

Effective Prayer (Part 2)

Review - Effective Prayer (Part 1) Principles of Effective Prayer

- I. Effective Prayer is always praying the **Will of the Father**.
 1. The Will of the Father is in the **Word**.
 2. The Will of the Father is always consistent with **His Character**.

- II. Effective Prayer is always based on **righteousness**.
 1. Righteousness is right **standing** with God.
 2. Righteousness is also right **believing** and right **doing**.

- III. Effective Prayer is always by **faith**.
 1. Faith on the part of the **pray-er**.
 2. Faith on the part of **pray-ee**.
 3. Faith on the part of the **intermediary**.

- IV. We must know and understand the **Character of God**.
 1. God is always loving **and** just **and** righteous.
 2. **Justice** and **Righteousness** are the foundation of His throne.
 3. God **cannot** do anything that violates His Character.

- V. We must know and understand the works of the **evil one**.
 1. He is a **liar** and **murderer**.
 2. He is a **deceiver**.
 3. He is a **condemner**.
 4. He is an **accuser**.

- 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.

- 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**.
- 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**.

- 1. The evil one **NOW** brings condemnation, charges and accusations **directly** against the NT saints.
- 2. NT saints (after Calvary and Pentecost) now have the **indwelling Holy Spirit**.
- 3. We can now **resist** the evil one.
- 4. We can now **tear down** the accumulated lies and deceptions called strongholds in our lives.

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

- 1. Know and understand the evil one can never **harm** us or **touch** us.
- 2. The evil one can **block** our prayers from being answered by bringing **legal grounds** against us.
- 3. Because God is righteous, He **cannot** extend His grace to us when we give **foothold, ground** and **doorway** to the evil one.
- 4. This happens when we **grieve** the Holy Spirit.
- 5. We must know the **finished** works of Christ on the Cross.
- 6. Consequently, we must
 - A. **Repent** and **Confess** our sins to receive **forgiveness**.
 - B. Be **cleansed** and have the **legal grounds** against us **covered** by the Blood of Christ.
 - C. **Submit** to God.
 - D. **Resist** the evil one.
 - E. **Commit** our lives totally to live in utter **dependency** on Him.

Overcome the Adversary

I. 3 Dimensions of Prayer

1. Approach God as **F**_____.
Luke 11:1-4 Luke 11:11-13
2. Approach God as **F**_____.
Luke 11:5-8 John 15:15
3. Approach God as **J**_____ Luke 18:5-8

II. About the **A**_____.

1. One who brings a **L**_____ **-S**_____. 1 Peter 5:8
2. One who makes a **C**_____ in the judicial system – courts of heaven.
Revelation 12:10
3. Is a strong man with **L**_____ **R**_____. Matthew 12:29

To **B**_____ the strong man is to **R**_____ / **N**_____ the **L**_____ **R**_____ /
P_____ **B**_____ of the strong man!

1 Peter 5:8

John 10:10a

- A. Never go to war against our adversary before we go to court and ensure we have **R**_____ standing i.e. no legal grounds against us.
- B. Otherwise, we can face **B**_____ when the enemy has legal rights against us. 2 Samuel 21:1, 14

III. How to overcome the accuser and his works?

Revelation 12:10-11

1. By the **B**_____ of the Lamb. Revelation 12:11
 - A. We must **K**_____ the finished works of Christ on the Cross.
2 Corinthians 5:21 Hebrews 2:14-15
 - B. Appropriate the finished works of Christ on the Cross.
 - (1) Confess and repent of your sins to ask for **F**_____.
1 John 1:9
 - (2) Appropriate the blood to **C**_____ us from the defilement.
2 Corinthians 7:1
 - (3) Appropriate the blood to **C**_____ the legal ground-foothold-doorway given to the evil one. Ephesians 4:27
2. By the Word of our **T**_____. Revelation 12:11
 - A. In a court, there are **T**_____ given by those who are judicial **W**_____.
 - B. The Judge (God) can only render a verdict based on **E**_____ given.
 - C. Therefore, the Judge needs a corroborating testimony to **A**_____ with what Jesus our Advocate is saying before Him. 1 John 2:1
 - D. The answer is that **G**_____ **P**_____ must begin to **S**_____ -**P**_____ in **A**_____ with what Jesus, our Advocate is testifying. Hebrews 3:1

Examples of:

- **Ezekiel** - Ezekiel 37:1-10
- **The 10 Spies of Caleb and Joshua** - Numbers 13:30, 31-33; 14:28-30

Testimony in Heaven and on Earth 1 John 5:7-8

The Importance of our Testimony – what we confess

2 Corinthians 4:13 Revelation 19:10

- (1) What we believe and speak is the **S**_____ of **P**_____.
- (2) The Spirit of Prophecy is the **T**_____ of Jesus.
- (3) The Testimony of Jesus is the **W**_____ of God.
- (4) **S**_____ what the Bible says.
- (5) **D**_____ what the Scriptures declare.

3. Did not love **T**_____ **L**_____ to the death. Revelation 12:11
Luke 9:23 Romans 6:11 Galatians 2:20

BOTTOM-LINE

Revelation 12:11