

PRAYER SCHOOL – WEEK 3

Prayer is not just fellowshiping (communing) with God, it is **PETITIONING** God.

Philippians 4:6

“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.”

- **PRAYER**- communicating and fellowshiping with our Heavenly Father.
- **PETITION**- a specific, faith-filled request backed by His Word.

Pray the things you **DESIRE**.

Three things we should all ask God for:

1. **GENERAL REQUESTS.**
 - a. Matthew 7: 7-8
 - b. John 16:23–24
 - c. John 14:13–14
2. **WISDOM**
 - a. James 1:5-6
3. **HOLY SPIRIT**
 - a. Luke 11:9-13

When we petition God in prayer we should:

- Approach Him **CONFIDENTLY**— knowing you have access through Christ.
- Present **SPECIFIC** requests — not vague or emotional, but specific and faith-filled.
- Base it on His **WORD**— reminding God of His promises.
- Expect God to **ANSWER**— because faith believes that He hears and answers.

FOUR KEYS TO RECEIVING FROM GOD:

1. Number One: **WAITING ON GOD**
2. Number Two: **MEDITATION**
3. Number Three: **FORGIVENESS**
 - a. Unforgiveness **BLOCKS** answers to prayer.
 - b. Faith works by **LOVE** (Gal. 5:6)
4. Number Four: **AVOIDING SINFUL ACTIVITY**
 - a. Sin SHORT **CIRCUITS** the power of prayer.

SUPERNATURAL receiving in prayer

When we pray in the Spirit we are praying beyond our **INTELLECT**, into the mind of Christ, getting answers to challenging questions.

Praying in the Spirit is a heavenly language that gives you a **DIRECT CONNECTION** to God, in prayer.

As you pray in the Spirit and ask Him for the interpretation, the Lord will give you the answer you are seeking in usable form. The answer may manifest as the following:

1. **INWARD CONVICTION**
2. **IMPRESSION TO ACT IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION**
3. **DIVINE WISDOM FOR THE SITUATION**

The Spirit **INTERCEDES** Through Us

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT HELPS US:

1. Tame our **TONGUE**
 - a. The Holy Spirit helps the tongue become useful when we do the following:
 - i. **YIELD** our tongue - Begin by surrendering your words to God in prayer.
 - ii. **PRAY** often in the Spirit – The more you pray in the Spirit, the more aware you become of the Holy Spirit living within you.
 - iii. **SPEAK** God's Word - As your spirit is edified, your natural speech will begin to reflect His Word instead of fleshly reactions.
 - iv. Practice **RESTRAINT** - The Spirit strengthens your self-control (Galatians 5:23 — “temperance”), including control over your mouth.
2. Crucify the **FLESH**

You did it! Thank you for being a part of Connect 21!