



“The Only Way to Pray” part 2 Nov 3, 2024

Foundation Scripture: Ephesians 6:17-18

I. **Recap from last week**

A. The First Thing...The Always Thing

1. What you do “First” is what you give authority and power to...
2. Why pray? **James 5:13**

B. **Believing Heart-Felt Prayer**

1. **Ephesians 5:16** “The effectual fervent prayer...”
2. Learn how to pray with purpose. It’s more than just going to God when you need something; Prayer is your communication with God every moment...every day!

II. All Prayer – The Five Different Kinds of Prayer

A. **The Prayer of Faith**

1. **“A Commanding Voice That Activates the Will of God.”**
2. **Mark 11:20-24** – It is impossible to pray the will of God if you do not know the will of God. (It’s actually quite simple: If it’s hurting you, stealing from you, or trying to kill you...it’s under the curse...and you should speak directly to it! / A good way to look at this is the way you look at a stray cat or dog...).
3. Jesus showed all of us how to put the prayer of faith into action by healing the sick (**Matthew 8:16**), stopping winds and waves, and even raising the dead (Lazarus, come forth!).
4. **Isaiah 45:11** “Ask me of things concerning my sons, and concerning the works of my hands, command ye me.” (Something that needs action...something that needs to move...this is a work of God’s hand.)
5. The power of binding and loosing...calling things that be not as though they were. (**Matthew 16:19**) (**Acts 3:16**...the common denominator for all prayer is FAITH!)
6. **Acts 20:9-12** (Paul never asked God to raise the young man up...the power is already available for you to activate the will of God).
7. **Joshua 10:12-14** – Speak to the mountain! (We are living in a time of laziness, complacency, and confusion....too many of God’s people just accept things that “come their way” as a part of life....NONSENSE! / Moses was told by God in **Exodus 14:15-16** “Why are you crying after me (Christians today), but lift up the rod (of faith that I gave you), and stretch it over the sea and divide it!”

B. **Prayer of Petition/Request**

1. **I John 5:14-15**
2. How confident are you when you pray? Again, the common denominator is FAITH! (Pray with specifics every time!)

C. ***The Prayer of Wisdom/Guidance***

1. ***James 1:5-7***

2. When you need direction, ask...with the expectation of an answer. (No more “shotgun prayers” – “If I pray enough, maybe one will land and hit the mark!”)

D. ***The Prayer of Intercession***

1. ***Romans 8:27 & 34***

2. When you are interceding for someone, it means you are standing in the gap for them. (When most people have said, “I’m praying for you...”, I have wondered what they are really praying!)

3. ***James 5:16*** – Intercessory prayer opens God’s blessing in your own life. Look at Job – Job 42:10

E. ***The Prayer of the Spirit/Praying in Tongues or the Holy Ghost***

1. ***Jude 1:20***

2. ***I Corinthians 14:13-15***

3. Praying in the Spirit is one of the greatest weapons in the Spirit against your enemy.....pay attention to the power of it in ***I Corinthians 14:2-4*** (Speaking directly to God in your own personal heavenly language and edifying yourself at the same time....who wouldn’t want this as a part of their life?)