

Daily Dose of Power
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The Grace to Pray
Time to Recalibrate!

Ephesians 6:18 (AMPC) “Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).”

Matthew 26:41 (AMPC) “All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) *and* watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 Corinthians 14:15 (AMPC) “Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the ^[a]Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding also.”

Philippians 1:19 (AMPC) “For I am well assured *and* indeed know that through your prayers and a ^[a]bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) this will turn out for my preservation (for the spiritual health and ^[b]welfare of my own soul) *and* avail toward the saving work of the Gospel.”

The Lord wants us to revisit the list of What Prayer is and What it is Not today. This is a way to Recalibrate your Spirit, to your soul as you move forward in the Grace to Pray. As you’re finding out more and more, you are becoming more and more well aware of your fellowship with the Lord, and you are becoming more and more well equipped to discern whether or not you are praying with real prayer or not, when you pray. But, before you go right to the list, there are a few things that will re-align your spirit with your soul and ground you in what you are doing as a lifestyle of prayer:

1. Do you pray at the same time every day, and then just go about your normal duties without thinking about Him until you get off work for the day?
2. Does compassion and desire rise up in your heart when you find yourself in prayer?
3. Do you feel you need to “get something from the Lord”, and does that compel you to set aside what you are currently doing to get with your Father in heaven one on one?
4. Are you overwhelmingly thankful for all the Lord is doing in your life and want to express that to the Father in Heaven?
5. Are you seeing the results of your prayer life in a positive way?

6. Is your faith and self-esteem growing as you read about The Grace to Pray?
7. Are you hungry in your heart of hearts to know more about the Grace God has put on the inside of you to pray?

Based on Scripture and based on experience with the Lord personally, we know what prayer is and what it is not. On the inside of your born again regenerated spirit, you know when you are truly receiving from the Lord in prayer, or when you're just hurriedly spouting off something to the Lord, because you simply don't seem to have the time! Here's the List: What prayer is, and what it is not! What true prayer is:

- Prayer is communicating/communing with God, by His Spirit. Speaking to Him affectionately remembering His Love and His Goodness-adoring Him and thanking Him.
- Prayer is actively speaking to God, and actively listening to hear God speak to you. Because prayer is fellowship and communion with our Father in heaven, we enter into His eternal realm in prayer, so we must have ears to hear what He is saying to us, and eyes to actively see what He is doing on the earth. Then, we must be ready to actively follow those leadings without hesitation. This has to be done in The Spirit – because God is a Spirit and He communicates by way of the Spirit-not the carnal flesh, the unrenewed mind, will and emotions (the soul). Plus, because His Word is His Will and The truth, everything MUST check with the Word of God. This guards against a person following leadings of the flesh or false voices, which includes familiar spirits. The Word says that those who are His will hear His voice and will follow no other. But until you are attuned to and actively listening, having trained your mind, will and emotions to the accuracy of God's Word and Spirit, you may be vulnerable to being misled. So that is why one must guard their heart and mind to being consecrated and separated to a lifestyle of fellowship with the real savior Jesus Christ. Training yourself to have open ears to hear Him and open eyes to see Him, and being quick to obey His leading, is of utmost importance.
- Intercessory Prayer is being a partner with Jesus as The Intercessor (a repairer of the breach/standing in the gap) for those who need mercy, grace, peace, love, and salvation; standing in on His behalf as His voice in the earth being His mouthpiece, saying what He says. Robbing the devil's household, saving people that Jesus paid for at Calvary.
- Supplication, Dedication, the Prayer of Agreement, the Prayer of Faith and the Prayer of Petition is verbally (out loud), in writing, and with our actions confirming and rehearsing His Word-saying the same thing God says. Agreeing with 1) God's Word, 2) His Blood Covenant by Jesus the Christ and 3) His promises, humbly yet with confident boldness. Praying in Faith is always a part of every type of effective prayer.
- Creative Prayer is creating with our faith and our words. This is following God's example of the creation of heaven and earth, following Jesus' example while He was here on the earth, and utilizing the re-created spirit within you to cause your words to set the stage for new creations in this earth that line up with God's original plan. As a new creature IN CHRIST, by the Holy Spirit, speaking out Eden into our world; enforcing His covenant in the earth - out His causing the atmosphere to change from evil to good by praying Word

and His covenant; Blessing the earth and the people of the earth with the power that Jesus gave to us through His covenant.

- Authoritative Prayer and Commanding Prayer is commanding the angels of God, causing them to get into motion to do God's will and purpose, just as the Lord intended us to do by the authority and dominion that Jesus re-gained for us through the cross and the resurrection.
- Authoritative Prayer of Dominion as well is enacting Jesus' Authority and Dominion delegated to the Body of Christ in binding the devil and his deeds, his angels and cohorts from accomplishing their assigned purpose of curse. Using our authority to stop and destroy the 1) wiles, 2) works, 3) plans and 4) schemes of the devil-satan.
- Prayer in The Holy Ghost commonly referred to as Prayer in Tongues, is speaking out the heavenly language of tongues by way of God's Spirit as He leads. This is God's way of causing us to pray/speak out His perfect will, utilizing our re-created spirit as God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit. We pray out mysteries that our human thoughts/minds do not often comprehend, yet, if we ask, we can have the clear interpretation of what we are praying out through our spirit.

What true prayer is not:

- It is not trying to get God's attention out of carnality, or through worry, anger, strife, unbelief, or toil (works).
- Is not an archaic religious tradition – which in the past had been errantly called prayer. This is something that evil religious spirits (in scripture called the yeast of the pharisees by Jesus) and still being revealed in the religions and in some denominations of Christianity, of the world who have man-made rules and statutes, by mentality, and un-renewed carnal minds and evil hearts.
- It is not reciting poetry or reciting long, repetitious, vain speeches – it is not idle meaningless babble.
- It is not faithless, or contrary to God's will and purpose.
- It is not attempting to curse God or His people, or using witchcraft to cast spells upon people, places or things in God's name.
- It is not talking at God to attain vain desires or human, fleshly imaginings.
- It is not based on religious views, or worldly or fleshly viewpoints.

Have a very blessed and enlightening time of communion and communication with your Lord and Master!

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