

# PRAYING WITH BOLDNESS AND CONFIDENCE

## I. FIVE KINDS OF PRAYR

- A. Praising God - Psalm 9:2
- B. Confession - Psalm 32
- C. Thanksgiving - Psalm 9:1
- D. Sharing your heart - Psalm 62:8
- E. Supplication - Matthew 7:7

## II. THE BLESSING AND NECESSITY OF PRAYER

- A. It is a most wonderful blessing that we can talk to the living, holy, almighty God.
- B. Prayer is necessary for your life. Just like communication is essential in your relationships with people, so to it is essential in your relationship with God.
- C. When you don't pray then it leads to discouragement, to a lack of growth, to not loving people, to a lack of serving, and to not getting victory in your life.

## III. PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

- A. Pursuing God in prayer, persevering in prayer - Matthew 7:7, Luke 18:3-5
- B. Holiness in your life - Psalm 66:16-20, 1 Timothy 2:8
- C. Desperation in prayer, crying out to God - Psalm 57:2
- D. Praying with thanksgiving - Philippians 4:6-7
- E. Praying in Jesus name, according to His character and purpose - John 14:13-14
- F. Praying in faith means that by faith you come to God, you believe in God, and you believe that God wants to bless you - Hebrews 11:6.
- G. Praying with God's priorities in mind, first for God's kingdom and then for your own needs - Matthew 6:9-11, 33
- H. Praying unitedly with other believers - Acts 2:42, 3:1, 4:24, 12:5
- I. Praying according to God's will - 1 John 5:14-15

#### IV. APPROACHING GOD WITH CONFIDENCE - 1 John 5:14

A. Approaching God, going to God, approaching the throne of grace - Hebrews 4:16

B. Approaching God with confidence, with boldness. God wants you to be at ease in His presence, to not be fearful or worried, but to be bold, expecting Him to hear and answer your prayers. Ephesians 2:18, 3:12

C. The person who is confident in his relationship with God will be confident in praying to Him. 1 John 3:21-22, Luke 11:5-10

#### V. PRAYING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

A. One of the main principles of prayer is to pray according to God's will.

B. To pray effectively means you need to have a good relationship with God. You are a child of God, and you love God, and you want to do whatever God wants. Your heart and desire is for God's will to be accomplished.

C. You are not to pray to have your selfish desires fulfilled, but to have God's will and purposes fulfilled. Prayer is a means of aligning your heart with God's will. This means being humble, and being God's servant. Psalm 1:2-3, Psalm 40:8

WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, THAT WILL I DO,  
SO THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON.  
IF YOU ASK ME ANYTHING IN MY NAME I WILL DO IT.  
John 14:13

#### SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. What is the main thing you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. How is your prayer life? How are you doing at praying to God in all the different ways?
3. How are you doing at being desperate in prayer? In what particular areas?
4. What are some of God's priorities that you should be praying for?
5. Why is it important to be confident in your prayer life?
6. What does it mean to pray according to God's will? Give examples.
7. What are some of the blessings and benefits of praying to God?