**Prayer**

**Review**: Prayer **changes** things. You should live in **atmosphere** of prayer, which is an **awareness of the presence** of God. When we pray we pray **to the Father in the name of Jesus**.

James told us if we are afflicted (or have **trouble) WE should pray**. Not expect someone else to pray for us.

Prayer is **Communion** with God. We discussed developing a **fellowship** with the Lord and not just a **relationship**.

Prayer is not what you do, it is who you are. **You are NOW GOD’S HOUSE OF PRAYER**.

Effective prayer comes from **the heart not the mind**. **The Holy Spirit will teach you all things**.

We learned that we **ought always to pray**, to pray without **ceasing,** and that it **benefits us** to pray.

Prayer is a **way of life**. We pray without stopping because we pray as a matter of lifestyle.

Jesus **prayed daily and with purpose**, and he got **answers and results**.

**As you continue** in the Word, you **grow** in faith, and as you grow in faith, your **ability to pray** increases as well.

He uses many ways to **speak to us**.

God’s Word is the **fuel behind every effective prayer**.

**Your prayer** will then become God's own Word alive in your mouth.

**Let faith be the motivation** behind your prayer.

As you meditate the Word, **you are actually fellowshipping with the Spirit of Truth**. Growing **familiar with His voice**.

While we wait the Word tells us that God goes to work **and** He strengthens us:

The **failure to worship is the cause behind much of our powerless prayer**.

One of the laws that **brings God’s POWER** into action in our lives is **the law of praise and worship.**

**Unplug from the things of the world and PLUG into the throne of God through praise.**

**We don’t have to worship Him in our strength alone**.

The promptings of the Holy Spirit are your **cues** that come to you not only during your **special prayer time**, but also **throughout the day**.

Since God has given mankind dominion over the earth, **in order to release His power** into people’s lives, He **needs a man or a woman to speak** His words for Him.

Galatians 3:5 He Who supplies you with His marvelous Holy Spirit works powerfully and miraculously among you **because of your believing**. (paraphrased)

He said **because you believed**.

Jesus said, The measure (of thought and study) you give (to the truth you hear) will be the measure) of virtue and knowledge) that comes back to you (Mark 4:24) Virtue means power.

So **if you want to increase your power to pray,** keep increasing in God’s Word.

**Moving Forward**

My **challenge** to you today is to begin to **believe God cares** about your **concerns big and small**.

There are **no restrictions** in the Word as to how big or how small something has to be **to bring it to the Lord in prayer.** In fact the Word says:

**Casting the whole of your care** (all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all) on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. (1 Peter 5:7 AMP.

This is a commandment, not a suggestion.

**All things are fair game to inquire of the Lord**. **Why limit God** when He offers to help us in all of our cares and concerns.

Jesus said Everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (Matthew 7:8)

Our part is to ask.

And when we ask in faith he said ‘If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him (Matthew 7:11)

**His Words challenge us to ask God for anything that we lack.** And He means it.

Christ commanded us **not to worry** about what we would eat or what we would wear because **His WILL is to provide for all our needs when we SEEK HIM FIRST.**

When He the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell your things to come”

Jesus outlined the **Job description on the Holy Spirit**:

* To guide us into all truth (accuracy, correctness)
* To tell us what God is saying to us
* To tell us things to come (the future)

Every detail of our lives matter to God, and He delights in blessing us. **We honor God** when we **put Him first in everything, including coming to Him first thing versus last resort**. Do you go to Goggle or God first with your needs? Google may have 18 million answers to your question, but God has the only 1 right answer.

God’s promise to provide for our needs comes with directions, if we listen. As we engage with God about every detail in our lives, it **stretches our faith**. The determination to **grow your faith** begins with being **willing to take risks and give yourself grace** if you miss it.

Your mistakes will teach you to not move in haste but to follow peace.

Learning to **Partner with God for answers is key**. When we ask for God’s help, it **brings Him Glory** and **our faith multiplies**. It is a WIN-WIN proposition. We can access His Wisdom and Miracles every day, why wouldn’t we?

**The HOLY SPIRIT will help us**

Romans 8:6 Now the mind of flesh (**which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit**) is death (death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter). But the **mind of the Holy Spirit is life and soul peace both now and forever**. That is because the mind of the flesh (with its carnal thoughts and purposes) is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God’s Law; indeed it cannot.

Without the Holy Spirit **guiding our thinking**, our minds will produce **thoughts** that are in **opposition to God**. Believers can be filled with the Holy Spirit and still have fleshly thoughts, but as we **mature spiritually** our minds are **progressively renewed** by the Word of God. As the Word takes root in our hearts, **it changes our way of thinking and making decisions** so that carnal thoughts are fewer and fewer. We are not confirmed to this world but transformed into the image of Christ by the **renewing of our minds with Scripture** so that we know his perfect Will for us.

There are many purposes for praying in tongues, but today we only have time to touch on the most **thrilling purpose for praying in tongues, praying mysteries.**

1 Corinthians 14:2 He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit He speaks mysteries. (**which translates plans and purposes).**

The Holy Spirit knows Gods plans for us, or God’s answer to our need, or God’s answer to our questions or prayers. **He enables us to pray out those plans in other tongues**. He can help us pray out our **destinies.** You will not **accidently stumble** into what God has planned for your life. **You must pray about it so that you will be in the right place at the right time. You must speak it forth so that God can bring it to pass.** By praying in tongues you are **praying out those mysteries concerning your life, your need, your concerns.**

**Brother Hagin** said in His Bible Prayer Study Course that he did **50% of his praying in tongues.**

**Tongues is the gateway to the supernatural in our Christian walk.**

We are **capable of speaking** out of our spirit, **by inspiration** of the Holy Spirit, **mysteries, secret truths, and things not obvious to the understanding.** When we are praying in tongues, we are **praying the way God prays**, and Satan cannot prevail against it. **This is the Sword of the Spirit** and **praying the Word of God supernaturally**.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

This is the way God gives **revelation**; by His Spirit into your spirit. But if you locked into the **carnal realm**, you will **never get this kind** of revelation. Our physical eyes have not seen, our physical ears have not heard, and it doesn’t enter into our hearts through the five senses. **Yet the revelation is transferred by God’s Spirit into our spirit.**

Your human spirit knows all about you and God’s Spirit knows all about God, and when you get these two in communication with each other, **you have TAPPED the Source of all knowledge**. You are **capable of drawing from the Spirit of God the truth about any situation** you may face in life.

The human spirit is **designed of God to pick up things** that our natural mind cannot perceive. This perception comes by revelation. God, by His Holy Spirit, reveals it to your spirit.

There will be times when you will have **no idea how you know**, but you will know, and you will know it by the Spirit of God.

**The more you pray in the Spirit the more sensitive you will become** to the Spirt of God and what He is saying. **The key is to get your receiver (your spirit) tuned into God’s frequency, by reading, meditation, and speaking His Word.**

So if you get only one thing out of this 6 week session it should be **SPEND MORE TIME IN THE WORD TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE LORD.**

The second thing is **get started NOW into daily communion and fellowship with God!**

And three **pray in tongues daily** in order to allow the **HOLY SPIRT to help you pray out the answers and your future.**

**PRAYER FOR DESTINY LIFE CHURCH**

**As a member of this local church, I enforce God’s original plans and purposes in the life of this ministry and the lives of our congregation.**

**We are citizens of the Kingdom of God, a holy nation and we have what we say.**

**We are doers of the Word and not just hearers.**

**We are what the Word of God says we are – more than conquerors.**

**We have what the Word of God says we have – the whole earth and all that dwells therein.**

**We can do what the Word of God says we can do – all things through Christ because we believe all things are possible to us.**

**We hold fast to our confession of faith and we do not waiver, turn coward, faint, lose heart or give up.**

**We are healed with the stripes of Jesus. Jehovah Rapha has taken sickness and disease away from the midst of us. Our youth is renewed like the eagles.**

**We are redeemed from debt, poverty, lack and the curse. Every household of this church is blessed and living under an open heaven. The blessing of the Lord makes us rich and He adds no sorrow with it.**

**We have strong marriages and families knitted together in love and rooted in the Word of God.**

**Our youth fear and love the Lord. They love and honor their parents.**

**Our Pastors are empowered with wisdom and strength for the work they are called to accomplish.**

**Our church is prospering at everything it sets its hands to. We are accomplishing good works and we command the Kingdom finances and all of heaven and earth’s resources reserved for us to do this work to come forth now without delay.**

**We call forth all those assigned to this household of faith. We lift up Jesus and He draws in all men, women and children to Him from the city, county and surrounding communities that are called to this house.**

**We call forth our church building. A facility in this area that meets and exceeds all the items outlined on our church vision board in accordance with the Will of God.**

**The Word of God is prevailing in every area of our lives. We are overcomers and our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Now thanks be unto God Who always causes us to triumph in Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen.**