

## Effective Prayer

### Part 1

God wants you to have answers to your prayers at ALL times.

It's not that you hope He will answer, but knowing that He WILL answer when you pray effectively.

#### What is Effective Prayer?

In order to understand this, we must establish:

- 1) A foundation for prayer
- 2) How the Holy Spirit works with you in your prayer time

#### **Psalm 119:89**

God's Word is His Will and it is forever settled in Heaven. This is vital that you get an understanding of this and believe it.

#### **Matthew 6:9-15**

What Jesus was teaching His disciples was an outline to prayer. It is a guideline of how we are to pray.

This outline is valuable to how we get answers to our prayers.

**Verse 9** - God needs to be Lord over EVERY situation. You can't just pray any old way you feel like. You have to know God's will for your situation and acknowledge Him as Lord over it.

Establish His Lordship over that situation.

**Verse 10** – God wants His will in Heaven established here on the earth.

You will start seeing heaven on earth as you learn how to pray effectively.

#### What do you need in order to get your prayers answered every time?

You Need God's Word!

Effective prayer is based on His Word.

## **John 14:12-14**

When you pray according to the Word – you are lining up with God and He will bring it to pass. When that occurs – God is glorified here on the earth.

This is the ultimate goal as a believer – to Glorify the Father. And the Father is glorified when you get answers to your prayers – NOW!

God wants to show Himself mighty through you, so you need to have an expectation that your prayers are heard and they are answered now – not 10 years from now.

### What makes our prayers active and effective?

## **Luke 8:5-15**

God's Word is the seed sown.

God is looking for a harvest.

That harvest is called answered prayer. Answered prayer is what glorifies the Father.

The basis of your prayers has to be the Word of God sown into your heart.

You have to take the “Me, Myself and I” agenda out of your prayers and focus on what God wants done in your life.

Your agenda for your life and for this earth should line up with God's agenda.

His agenda is to destroy the works of satan on the earth and see people set free from the bondage of sin. He came to bring LIFE! (**John 10:10**)

When your prayers line up with His Word – your seed will produce a 100 fold return.

You have to have good ground in order to produce a good harvest. This is a vital part in getting your prayers answered.

You need to guard and keep the garden of your heart in order to produce a good, effective harvest.

### **John 15:1-3**

When it comes to prayer – God has a part and you have a part to play in seeing answers. You have to cooperate with God and act upon His Word.

God will use His Word to prune and purge you. This is so you can get to the place where you can bear MUCH fruit.

This can be a painful process for most because they do not want to let go of things like: unforgiveness, hurt, pride, lust, etc.

What these people don't realize is that if they just choose to quickly release these things that are holding them back and trust God – it is truly NOT a painful process. This is a deception of satan to hold them in bondage. It is a lie!

### **John 15:4-6**

You have to abide (live) in Him and in His Word.

God has to be a Priority in your life – over and above everything else.

Without Him you cannot bear fruit.

Without Him you are nothing. Without Him you can do nothing. Without Him you have nothing and without Him you know nothing. (**John 5:19**)

Apart from God you will not be able to accomplish what He wants done on the earth through you.

### **John 15:7-8**

This is a Key to answered prayer.

Again...the ultimate goal of the believer is to Glorify God.

When God abides in you and His Word is established in your heart – you will be more concerned or focused on what God wants in your life and the lives of others, rather than your own needs.

Selfish prayers or prayers prayed out of emotion or fear are prayers not prayed in faith. When your prayers are not faith filled prayers – God is not obligated to answer them.

God wants to answer your prayers and He wants to work through you to see others living a life of Freedom!

## Scripture References

**Psalm 119:89** For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

**Matthew 6:9-10** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

<sup>10</sup> Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

**John 14:12-14** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

<sup>13</sup> And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup> If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

**Luke 8:5-15** A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

<sup>6</sup> And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

<sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

<sup>8</sup> And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>9</sup> And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

<sup>10</sup> And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

<sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

<sup>12</sup> Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

<sup>13</sup> They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

<sup>14</sup> And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

<sup>15</sup> But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

**John 15:1-3** I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

<sup>3</sup> Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

**John 15:4-6** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

**John 5:19** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

**John 15:7-8** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

<sup>8</sup> Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

