

# Prayer Life

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Part 4 – the word

# Prayer Life - review

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- The purpose of this series is to lay a foundation for a successful, effectual Prayer Life.
- Success is measured in answered prayer.
- Week 1 – What and Why
- Week 2 – Abiding
- Week 3 - covenant

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Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

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## John 15:7 NLT

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

## 1 John 5:14-15 NLT

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. <sup>15</sup> And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

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## 1 John 5:14-15 amp

And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to *and* hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

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- Faith is the fuel that prayer runs on.
- Faith begins where the will of God is known.
- His Word is His Will.

## Hebrews 11:1 amp

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

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## Hebrews 11:1 nlt

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

## Hebrews 11:1 voice

Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you've never seen.

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## John 15:7

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

## Romans 10:17

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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- It's not just *The Word* that makes a difference. *My Words* also make a difference.
- What happens outside of the prayer room affects the prayer room.

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1.) Does Your Heart Condemn You?

2 Timothy 2:21 nlt

*If* you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience

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2.) What are you thinking?

Philippians 4:6-8

Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. *He longs to hear your requests*, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful *for what has come*. And know that the peace of God (*a peace* that is beyond any and all of our human understanding) will stand watch over your hearts

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and minds in Jesus, the Anointed One. Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with *beauty and* truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is good, whatever is virtuous and praiseworthy. Keep to the script: whatever you learned and received and heard and saw in me—do it—and the God of peace will walk with you.

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## 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 voice

The weapons of the war we're fighting are not of this world but are powered by God and effective at tearing down the strongholds *erected against His truth*. We are demolishing arguments and ideas, every high-and-mighty philosophy that pits itself against the knowledge of *the one true* God. We are taking prisoners of every thought, *every emotion*, and subduing them into obedience to the Anointed One.

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2 Corinthians 10:4-5 amp

For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow *and* destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments *and* theories *and* reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)

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3.) He hears more than you think

Malachi 3:16 nlt

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said.

Jeremiah 8:6

I listen to their conversations  
and don't hear a word of truth.

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- Our words outside of the prayer room count.
- He doesn't start listening with, "Dear Heavenly Father" and stop as soon as we say, "Amen!"
- What do my conversations look like?

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Prayer starts and ends with Him.

- Based on the Word of God.
- Based on faith.
- Through our mouths back to Him.
- He answers.

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His Word and His promises are His potential for our lives. We must align ourselves up with Him.

- We do this with our words speaking His Word.
- That is prayer He answers.

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## Epistle Prayers:

- Ephesians 1:18-23
- Ephesians 3:14-20
- Philippians 1:9-11
- Colossians 1:9-14
- Hebrews 13:20-21
- Jude 1:24-25