



## Real Prayer • Session 1: Understanding Real Prayer

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### I. Series Introduction

#### A. Why This Series?

##### 1. Prayer is commanded in scripture.

- a. **1 Thes 5:17-18 NKJV** “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
- b. **Eph 6:18-19 NKJV** “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel”
- c. **Phil 4:6 NKJV** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”
- d. **1 Tim 2:1 NKJV** “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,”
- e. **Matt 6:6 ESV** “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
- f. **Luke 18:1 NKJV** “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”

##### 2. Too many people do not see results when they pray.

- a. 41% of people in one prayer survey say that they often get results when they pray.
- b. This leaves 59% that do not experience results when they pray.
- c. 1.5% say that their prayers are never answered.

##### 3. When people do not experience results from their prayers, they often stop praying.

- a. There are many in the church who spend very little time in prayer.



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- b. Although most Christians say they engage in prayer occasionally when a need arises, the vast majority of the church has no consistent routine of prayer.
- 4. **If we are commanded to pray, it must be for our benefit.**
- 5. **If we do not engage in prayer, there will be a deficit in our spiritual life.**
- 6. **This series is designed to understand *SCRIPTURAL PRAYER – The Bible way to pray.***
  - a. It could be the reason we are not experiencing answers to our prayer is failure to understand what *REAL PRAYER* is.
  - b. What is prayer? - *Misconceptions about prayer.*
    - i. *I must get down on my knees and beg God to move.*
    - ii. *I must pray long prayers.*
    - iii. *I must pray loud prayers.*
    - iv. *I must use traditional religious language in prayer.*

## II. Understanding Real Prayer

### A. Many Different Types of Prayer

*Many Christians aren't aware that there are several different types of prayer discussed in the Bible, and if you use the rules or tools from one prayer when you should be using the tools from another prayer for your needs or your requests, it won't work. (Fred Price Sr).*

- 1. **My personal understanding of prayer in the early years.**
  - a. Prayer is my time to ask God for what I want and need.
  - b. Spend time convincing God to move.
  - c. Bargaining power - *If you answer my prayer, I will \_\_\_\_\_*



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**Note: God understands our spiritual maturity level and sometimes is able to move for new converts in these types of prayers. As we grow in the Lord it becomes our responsibility to understand and effectively use the tools He has provided for us.**

### **2. My revelation of prayer that changed my life.**

- a. We can take God's word into our prayer life.
- b. By praying the Word, I am appropriating His promises to my life by faith.
- c. Praying the word developed a level of confidence in prayer that I had never experienced.
- d. When I received this revelation, I spent less time requesting and more time receiving. THE RESULT – more effective prayers with less time spent - MORE RESULTS!

### **3. Understanding that prayer is a tool.**

- a. You do not use the same tool for every need.
  - *Wrenches have a function.*
  - *Screw drivers have a function.*
  - *Hammers have a function.*
- b. Whenever you use the wrong tool, you do not get effective results.
- c. Prayer is a tool, and the right type of prayer is necessary.

### **B. Type of prayers found in the Bible.**

**Eph 6:17-18 NKJV** “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”

**AMPC** “Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty.”

**GWT** “...Use every kind of prayer and request there is.”



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### SIX TYPES OF PRAYER LISTED IN THE BIBLE

#### 1. The prayer of agreement

- **Matt 18:19** – “Again I say that if any of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

#### 2. The prayer of faith

- **Mark 11:24a** “Therefore, I say unto you, Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them.”

#### 3. The prayer of consecration and dedication

- **Luke 22:41-42 NKJV** “And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’”

#### 4. The prayer of praise and worship

- **John 11:41-42 NKJV** “Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.’”

#### 5. The prayer of Intercession

- Prayer offered up on behalf of others.
- Paul said, “I cease not to make mention of you in my prayers.”
- Jesus prayed for all believers in John 17

#### 6. The prayer of binding and loosing

- **Matt 18:18-19 NKJV** “...whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”



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**These six types of prayer found in the Bible constitute our *PRAYER TOOLS*.**

- **These prayer types will only work when the rules applied to them are engaged.**
- **All prayer types must be aligned with God's Word.**
  - *It is futile to pray for things that are against God's Word or His way of doing things.*
- **Prayer works by access.**
  - *Only those born again have the right to access God with these types of prayers.*
  - *The unsaved should begin with a prayer for salvation.*
- **Prayer works by faith.**
  - *In James 5:14 it is the prayer of faith that saves the sick.*
  - *In Mark 11, Jesus commanded us to have the faith of God prior to speaking to our mountains. Prayer was included in His lesson.*