

Effective Prayer (1)

Principles of Effective Prayer



Pastoral Issues

- #1 - Strong Marriages
- #2 - Fathers
- #3 - Singles





BBTC Direction & Emphasis

- 2018- Year of Prayer
- 2019 - Year of Proclamation
- 2020 - Year of Personal Discipleship

For BBTC, we do all 3 simultaneously but noting the National Church's Emphasis

Theme Verse

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. **The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.**



Pray Always

Philippians 1:3-4

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, **4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy.**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing ...



Pray Always

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I **make mention** of you **always** in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:16 **do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention** of you in my prayers.



Pray Always

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.



Pray Always

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.

Philemon 1:4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers.



Principles of Effective Prayer



- I. Effective Prayer is always praying the Will of the Father.

1 John 5:14-15

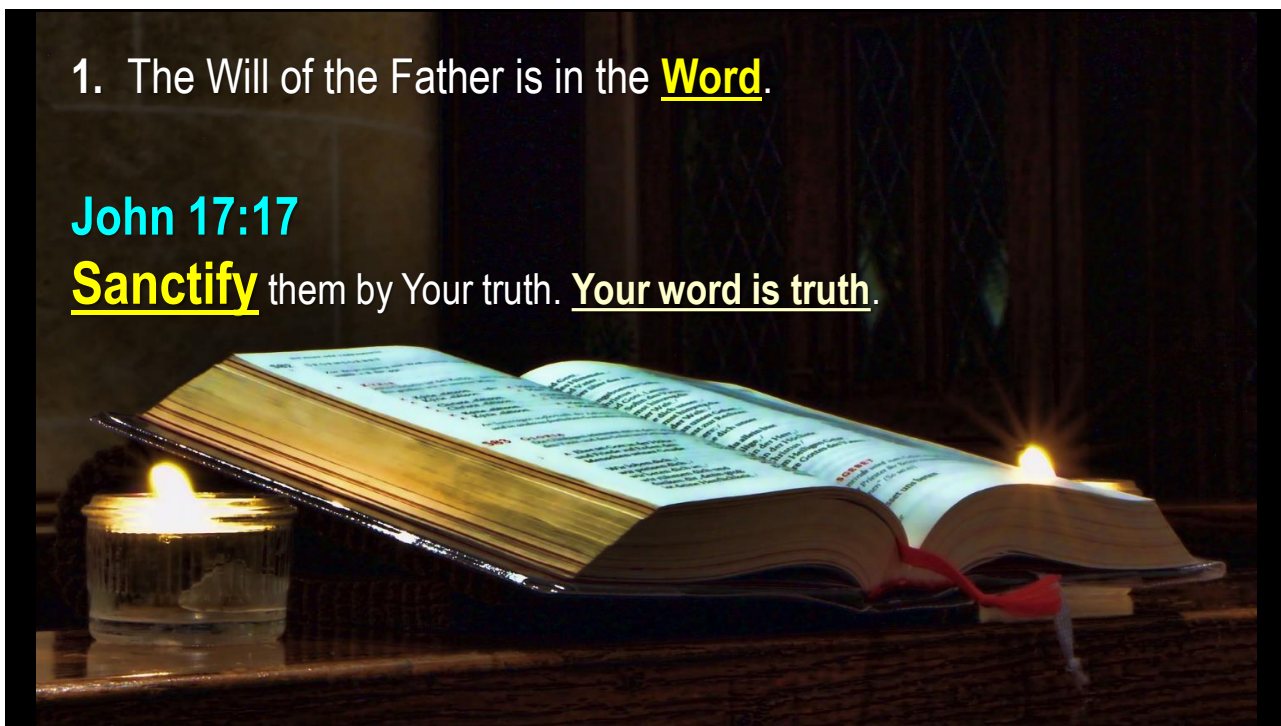
14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.



1. The Will of the Father is in the Word.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

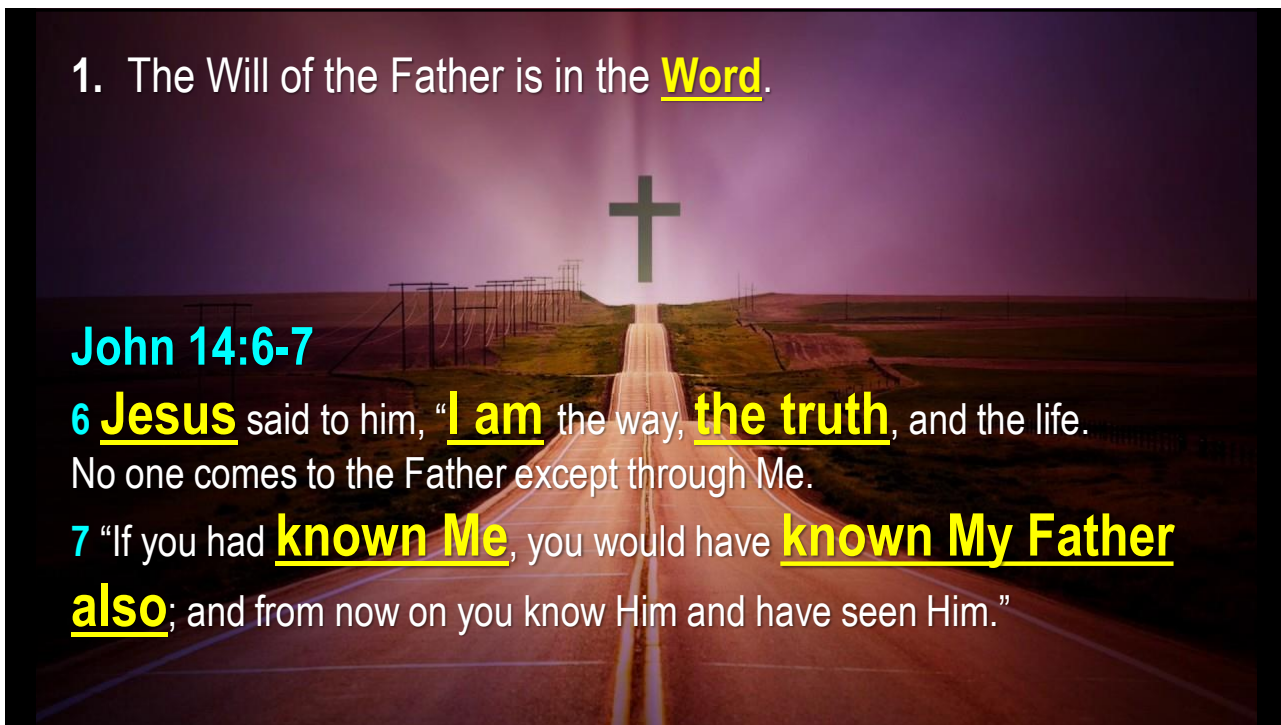


1. The Will of the Father is in the Word.

John 14:6-7

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."



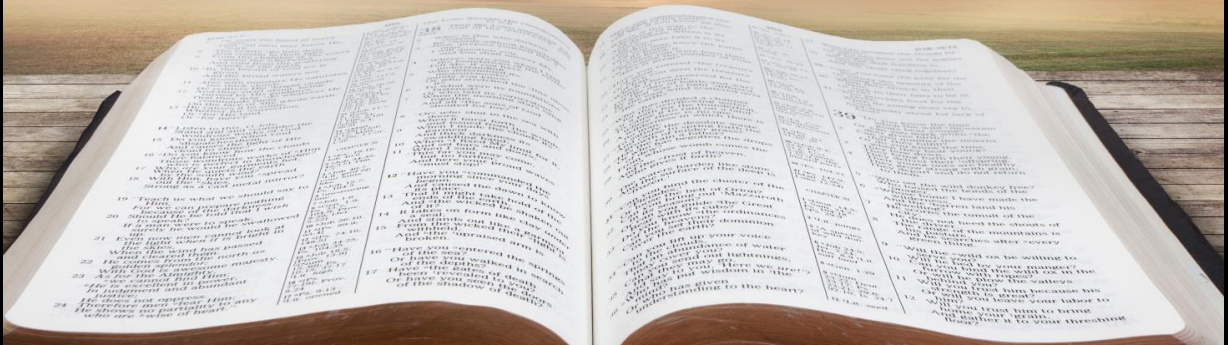
1. The Will of the Father is in the Word.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Marriage - Family - Work -
R/S - Identity & Purpose

2. The Will of the Father is always consistent with His Character.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.



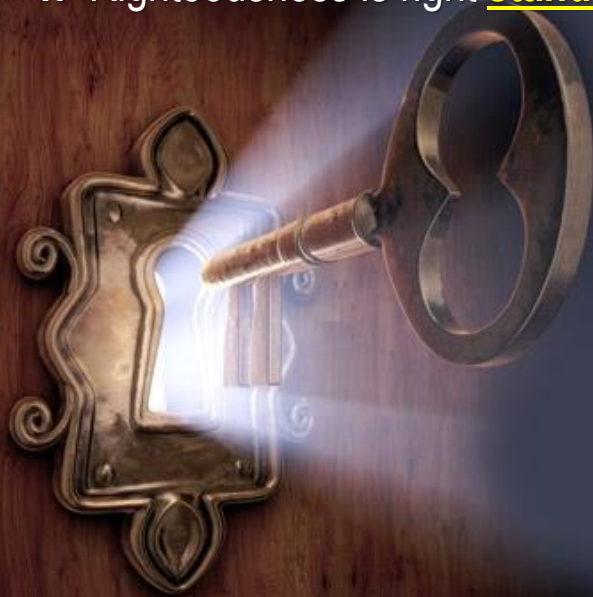
II. Effective Prayer is always based on righteousness.

1. Righteousness is right standing with God.

Romans 5:17b much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.



1. Righteousness is right standing with God.



Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

2. Righteousness is also right believing and right doing.

Matthew 7:24-25

24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Genesis 4:7 - Cain

III. Effective Prayer is always by faith.

1. Faith on the part of the pray-er.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."



2. Faith on the part of pray-ee.

Mark 5:25-30

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, **26** and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. **28** For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." **29** Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

3. Faith on the part of the intermediary.

Luke 7:7-10

7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **9** When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" **10** And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.



IV. We must know and understand the character of God.

1. God is always loving and just and righteous.

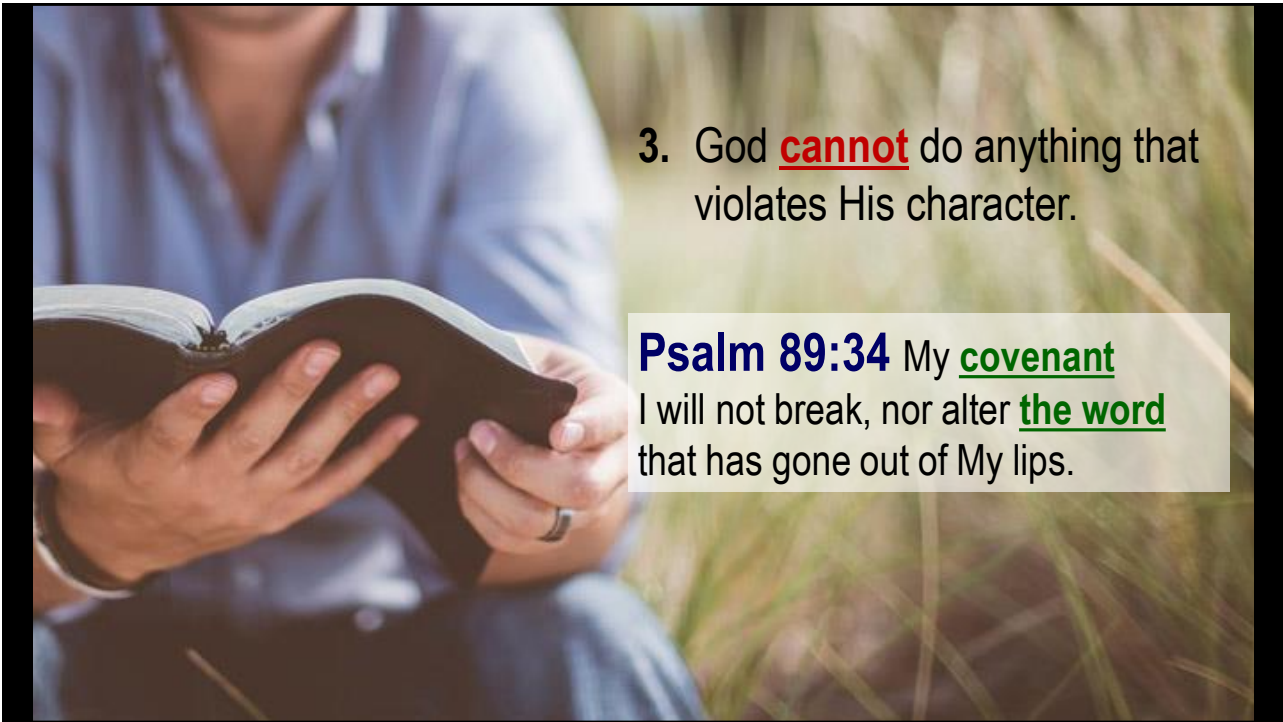
Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; **24** but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

2. Justice and Righteousness are the foundation of His throne.

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.



- 
3. God **cannot** do anything that violates His character.

Psalm 89:34 My covenant
I will not break, nor alter the word
that has gone out of My lips.

3. God **cannot** do anything that violates His character.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie,
nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said,
and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Isaiah 55:11

Jeremiah 1:12

Psalm 138:2

Pray the Word - Promises & Covenant of God



V. We must know and understand the works of the evil one.

1. He is a liar and murderer.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.



2. He is a deceiver.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.





3. He is a condemner.



Romans 8:33-34

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. **34** Who is he who condemns?

It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

4. He is an accuser.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.



VI. **Before** Calvary, the evil one brings condemnation, charges and accusations against us **before** God.

1. When Adam fell, Satan took over the **keys** to the earth plus **access** to the Presence of God.



2. He consequently accuses the OT saints **before** God.
e.g. 1 - **Job 1:6, 9**

Job 1:6, 9

6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord**, and **Satan also** came among them.

9 So **Satan answered the Lord** and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"



2. He consequently accuses the OT saints before God.
e.g. 2 - **Zechariah 3:1-5**

Zechariah 3:1-5

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. **2** And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" **3** Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.



2. He consequently accuses the OT saints before God.
e.g. 2 - **Zechariah 3:1-5**

Zechariah 3:1-5

4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." **5** And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.





2. He consequently accuses the OT saints before God.

e.g. 3 - **Luke 22:31-32 [Peter]**

Luke 22:31-32

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

VI. Before Calvary, the evil one brings condemnation, charges and accusations against us before God.

3A. His accusations are legal grounds before the throne of God for him to steal, kill and destroy.

3B. God cannot extend His grace to the saints due to the grounds against us because He is always righteous.



VI. **Before** Calvary, the evil one brings condemnation, charges and accusations against us **before** God.

3C. Consequently, the OT saints will reap the **negative** consequences and **suffer** accordingly.

3D. The remedy is **repentance** before God and applying the blood of prescribed clean animals to **cover** their sins.



VII. **After** Calvary, Satan has been thrown out of the highest heavens to operate on **earth** from the **second heavens - atmospheric realms**.

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw **Satan fall like lightning from heaven**."



VII. After Calvary, Satan has been thrown out of the highest heavens to operate on earth from the second heavens - atmospheric realms.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

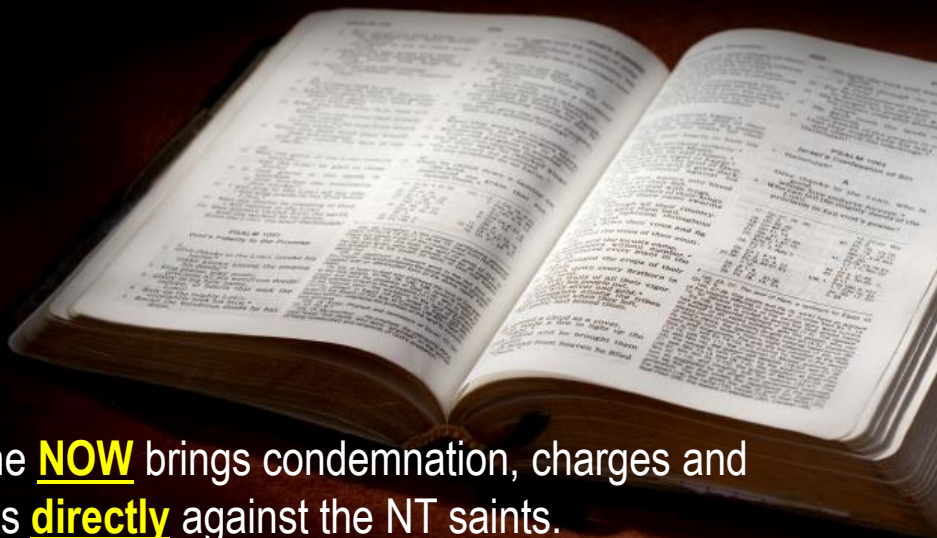


VII. After Calvary, Satan has been thrown out of the highest heavens to operate on earth from the second heavens - atmospheric realms.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

John 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.





1. The evil one **NOW** brings condemnation, charges and accusations **directly** against the NT saints.

2. NT saints [after Calvary & Pentecost] now have the **indwelling Holy Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?



3. We can now **resist** the evil one.

James 4:6-7

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore **submit to God**.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:9 **Resist him**, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.



4. We can now **tear down** the accumulated lies and deceptions called strongholds in our lives.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

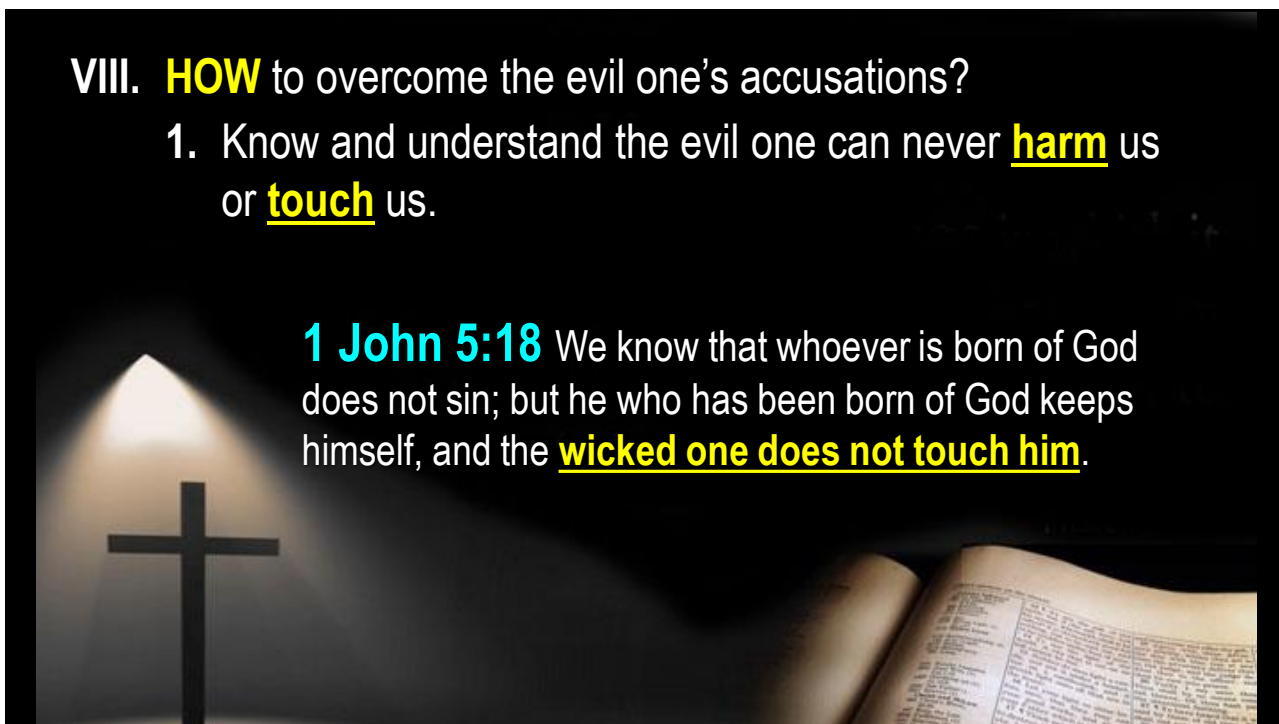
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for **pulling down strongholds**,
5 casting down **arguments** and **every high thing** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ ...



VIII. **HOW** to overcome the evil one's accusations?

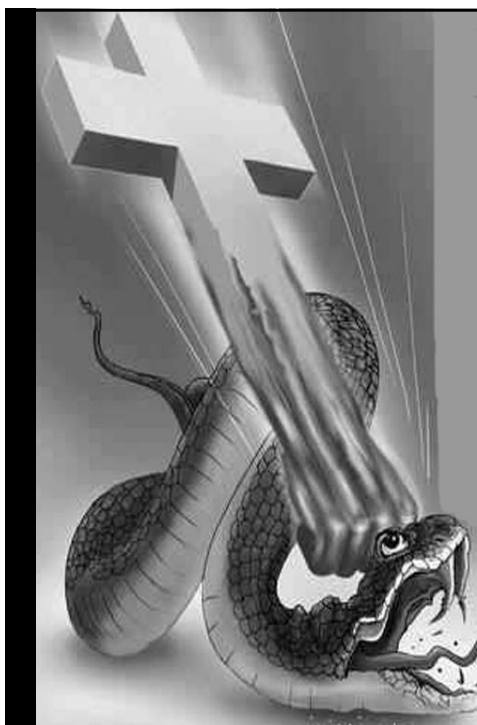
1. Know and understand the evil one can never **harm** us or **touch** us.

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the **wicked one does not touch him.**



1. Know and understand the evil one can never **harm** us or **touch** us.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.**



2. The evil one can **block** our prayers from being answered by bringing **legal grounds** against us.



1 Peter 5:8 - adversary - Greek = Antidikos

Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

3. Because God is righteous, He **cannot** extend His grace to us when we give **foothold**, **ground** and **doorway** to the evil one.

Ephesians 4:27 nor give **place-ground** to the devil.



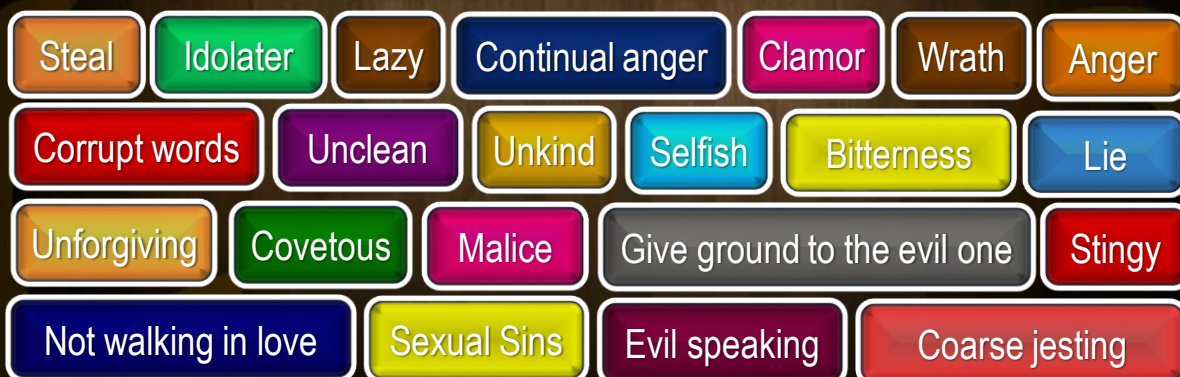
4. This happens when we **grieve** the Holy Spirit.

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



4. This happens when we **grieve** the Holy Spirit.

Things we do that **grieves** the Holy Spirit and this **hinders**
our prayers because the evil one has **legal grounds** against us.



5. We must know the **finished** works of Christ on the Cross.

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

5. We must know the **finished** works of Christ on the Cross.

Romans 8:31-34

31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us,** **who can be against us?** 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 **Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?** It is God who justifies. 34 **Who is he who condemns?** It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

5. We must know the finished works of Christ on the Cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

6. Consequently, we must:

A. Repent and confess our sins to receive forgiveness.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6. Consequently, we must:

B. Be cleansed and have the legal grounds against us covered by the Blood of Christ.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

6. Consequently, we must:

C. Submit to God.

D. Resist the evil one.

E. Commit our lives totally to live in utter dependency on Him.

James 4:6-10

1 Peter 5:5-9

Bottom-Line:

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them,
that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

We must **ALWAYS PRAY!**

HOLY
BIBLE

Repent - those prayers blocked

Those desire better connect