

PRAYER IS A WEAPON

THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT: Part 3

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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."
(Matthew 6:9–13, KJV 1900)

THE FOUR LAWS OF ANSWERED PRAYER

1. THE LAW OF CONSECRATION: I MUST BE IN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

The 3 elements of my relationship with God

- I have been BORN AGAIN.

"Jesus replied, 'I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!'" (John 3:3, CEV)

"For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does..." (John 8:44, NLT)

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God..." (1 John 5:1, NLT)

- I am DEALING with my sin.

"Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face." (Isaiah 59:2, CEV) cf. Psalm 66:18

- I am LIVING for Him.

"And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him." (1 John 3:22, NLT)

"If you live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours." (John 15:7, GW)

2. THE LAW OF CONCILIATION: I MUST BE IN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

*"When you are praying, **first forgive** anyone you are holding a grudge against..." (Mark 11:25, NLT)*

"This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God." (Matthew 5:23–24, The Message)

3. THE LAW OF CORRELATION: I MUST PRAY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

"When you pray for things, you don't get them because you want them for the wrong reason—for your own pleasure." (James 4:3, GW) See 1 Kings 3:11-12.

*"And we are confident that he hears us **whenever we ask for anything that pleases him**. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for." (1 John 5:14–15, NLT)*

"Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4, NASB95)

4. THE LAW OF CAPITULATION: I MUST BE WILLING FOR GOD TO ANSWER HIS WAY.

*"Your kingdom come, **your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10, NIV)*

*"For I have come down from heaven to do **the will of God** who sent me, not to do my own will." (John 6:38, NLT)*

*"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet **not my will**, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42, NIV)*

ACTION STEP

Take the **DAILY PRAYER** Challenge.

Pray the Lord's Prayer then use these prompts:

- 1) God- am I living 100% for you? Is there sin I need to confess?
- 2) Have I offended anyone I need to ask forgiveness from?
- 3) Has anyone offended me I need to forgive?
- 4) Is there a situation I need to give to you?
- 5) Please help me to want the things that you want.