



## Prayer: The Key to Real Spiritual Power Part 2

### CONFESSION

**In 2021 I am moving forward. My future is bright, and my tomorrow is great. I refuse to let my past behind me, or people around me, or problems that face me, keep me from moving forward. My pathway ahead is filled with potential and possibility. New doors are opening, new relationships are forming. I'm getting wiser and stronger everyday. This year by the grace of God I am moving forward.**

**Text:** "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

- This text gives us the key to overcoming worry and anxiety.
- It shows us how to access a peace that can't be understood.

"If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled." -  
Cynthia Lewis

"The great people of the earth today are the people who pray, (not) those who talk about prayer." — S.D.Gordon

"Of all the things Christ wants for us, loving him and focusing our attention on him are the most important." — Charles Stanley

"Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God." — Oswald  
Chambers



## **I. What is Prayer**

- A. It is not limited to CRISIS
- B. It is a discipline that is vital to your development and growth
- C. Prayer reminds me that I need God!!
- D. Prayer primarily, is COMMUNICATION

**Prayer is communication mental or oral with God the FATHER in the name of Jesus the SON with the assistance of the HOLY SPIRIT! - Tony Evans**

\*\*\*\*Also written i.e. The Psalms (poems, songs & prayers)

- Your prayer becomes more effective when you understand how the Trinity functions in your prayers.

## **II. In Jesus Name**

- A. It is not a magical phrase
- B. It is not an incantation- repetitious wordiness
- C. It is not a religious formula

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

John 14:12-14 NIV

## **II) It's About Authorization**

Authorize- To give official permission or approval



### A. Acknowledgement of His Intercession

- “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”  
Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

- Jesus made a way for us to pray
- Jesus is our Great Mediator
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“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,”. 1 Timothy 2:5 NIV

### SEVEN THINGS PRAYING IN JESUS NAME REMINDS US:

1. Praying in His name reminds us not to approach God in our works or merit!
2. Praying in His name reminds us to rely on His Power

### B. Submission to His Will

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he



hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

1 John 5:13-15 NIV

3. Praying in His name reminds us to pray according to His character
4. Praying in His name reminds us to ask from His vantage point
5. Praying in His name reminds us to pray in agreement with His will

### **OUR PROBLEM**

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

James 4:3 NKJV

6. Praying in His name reminds us to glorify Him not ourselves

### C. Acceptance of Transferred Authority

- A power of attorney is a legal document that allows someone else to act on your behalf.
- Power of attorney is legal authority or limited authority to make legal decisions about the principal's property,

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.””

Matthew 16:19 NKJV

7. Praying in His name reminds us that we have been given power

