FATHER GOD as we have studied in the name of Jesus believe (trust) that you receive them,

**WHEN DO YOU RECEIVE IT?** When it comes, when on the way, NO, NOW. The moment that you ask the Lord, knowing its according to His will (in HIS WORD) and you will have them.

YOU TAKE POSSESSION OF THEM WHEN YOU BELIEVE YOU RECEIVE

Every institution has a set of rules and regulations. In government they are called LAWS. Some people don't like to follow godly rules or LAWS, yet that sadly leads to demise and destruction.

If you think about it, rules make it fun. Imagine sports with no rules and boundaries. Imagine no traffic rules, how people would drive. Imagine if there were no laws, how criminals would run rampant and every sese would be corrupted. You could go to a mall and take what you want and cant get arrested etc.

Society would collapse in a day or so. Just look at the rioters and looters what they do, burning down businesses and buildings.

God in His wisdom placed laws, rules and procedure in place SO THAT WE KNOW that if we follow what He says, we can get what He promised.

So my encouragement to everyone is LET'S HUMBLE OURSELVES and submit to the Lord and His will. STOP fighting...trust me you are fighting a losing battle.

And why would you want to fight against the LORD. His plans are greater than yours for your life, His love is greater than anyone who could love you and His resources greater than anything you could amass yourself.

So if you have a need HE WANTS TO PROVIDE.

**Philippians 4:19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I can speak from personal experience that everything.

#### SOUND SYSTEM TESTIMONY

The scenario: The Lord instructs us to start a church in Newport Beach. Gives us a vision, a name ETERNITY CHURCH

We start to pray about His will and get the green light on His timing . It's knowing.

1. Need a building
2. Need sound system, stage, lighting, kids' equipment, various equipment
3. Need a worship team, set up team, childrens team, hospitality team
4. Need people that we can disciple

Prayer is like this:

Father God thank You for trusting us to start Your church in Newport Beach. We come into agreement now with your plan and purpose. We believe we receive a building for us to operate from, we thank You for providing us with. We come into agreement with all these things in Jesus name.

Then next time I don't need to pray for these things as that's doubtful.

What I can do is thank the Lord.

Now once you have prayed the prayer of faith you don't have to ask Him again. After that you go to Him with an attitude of gratitude like a grateful child and thank Him.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you Lord that You are a good God

I'm so grateful that you have already provided us with

-sound system

-building

-team

-people we can disciple

### Here are some scriptures on thanksgiving

**2 Corinthians 9:11** "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

**1 Timothy 4:4-5** "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

**Psalms 28:7** "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him."

### 3. Walk in Forgiveness

**Mark 11:22** So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** 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. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

**25** "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Breakdown:

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**25** "**And** is a conjunction, it joins what He has just said to what He's about to say..

whenever you stand praying, **if** you have anything (ITS OK TO HAVE LITTLE THINGS, JUST NOT BIG THINGS AGAINST PEOPLE!!!! Little or much.

**Song of Solomon 2:15** The little foxes that spoil the vines,

**Isaiah 1:15** When you spread out your hands,  
I will hide My eyes from you;  
Even though you make many prayers,  
I will not hear.  
Your hands are full of blood.



These little things stop your faith from working and stifle your prayer life. Don't allow the least bit of unforgiveness or animosity against anyone, ever to cloud the horizon of your life.

—against anyone, forgive him,

(WHY? Because your faith is not going to work if you have unforgiveness)

that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

**Matthew 5:21** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ **22** But I say to you that **whoever is angry** with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. **23**

Therefore **if** you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Here God places more value of us being reconciled to our brother vs worshiping Him. Listen I'm not going to stand here and say it's easy. Unless you live in a cabin in the woods, 200 miles from civilization you are going to be INTERACTING with humans. And even Christians will let you down, betray you and stab you in the back. It's hard to believe, but it happens.

The question is how will we respond. The bible here is teaching you to forgive and follow in Jesus example.

A scripture that has helped me to think this way is :

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**1 Peter 3:7** Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Jesus is not suggesting to us to walk in forgiveness, He commands it.

The Bait of Satan is an offense. He wants us to walk in unforgiveness as He knows that our faith will not work in unforgiveness as the bible says:

**Galatians 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

#### 4. DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Jesus said in

**John 14:15** “If you love Me, keep My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (translation: ONE CALLED ALONGSIDE TO HELP), that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (in articulate speech).

There are challenges going on in our lives that are often somewhat overwhelming. There are also spiritual forces at work like Jesus said in John 10:10 that are to steal from you, kill you and destroy your life.

When you pray in the spirit your spirit prays.

**1 Corinthians 14:14** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

The Holy Spirit will help you how to pray.

Depend on the Holy Spirit to help you in your prayer life.

He's NOT going to do your praying for you BUT He will help you to pray.

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places* **(THESE ARE DEMONIC PRINCIPALITIES THAT COME TO DESTROY YOUR LIFE)**. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18** **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

5. PRAY THE WORD

**1 John 5:14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will (HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT'S HIS WILL? IT'S IN HIS WORD), He hears us. **15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

And lean not on your own understanding;

**6** In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He shall direct your paths.

Whatever you are lacking in your life God has the fulfilment for you

You need peace, HE has it

You need Joy, He has it

Health...

Soundness of mind...

Finances...

Joy...

Spouse...

Assignment...

Job...