

Teach Me How to Pray (part 4) ~ It's Not About Me
James 5:16; Philippians 4:6

Objective... to teach you how to create a sincere intimate relationship with God, mobilizing your prayer life to grow spiritually and aid in growth of the Kingdom of God through our local church to see the results of our prayers and those we pray for!

I. Prayer (defined) ~ communication with God

II. Communication (defined) ~ an exchange of information between people

III. Prayer Parameters

1. Pray to the Father ~ *John 16:23*
2. Pray according to His will ~ *1John 5:14-15*
 - His will (*GRK ~ thel-amah ~ what one wishes or has determined will be*)
 - His *will* is His *word*
3. Pray in Faith, without wavering ~ *James 1:5-7*
 - (*Diakrino ~ (dee-ak-ree'-no) ~ an internal battle that goes on within yourself*)
4. Ask qualified desires
 - for anything for our enjoyment ~ *1Timothy 6:17*
 - for anything that pertains to life and godliness ~ *2Peter 1:3*

IV. Prayer Prerequisites

1. Quiet your mind ~ *Psalms 131:2*
 - When should I pray?
 - How long?
 - Have a journal
 - His voice does not have to sound like the bible
 - Be focused
 - Humble yourself
 - Practice will breed confidence in what you hear in quiet time
2. Praise Him and sing a song ~ *Psalms 100:4-5*
3. Make Confession for sin that ensnares us ~ *Hebrews 12:1*
 - Admit it ~ *1John 1:8*
 - Agree with God on what He said regarding the sin
 - Ask for forgiveness ~ *1John 1:9*
 - Accept forgiveness
4. Renew Your mind regarding your Prayer ~ *Romans 12:1*
 - Holy
 - Pray the scriptures
 - Expect an answer from God
 - Memorize bible passages, stories, promises and principles
 - Write your prayer down
 - Don't rush your time in prayer