

“Positioned in Prayer – Pt. 5”

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We've been teaching on prayer that produces results, and how to see answers to our prayers: Personal prayers and corporate prayers for personal needs, for the needs of others, for our nation and the world, for Revival in the Church, and Reformation in the world.

Why is it so important for us, the Church to pray accurately at this time in human history?

Hebrews 12:25-29 MSG: ²⁵ So don't turn a deaf ear to these gracious words. If those who ignored earthly warnings didn't get away with it, what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly warnings? ²⁶ His voice that time shook the earth to its foundations; this time—he's told us this quite plainly—he'll also rock the heavens: "One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern." ²⁷ The phrase "one last shaking" means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered. ²⁸ Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. ²⁹ He's actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

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1. When you pray or petition God, we must come before Him with worship, petition, specific requests, and then thanksgiving.

Philippians 4:6-7 Amplified Bible: ⁶ Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].

You find the promises of God that pertain to your specific circumstance or issue.

* **Get the promises in your heart.** Why? Because, you must pray in faith!!

Romans 10:17: Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Matthew 12:34 NKJV: ...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

a. Personal Prayer: The Word of God, which is His promises, is your basis of receiving the answer to your request. We do pray daily for our daily needs. (**Matthew 6:11; Psalm 91:10; 2 Corinthians 9:8-10; 1 Peter 2:24 NKJV**)

But when it comes to a specific need, you must be specific; you don't pray in generalities when it comes a very specific, precise, and definite need. (*Oh God, we need a financial miracle!!!* How much do you specifically need? *Oh God, heal me, I need healing!!* Healing from what? Oh God, be with us as we travel, as we fly!!)

1 John 5:14-15 NKJV: ¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

* Your asking must be in faith!!

James 1:5-8 NKJV: ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

You may be rebuking fear and doubting thoughts after you have prayed and you may have to do it every day!!

Once you have asked for a specific thing, you don't keep asking for it every day. You give God thanksgiving for what you're believing that you have received until you see the manifestation of your request.

Psalms 95:2-3 NKJV:

² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

³ For the LORD *is* the great God,
And the great King above all gods.

Psalms 107:22 NKJV:

²² Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.

Colossians 4:2 NKJV: ² Continue earnestly in prayer (worship), being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

b. Praying for one another:

James 5:16 NKJV Strong's: Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Psalms 32:5-6 NLT:

⁵ Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

⁶ Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

Psalms 66:18-20 NLT:

¹⁸ If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ But God did listen!

He paid attention to my prayer.

²⁰ Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

2. Now, the peace of God will supernaturally manifest by the Holy Spirit!!

Philippians 4:7 NKJV: ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.