



“Praying with Purpose”

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- I. **John 15:4-7**
 - A. The place of relationship
 1. Very seldom do God’s people ever reach this place of confidence...this place of trust.
 2. Praying is more than just “asking and receiving”It is about KNOWING:
 - * Knowing Who God is...
 - * Knowing Who you are because of who He is...
 - B. When you find that secret place...when you find the meaning of abide...
 1. You will hear the gentle voice of God with perfect clarity...
 2. You will know God’s heart and He will know yours...
 3. And you will be able to ask what you will (because you know the Father’s will), and it will be done for you!
 - C. Believe that you receive (**Mark 11:22-25**)
 1. **Believe – To have faith or place your trust in (Fully Persuaded)**
 2. How do you pray? With hope or with expectation?
 3. Your faith is conditional upon your heart...(With the heart man believes....), so if there is un-forgiveness in your heart, your heart will condemn your faith; this is where prayers go unanswered.
- II. Types of Prayer
 - A. **Prayer of Faith**
 1. **A commanding voice that activates the will of God**
 2. Jesus used this in better than 90% of His earthly ministry (speaking to winds and waves, casting out devils, rebuking fevers, raising the dead, etc.)
 3. If this is what Jesus utilized, shouldn’t we do the very same?
 4. **James 5:14-15**
 - B. **Prayer of Wisdom/Guidance**
 1. **James 1:5-6**
 2. Notice the key element here: Faith!
 - C. **Prayer of Petition/Desire**
 1. **Psalms 37:4**
 2. Prayer of Agreement falls under this category (**Matt. 18:19**) / ask....
 - D. **Prayer of Intercession**
 1. **Romans 8:34**
 2. **Intercession – The action of intervening on behalf of another**
 - E. **Prayer in the Spirit (Praying in the Holy Ghost)**
 1. **Jude 1:20**
 2. “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God...”