

## Lesson 16

### FIVE WAYS TO APPROACH GOD WITH CONFIDENCE

#### HOW TO APPROACH GOD WITH CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

1. We must change our negative image of God and see Him as a warm, kind, loving, merciful, and generous Father, always ready to hear us, help us, and bless us. Hebrews 4:16, Psalm 145:8, 2 Corinthians 1:3

God loves us more than we love ourselves. God understands us better than we understand ourselves. God wants only the best for us. His will is always good, acceptable, and perfect (Romans 12:2).

2. We must approach God on the basis of a right relationship with Him.

1 Peter 3:12, Hebrews 5:7, Proverbs 8:13, Isaiah 59:1-2, James 5:16

Walking in righteousness will cause us to have an open heaven relationship with God

Righteousness means right standing with God.

Righteousness means to be in right relationship with God.

Righteousness means to live right, to walk upright before God, to hate sin.

3. We must approach God in faith.

Hebrews 11:6, I John 5:14-15

Faith is essential if we want our prayers answered:

- It is impossible to approach God without faith.

- We must believe that God exists and He is our rewarder.

-God rewards His children who are diligent seekers.

4. We must pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. What does it mean to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus?

John 14:13-14, John 16:23-24

**Take Home Growing Exercise**

We must pray to the Father in \_\_\_\_\_.

Worship is not just \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is essential for an effective prayer life.

Complete this sentence:

This week I interceded for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.