

Conceiving the Truth Pt5
The Essence and Purpose of Prayer
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I. Conceiving the Truth

A. Fellowship with God

1. (*ref. 1 Pet. 1:23 AMP*) God's Word is incorruptible Seed that contains His life, essence and DNA.
 - a. Seed must be conceived to produce fruit.
 - b. Conception requires intimacy and fertilization.
2. (*1 Cor. 1:9*) "*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Our most important calling as believers is fellowship with Jesus.
3. Fellowship (intimacy) with God includes (1) hearing God, (2) meditating His Word, (3) prayer, (4) worship, and (5) praise.
 - a. (*ref. Rom. 10:17*) Hearing God – spiritual conception produces faith.
 - b. (*ref. Josh. 1:8*) meditating God's word brings prosperity and success.

B The Essence and Power of Prayer (**Matt. 7:7-11**)

1. Prayer is relational communication with God that gives earthly access to heavens provision.
 - a. (**Matt. 6:9**) The essence of prayer is to establish and maintain intimate relationship with the Father.
 - The best way to understand this fellowship is by understanding loving family relationships. (Husband/wife, parent/child)
 - Communication is daily, consistent and fits into your normal day.
 - At times it's appropriate and even necessary to isolate yourselves alone for times of intimacy.
 - Not all times are spectacular or sensational.
 - There are times of joy, sadness and correction.
 - (**John 15:13-15 TPT**)
 - b. (**Matt. 6:10**) The purpose of prayer is to bring God's will from heaven to earth.

- Prayer is necessary because God's will is not automatic in the earth. God needs man's consent and cooperation in prayer and faith to intervene in man's life outside of judgment.
- **(Gen. 1:26; Ps. 115:15-16; Mark 6:5-6)**

C. Hindrances to Effective Prayer

(ref. Jas. 5:16) "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

1. **(Matt. 6:5-8)**

- a. **(v5) Wrong motives in prayer**
 - **(Jas. 4:1-3 NLT)** 3 C's – coveting, competing and comparing.
 - Envy, jealousy and strife
- b. **(v6) personal, private, intimate time with God**
- c. **(v7) vain repetition and much speaking**
 - **(Rom. 12:12; 1 Thess. 5:16-18)** living in God's presence by continual prayer.
- d. **(v8) Prayer is not informing an uninformed God of your problems; He already knows your problems and the solutions.**
 - **(2 Pet. 1:2-4 AMP)**
 - **(1 John 5:14-15 AMP)**