

Sermon #2 “How To Pray”

How Do You Pray with Power?

“So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made without ceasing and fervently by the church unto God.” -- Acts 12:5

The first thing to notice is the brief expression “unto God.” Someone will ask, “Well isn’t all prayer unto God?”

How is this possible?

The second secret of effective praying from this verse is in these words...”fervently, without ceasing.”

How is this possible?

The true method comes from **Romans 8:26** “*And in like manner the Spirit also helps our infirmity; for we know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.*”

It is in this connection that fasting comes. “*And Daniel set his face unto his God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.*”

A third secret to power effective praying is found in **1 John 3:22** “*And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*”

A fourth secret to powerful and effective power is found in the phrase “*do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*”

Study Guide

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This study guide is designed to allow you to dig deeper into the Christian life. Use this study guide each night at the family dinner table or use this guide during your personal “Daily Reflections” each day this week, as you seek to live as a Spirit-Filled Christian.

Monday - James 1:5

- How are Christians expected to grow, once they are saved?
- Who is your source of all things good and right?

Tuesday - Romans 8:26, 27

- What area of the Christian life do you have infirmity or weakness?
- Who helps us, intercedes for us, according to the perfect will of God?

Wednesday - Ephesians 6:18

- Who is in control of your joy?
- What does Jesus want for you and how do you receive it?

Thursday - Romans 10:17

- How do you build your faith in prayer?
- How often and when do you do this?

Friday - Philippians 4:6-7

- What kind of prayer brings the peace of God?
- Is there any logic to this?