

Plugged IN

Learning to Pray with Power

Plugging into the Kingdom of God

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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you Plugged into the Power of Prayer? Jesus' "Model Prayer" is one of the most famous passages in the Bible and many people know the words by heart. But how many of us ever think about how it impacts and affects us day-to-day?

B. Prayer is not just a religious thing to do. It is an inward and outward form of communication with God. Prayer weighed so heavily on Jesus' heart that He warned His disciples...

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray to stand in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that men may see them."
Matthew 6:5

Jesus desires us to pray correctly, plugged into the model way He gave us to pray and not unplugged by repetitive, religious obligation.

C. This series will include:

March 17 Plugging into God, the Father

March 24 Plugging into God's Will

March 31 Plugging into Forgiveness

April 7 Plugging into the Jesus of the Bible (Special Speaker Dr. Elmer Towns, Co-Founder of Liberty University)

TODAY Plugging into the Kingdom of God

D. **TEXT:** Matthew 6:9-13/Galatians 5:16-26 (New Testament)

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY:

FIGHTING TEMPTATION IS ABOUT

FIGHTING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

WEEK #5: PLUGGING INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A. **DEPEND ON THE _____ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** (vs 16-18)

Walk means to "keep in step."

III. It's a _____ decision. (v16)

III. It's a _____ fight. (v17)

III. It's a _____ battle. (v18)

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:2

II. DETERMINE THE _____ OF THE FLESH (vs 19-21)

A. They will keep you from the _____ of God.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

1. _____ sins. (vs 19, 21)

2. _____ sins. (v 20a)

3. _____ sins. (vs 20-b-21a)

"Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard."
Proverbs 13:15

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"
Jeremiah 17:9

"So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."
Romans 8:8

B. They will keep you in _____.

"whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."
II Corinthians 4:4

"For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."

I John 2:16

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"
John 16:8

III. DELIVER THE _____ OF THE SPIRIT (vs 22-23)

This means you make The Holy Spirit a _____ in your life.

A. God's power produces _____ fruit.

_____, _____, _____

B. God's power produces _____ fruit.

_____, _____, _____

C. God's power produces _____ fruit.

_____, _____, _____
"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
John 15:2

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
Ephesians 4:30

"Do not quench the Spirit." I Thessalonians 5:19

IV. DISCOVER _____ OVER THE FLESH (vs 24-26)

This means you make The Holy Spirit the _____ of your life.

STEP #1: Allow the _____ to control your life.

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,"
Ephesians 5:18

Application: The filling of The Holy Spirit is not getting more of _____, but rather Him getting more of _____.

STEP #2: Saturate your _____ with the Word of God.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
Colossians 3:16

Application: You find the _____ of God through the _____ of God.

STEP #3: Be _____ with your walk.

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."
Psalm 119:97

Application: Being controlled by the Holy Spirit does not happen _____, but rather it is a _____ process of spiritual growth through obedience to God's Word.

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU READY TO LIVE WITH GOD'S POWER OVER TEMPTATION AND CLAIM HIS KINGDOM?