

POWER PRAYER

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly beyond all that we ask or think according to the POWER that works within us

We under estimate the power of prayer
We undervalue the importance of it
Prayer does not change God it changes us

Prayer is the simplest act its simply speaking to God
It needs neither learning nor wisdom nor knowledge to begin it It needs nothing but heart & will
Prayer is inviting the living God to intervene on my behalf
There are so few who know what it is to take hold of His strength & pray down His blessing

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go (Abraham Lincoln)
Our first & instant response should always be to Pray before you go to the Doctor

Church is only as powerful as its prayer meeting NO PRAYER NO POWER

David Yonggi Cho (World's largest church 1 million)
I see one great fault in American services American pastors deliver fantastic messages to their congregations but right afterward they are dismissed & leave They are not given time to bear the fruit of those messages They receive the spoken words of the message but no time to pray it through for it to get it implanted into them so that the word becomes a part of them

WHY GOD DOESN'T ANSWER OUR PRAYERS

NOT IN THE WILL OF GOD **1 John 5:14,15**

This is the confidence which we have before Him that If we ask anything *according to His will* he hears us And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him

Matt 6:10 Your Kingdom Come Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven

NOT SPECIFIC Be specific tell God exactly what you want inc timeframe (Yonggi Cho)

NOT WITH FAITH

Matt 21:21-22 * Then Jesus told them I tell you the truth *if you have faith* and don't doubt you can do things like this and much more You can even say to this mountain Be lifted up and thrown into the sea and it will happen If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer

Mk 11:22-25 Jesus said to His disciples Have faith in God *

James 1:6 But he must *ask in faith without any doubting* for the one who doubts is like the surf in the sea driven & tossed by the wind For that man ought not to expect to expect that he will

receive anything from the Lord
James 5:14,15 regards healing

HAVENT PERSISTED

1 Thess 5:17 pray (without ceasing) continually

Lk 18:1 Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should *always pray & not give up*

NOT OPERATING IN THE SPIRIT BUT THE NATURAL

Eph 6: 18 Never stop praying especially for others *Always pray by the power of the Spirit* Stay alert and keep praying for Gods people

Prayer is communion with God through the Spirit

SIN IN YOUR LIFE

Ps34:17 The godly (righteous) cry out and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles

James 5:16 Therefore *confess your sins to one another* and pray for one another so that you may be healed *The prayer* offered by those who have Gods approval is powerful and effective

Mk 11:25 And *when you stand to pray if you hold anything against another forgive it* so that your Father in heaven will forgive your trespasses as well

PRAYING FROM THE HEAD NOT THE HEART Fathers heart beat

Lk22:44 Being in agony He was praying *very fervently/earnestly*

Elijah James 5:17,18

Elijah was a human being He prayed *earnestly* that it would not rain on the land for 3 & half yrs

NOT USING YOUR GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY

Jn 16:23,24 I say to you whatever you ask of the *Father in my Name (Jesus)* he will give it to you Prayer is the believers weapon of war CH Spurgeon

+Prayer is speaking it out – calling it into being – declaring the will of God – claiming the victory
We don't realise the power we have available to us when we take our authority in prayer

TYPES PRAYER

Audible

+Declare - speak specifically to cause

Reminding God of His Word

Burden Col 4:12 always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers

Tongues 1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue my Spirit prays DO ALL SPEAK IN TONGUES

Cry Ps 57:1 I cried out to God and God heard Me & answered my prayer (desperation)

Groan Rom 8:26 The spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words

4 KEYS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER

THANKSGIVING

Phil 4: 6,7 Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God

Ps 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise Give thanks to Him & praise His name

PRAY in secret WARROOM

Matt 6:6 But when you pray go into the room & close the door & pray to your Father who is unseen Then your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you

v7 meaningless repetition

Mk 1:35 Very early in the morning while it was still dark Jesus got up left the house & went off to a secluded place where he prayed place

Psalm 5:3 In the Morning Lord you hear my voice in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly

LISTEN (seek)

wait upon the Lord hear what Hes saying **Proverbs 3:6,7** Listen for Gods voice in everything you do everywhere you go hes the one who will keep you on track Don't assume you know it all

ASK Matt 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you Seek & you will find Knock(noise) and the door will be opened to you

v8 For everyone that asks receives the one who seeks finds and the one who knocks the door will be opened

Jn 14:13,14 Whatever you ask in my name this I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son

FASTING

Dan10:12,13 21 days

Isa 58:6 To Break bondages

Joel 2:12 To repent

Acts 13:3 To set apart ministry

We release blessing on the Church We release Church growth into the Church We release a fresh anointing & outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the ministry of the Church & our pastors We release the spirit of desire for corporate prayer into the Church We release the love of God & the spirit of forgiveness into the life of the Church We release signs & wonders back into our services at Church We release Gods favor, integrity, humility & purity into the Church We release a hunger for the things of God ,His Word & the desire to meet with His people at Church We stand as the Church against every spirit that tries to rise up against us We speak to the heavenlies & say we release the harvest of souls in our community And may the fire of Evangelism burn in the hearts of the every member of the Church in the Name of Jesus AMEN

