

## Effective Prayer

### Part 6

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

Remember that this is an outline on how to pray and it is also an outline of what hinders your prayers.

Exercise your faith in His Word by talking to the Lord about it, asking Him to give you revelation of it. Start declaring with your mouth what the Word says about your situation and thanking Him for the answer.

This helps to get the Word down in your spirit so that it is rooted and grounded in your heart and not just in your head.

#### **Romans 10:17**

The more you speak out the Word with your mouth, the more you hear it and your faith begins to grow and will increase your ability to believe God for every situation you face.

#### **Matthew 6:13**

God does not lead us into temptation

#### **James 1:12-15**

The Word never contradicts itself.

You don't pray "Lord don't let me be tempted" because the trials and testing of your faith will produce patience and it will strengthen your faith. Paul said in **James 1:2** to count it all joy when you are tempted.

When you are tempted, it is not something you should dread or fear. Instead, pray that God give you the grace to move forward and overcome this trial.

Recognize that you can't do this yourself and acknowledge that you need His grace to overcome.

Everyone will face temptation, even Jesus did. He faced it and did not sin.

Temptation becomes sin when you enter into it and act upon it. That's when it brings forth the death cycle into your life and will hinder your prayers.

Without deliverance from evil, you will not see successful prayer.

God wants you to bring forth good fruit with your prayers because you are abiding in Him. In the same way, if you are abiding in sin, you will also bear fruit, but its outcome will not be good fruit.

### **1 John 2:16**

You will bear fruit according to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

### **Luke 4:14**

Jesus was tempted with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life and He overcame them through the Word of God that He spoke out of His mouth.

As a result, He came out of the wilderness in the power of the spirit.

If Jesus would have fallen into that temptation, He would not have come out of it in power.

Jesus had a successful prayer life which brings power to overcome anything in this world and that's what He wants for you!

What is the mark of a successful prayer life?

### **Matthew 6:13**

- 1) To have the Kingdom of God demonstrated in your life
- 2) Experience the power operating in your life
- 3) To see the Glory of the Lord operating in your life

It will witness of Christ

The ultimate goal is to show the world who God is

### **John 15:16**

God has set you apart and ordained you to bear MUCH fruit. To Glorify Him.

You can only do this by abiding in Him.

### **John 14:13**

### **Matthew 6:14**

Again...forgiveness is vital. God mentions it twice in this chapter. When He does that, it is important to take heed

## **Matthew 6:19-21**

An effective prayer life will store up treasures in heaven. In other words, your focus will be for the Kingdom of God and not your own agenda.

When you don't seek to have an effective prayer life (or one at all), your priorities are somewhere else and your life will reflect that.

If you aren't seeking the Will of the Father...are you even seeking the Father?

Something to think about...

## Scripture References

**Matthew 6:9-15** 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.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

<sup>14</sup> For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

<sup>15</sup> But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**James 1:12-15** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

<sup>13</sup> Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

<sup>14</sup> But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

<sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

**1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**Luke 4:14** And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

**John 15:16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**John 14:13** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**Matthew 6:19-21** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

<sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.