



Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Series Entitled: "Prayer Works"
Tonight's Subject: "Prayers that Work"

- A Major Shift Focus should happen in our prayer lives at Connect Church and in the Body of Christ!
 - We collectively have to pray through things even more than we have to plan through things!
 - PRAYER WORKS!
- **Point #1: Be Specific and Stand on God's Promises**
- We need to realize and understand the importance of God's Word concerning prayer, because God's Word is God's Will!
 - If scripture does not promise it, we should not be praying for it!
 - When we pray in confidence, we are standing on the Promises of God in His Word!
 - When we desire something from the Lord, we need to get scriptures firmly fixed in our hearts and meditate on God's Word until the manifestation takes place!
 - **(The Two Blind Men Sitting By The Road)**
Matthew 20:30-34 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
³⁰And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³²And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**" ³³They said to Him, "**Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.**" ³⁴Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.
 - **(When We Confess God Does Something In Response)**
1 John 1:8-9 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
 - **(Meditating On God's Word Constantly)**
Joshua 1:8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁸This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may ⁹be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.
 - **(Hide the Word in Our Hearts)**
Psalms 119:11 New King James Version (NKJV)
¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.
It is important to hide the word of God in our hearts, so we can BE ready to use it when the enemy attacks us.
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➤ **Point #2: Let Your Request Go to God**

- **We must ask God for what we want and believe that we shall receive it.**
 - **Even though God already knows our needs before we even ask, we still need to make our request to God.**
 - **(God Knows)**
Matthew 6:32 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
³²For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
 - **(Prayer Promises)**
John 16:23-24 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
²³In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.
 - **(Ask, Seek, & Knock)**
Matthew 7:7-8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁷Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
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➤ **Point #3: Be Optimistic and Positive in Your Thinking While Praying**

- **Let every thought and desire affirm that you have what you asked for.**
- **Once one prays in faith, never permit a mental picture of failure to remain in your mind.**
- **Our thoughts, our talk, and our actions all point to receiving what God has in store for each of us.**
- **When we pray, understand the enemy is striving to cast doubt on what God has promised to us!**
- **(Think On These Things)**
Philippians 4:8 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.
- **(Set Your Mind On Things Above)**
Colossians 3:1-2 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- **(Rejoice And Be Thankful In All Circumstances)**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
¹⁶Rejoice always; ¹⁷pray without ceasing; ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit;

- **(Be Cheerful With Our Hearts)**

Proverbs 17:22 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

²² A joyful heart is good medicine, But a broken spirit dries up the bones.

➤ **Point #4: Guard Your Mind During the Manifestation Process**

- We need to guard every evil thought that comes into our minds that try to make us doubt what God has spoken.
- We have to remember that thoughts are driven by observation, association, and teaching.
- We have to guard our mind against that which we experience.
- This is the reason that we need to stay away from negativity!
- So we have to stay in close fellowship with those who are going to contribute to our faith rather than those who try to constantly tear down what we are believing God for!
- **(Bringing Every Thought Into Captivity)**

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 The Message (MSG) ³⁻⁶The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.

- **(Get a Thorough Search of Ourselves)**

Psalms 139:23-24 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

- **Psalms 139:23-24** The Message (MSG)

²³⁻²⁴ Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—then guide me on the road to eternal life.

➤ **Point #5: Meditate On God's Promises / Stand on God's Promises**

- **Whatever God has promised us according to His Word- Stand on it & Meditate on it!**
- **Hebrews 13:8** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁸Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.
- **Psalm 27:14** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
¹⁴Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.
- **Matthew 21:22** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
²²And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”
- **Psalm 55:17** King James Version (KJV)
⁷Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
- **Matthew 5:6** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- **1 John 3:22** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.
- **Psalm 37:4** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁴Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart.
- **Pray – Believe –Meditate – Stand!**

➤ **Point #6: Continue to Thank God for the Answered Prayers**

- **We are thanking God because we know according to His Word – He hears us!**
- **Philippians 4:6** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- **1 Peter 3:12** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
¹²“For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

PRAYERS THAT WORK!