



BUILDING AN ACCURATE PRAYER LIFE

A. God's Word Is His Part of Your Prayer Life

1. Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
 - a. God's Word covers the entire spectrum of human existence.
2. Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”
 - a. God responds to His Word.
 - b. Jeremiah 1:12 – “Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.”

B. Base Your Prayer on the Answer Found in God's Word

1. Always remember to hold fast to the answer to your problem and not the problem.
 - a. Hebrews 4:13 – “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”
 - b. John 15:7 – “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”
 - c. 1 John 5:14-15 – “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

C. Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

1. Don't bombard the gates of heaven. You have a right to come into the throne room.
 - a. Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

D. Realize that You Are the Righteousness of God

1. You can stand in the presence of God without a sense of fear, sin, or condemnation because you have right standing with God.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”
 - b. 1 Peter 3:12 – “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”
 - c. James 5:16 – “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”



E. Always Pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus

1. John 16:23 – “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you.”

F. Realize that You Can Ask What You Will

1. God’s Word is His will for you.
2. When His Word is abiding in you, then you can know His will.
 - a. John 15:7 – “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”
 - b. God’s will and your will can become one when His Word dwells in you abundantly.

G. Recognize Who You Are Wrestling with in Prayer

1. Ephesians 6:10-12 – “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
2. Spiritual warfare takes place in prayer.
 - a. Put on your prayer armor.
 - b. Ephesians 6:13-18 – “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 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, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

H. Believe That You Receive When You Pray

1. Mark 11:24 – “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
2. Matthew 21:22 – “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”
3. Walk by faith and not by sight.
4. Don’t be moved by adverse circumstances.



I. Purge Yourself of Unforgiveness and Strife

1. Mark 11:25-26 – “And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”
2. 2 Timothy 2:20-26 – “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

J. Give Praise for the Victory

1. Praise is the greatest expression of your faith.
 - a. Philippians 4:6-8 – “Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”
2. Praise will stop the devil’s attacks.
 - a. Psalm 8:1-2 – “O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who has set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger.



BUILDING AN ACCURATE PRAYER LIFE - REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. God's _____ is His part of your prayer life.
2. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's _____ is alive and powerful, able to divide _____ and _____, and is a _____ of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
3. Always remember to hold fast to the _____ to your problem and not the _____. And the solution is found in _____.
4. Realize that you can go to God and stand in the presence of God because you are _____; and according to James, the _____ of a _____ man avails much.
5. Always pray to the _____ in _____ name.
6. God's Word is His _____. When His _____ abides in you, God's will and your will become _____. Then you can ask what you _____ and it will be done.
7. Spiritual _____ takes place in prayer. Your _____ is not flesh and blood. Your sword is the _____ of God.
8. Don't be moved by _____ circumstances. Believe you receive when you _____.
9. According to Mark 11, when you stand praying, _____
10. _____ is the greatest expression of your faith in God.



BUILDING AN ACCURATE PRAYER LIFE - ANSWER KEY

1. (seen, Creator)
2. (temporary, change, Word)
3. (Holy Spirit, power, Word)
4. (senses, faith, sight)
5. (God's Word, Word)
6. (Word, entrance, Word)
7. (images)
8. (faith, image)
9. (veil, religiously, image-painter)