

Praying Smart Not Hard

RE-visiting the Abiding Principle...

John 15:4-11 NKJV

4 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. **9** “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. **11** “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

We don’t come begging, we come to him in confidence.

(As does any child who has a healthy and loving relationship with their Father.)

1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, 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 the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

John 14:13-17 NKJV

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. “If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

Jesus, our role model and teacher of effective prayer.

Read: Matthew 6:9-13 & Matthew 26:39

Paul teaching on the authority of the believer...

Ephesians 2:6-7 TPT

“He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ! Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 2:6-7 ESV

“And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

The Word Discovers Our Condition

Hebrews 4:11-13

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **12** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Our Compassionate High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We pray and live and move and have our being... from a place of His completed Work.
From the truth of His written word. When our voice comes in to agreement with HIS word...
BY Faith... we pray and then we release it to the ONE who authored it.

WE don't war FOR victory... but FROM VICTORY! CHRIST'S COMPLETED WORK.

As you understand *your Authority*, what will your prayer life look like?

FOR YOURSELF: _____

FOR YOUR FAMILY: _____

FOR YOUR AREA IN THE MARKETPLACE: _____

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