

The Principles of Prayer by Rev. Lori Hudson

Prayer Bootcamp Class Outline for Week 3

Based on the books

“The Law of Confession” by Bill Winston

“Let Us Pray” by Watchman Nee

1. The definition of Principle and Law

- Principle – NOUN a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior or for a chain of reasoning. "the basic principles of Christianity" a rule or belief governing one's personal behavior.
- Law - the system of rules which a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties; “that which is laid, set, or fixed.” 1 Another definition I like is that a law is a principle based on the predictable consequences of an act.

A certain act will yield a certain result.

- These are all natural laws that govern our physical world. However, the Bible reveals to us that there are spiritual laws as well as natural laws.

2. There is a difference between natural and spiritual law and the spiritual laws are activated by a Law called confession. Confession, or speaking in line with God’s Word will change the circumstances of your life.

- Spiritual laws govern the spiritual realm, but they also govern physical or natural laws because everything in the natural world came from the spirit world. Spiritual laws can overcome natural laws.
- Hebrews 11:3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear

- The key to all creation [and creativity] is the Word of God. The universe was framed by “the word of God,” and this has always been a Word planet.

3. Created to have Dominion – Spirit man vs flesh

- We are made in God’s image, so we are spirit beings. Because the spirit realm governs the natural realm, our spirit will govern our soul and body. Furthermore, the spiritual laws that govern our spirit also supersede the natural laws that govern our soul and body. Therefore, the law of confession, which is a spiritual law, will govern both our spiritual and natural lives.
- Your body is supposed to obey you because it is a slave of the real you, which is a spirit.
- **Romans 1:19-20.** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they left a spiritual existence and fell into a natural one. Their carnal reasoning and physical senses became the extent of their ability. Their spirits were disconnected from God, so their words no longer reflected His heart and mind.

4. Partnering With God – Agreement

- The law of confession becomes even more powerful when we also function according to God’s law of agreement
- **Matthew 18:19.** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
- Speaking in agreement with God and each other has always been God’s plan.
- The lesson learned from the Tower of Babel is that the words you speak are powerful, but they are even more powerful when you and someone else are speaking in complete agreement
- God’s will for your words is first to agree with His Word. Then He wants you to agree with someone else according to His Word.

- Biblical confession means we agree with God by saying what He has said, knowing He already settled this thing before the foundation of the world.
- Studying the law of confession also brings us into a new understanding of time.
- **Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him” (Matthew 6:8).**
- God doesn’t start until He’s finished. Whatever He is calling us to do, He had it all worked out before the Earth or people existed.
- Prayer is the union of the believer’s thought with the will of God. The prayer which a believer utters on earth is but the voicing of the Lord’s will in heaven
- *Heaven Governed by Earth* -- God reserves His power for use in conjunction with the prayers of believers. The power of prayer lies not in how much we pray but in how much our prayers are in accordance with the principle of prayer
- Prayer does not alter that which God has determined. It never changes anything; it merely achieves what He has already foreordained.
- God in heaven will only bind and loose what His children on earth have bound and loosed. Many things there are which need to be bound, but God will not bind them by himself alone. He wants His people to bind them on earth first, and then He will bind them in heaven. Many things are there also which should be loosed; but again, God is not willing to loose them alone: He waits until His people loose them on earth and then He will loose them in heaven.

5. Prayers that are Specific

- **God is a god of details and specifics. Look at instructions for:**
 - Noah’s Ark
 - The Ark of the Covenant
 - Building the Tabernacle
- *Our prayers must be specific. Our prayers should be to God, against the enemy, and for that person or issue God has laid on our heart. Ignoring such a burden dulls our sensitivity to God's Spirit*

- When we pray, we should pray prayers that are specific. We should leave no room for confusion or gaps where the enemy can come in.
- Each time we pray, we need to see three aspects: first, we must see to whom we are praying; second, we must know for whom we pray; and third, we ought to realize against whom we are praying. Any work that we do to build up God's kingdom will automatically encroach on Satan's kingdom.

6. The Word at Work

- Because many people have no revelation of the power of their words, they have caused themselves undo hardship.
- "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). In other words, your words reflect your fate, not the devil, not your nation or background, not your relatives or circumstances.
- **Homologeo** : It is a compound word: homo, which means "the same," and logeo, which means "word." 1 A more specific definition is: "to say the same thing as another **Saying What God Says**
- When you speak God's Word there are things that go into motion that you can't see with the natural eye.
- Words Are Spirit
- **Vain Words**
- We must increase the value we put on our words—every word, all the time—because God does. He hates empty, fruitless words.
- **Ephesians 5:6. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**
- your heart and your mouth must be in agreement for your words to carry power
- **Proverbs 18:21. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.**
- Your mouth can destroy the dreams God has put in your heart. So say what you need to say, and then just be quiet