

HOW TO PRAY CORRECTLY.

² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.. **Luke 11:2**

Questions:

- Why should we pray in the name of Jesus?
- When we pray, do we ask in general, or can we ask for something in specific?
- When we don't know what to say, Who can help us pray correctly?

Illustration: When her husband, Edmund Gravely, died at the wheel of his small plane his wife Janice kept the plane in the air for two hours until it ran out of gasoline. During this time she sang hymns and prayed to God for help. When the plane was crossing the border between South Carolina and North Carolina, she asked for help in the radio: "Help, help can somebody help me? my pilot is unconscious Could somebody help me!?" The authorities listened to his emergency call but could not contact her by radio during flight because she was flipping channels all the time. Mrs. Gravely finally made a hard landing and crawled 45 minutes at a farm to help. Application - How often do Christians ask God for help, but before the message reaches them, they change channels. They pray in the wrong way and then stop praying. When you cry out to God for His intervention don't change channels. Pray the right way and get a response.

I. PRAY TO THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS. John 16:23-24

- a. Jesus taught that when we pray, we refer to the Father In Heaven in his name.
- b. We should pray to the Father because he is the fountain, the provider, father, protector, and defender.
- c. We should pray in the name of Jesus, because the Father gave him the Name Above All Names, it is the name that conquered and has all authority in earth and heaven. Matthew 28:18
- d. When we pray in the name of Jesus, we are declaring the following: God is saving, healing, delivering, protecting and that the power for miracles is unleashed, answers and that every plan of the enemy is canceled.

II. PRAY SPECIFICALLY. James 1:6-8

- a. God wants to please us even in the smallest detail, that is why he wants us to learn to pray specifically.
- b. It is to pray not just by saying Lord give me a job, but to be more specific say what type of job, what hours, salary, etc.
- c. We must learn to ask the Father for the things that we need and to be specific for the things that we want.

III. APPROACHING THROUGH FAITH Hebrew 11:6

- a. When we pray, we need to do it believing that our prayers are being heard, and that those request that go according to the word of God will be answered.
- b. Even when we don't feel anything in our soul, spirit and body, we must believe that our prayers are being heard and that in their time they will be answered.
- c. We must be persistent and not depend on emotions to pray every day.

IV. ASK ASSISTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *Romans 8:26*

- a. The Word of God says it is the Holy Spirit who helps us to pray as we ought.
- b. He leads us by the hand the Father so that we ask according to His will and our prayers can be answered.
- c. Before we begin to pray we should ask the Holy Spirit to show us the heart and will of the Heavenly Father and to take control of our prayer and agenda for the day.

V. PRAY ACCORDING TO HIS WORD. *James 4:3*

- a. One of the most powerful weapons we can use is the Word of God, for in it is the will of Father. *1 John 5:14-15*
- b. Many prayers are not answered because we ask wrongly, the best way to lead the prayer time is to do it according to what the Bible says, because it ensures that we are praying according to the will of God, therefore assures us a response in time.
- c. When you pray: decide what you want from God, find a Bible passage to support it, ask God to believing that you will receive the promise that is in His Word, for example, by his wounds we were healed, his mercies are new every morning, in *Christ we are more than conquerors, etc.*

Conclusion: *If you have been praying and have no response begin putting into practice the principles taught. If you have not yet given your life to Jesus Christ today accept him as Lord and Savior.*

Take time to pray together applying the steps learned.

Weekly Announcements:

- **Retreat 3 Days Of Power for adults:** September 5 - 7
- **Retreat for Leaders, Host, Elders and Mentors:** September Saturday 27.

Sinners Prayer

Lord Jesus I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me today I repent and ask for forgiveness I give you my life and heart so you can be my Lord and Saviour Amen.