



THE POWER OF PRAYER SERIES (Part 1)

“Seven Keys to Unlock the Power of Prayer!”

Go for God!

Jeremiah 33:3 - *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

~ **SEVEN KEYS TO A POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE:**

> **Key #1 – Powerless vs. powerful prayer – Luke 18:9-14 - Powerful prayer is CONTRITE!** (The person with a contrite spirit weeps over wrongdoing and expresses genuine sorrow for his sin (see also Matt 5:4; Luke 6:21; 2 Cor 7:10).)

> **Key #2 - Powerful prayer is CONSTANT! - Jesus taught in Matt 7:7-12 (Powerful prayer is constant and active, “ask, seek, knock!”)**

> **Key #3 - Powerful prayer will transform a NATION! - 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Warren Wiersbe writes, “We are praying to God; prayer is an act of worship, not just an expression of our wants and needs. There should be reverence in our hearts as we pray to God.”

- **Supplications** carries the idea of “offering a request for a felt NEED.”

- **Intercessions** is best translated “**petitions**.” This same word is translated “prayer” in 1 Tim 4:5, where it refers to blessing the food we eat. (It is rather obvious that we do not *intercede* for our food in the usual sense of that word.) The basic meaning is “to draw near to a person and converse confidently with him.” **It suggests that we enjoy fellowship with God so that we have confidence in Him as we pray.**

- **Giving of thanks** is definitely a part of **worship** and prayer. We not only give thanks for answers to prayer, but for who God is and what He does for us in His grace. We should not simply add our thanksgiving to the end of a selfish prayer! Thanksgiving should be an important ingredient in all of our prayers. In fact, sometimes we need to imitate David and present to God **only** thanksgiving with no petitions at all! (see Ps 103)

“Prayer and supplication [petition] with thanksgiving” are a part of Paul’s formula for **God’s PEACE in our hearts** (Phil 4:6). It is worth noting that Daniel, the great prayer warrior, practiced this kind of praying (Dan 6:10-11).”

- (v2) ***We must pray for our GOVERNMENT!***

- (v4) ***Pray that all would come to “the knowledge of the TRUTH!”***

- (v5) ***Jesus Christ is the one and only true MEDIATOR between God and men.***
(Not Mary, Joseph, the saints, the Pope, a Priest, a Pastor)

- (v8) ***Men pray EVERYWHERE with holy hands*** (undefiled from sin).

> **Key #4 - Power increased through PRAYER and FASTING – Matthew 17:14-21**
(Jesus set the example in Matthew 4:1-11 when He overcame the temptations of the devil.)

> **Key #5** – Powerful prayer **GLORIFIES** the FATHER - Jesus said in John 14:13-14 - *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.*

> **Key #6** – Powerful prayer for **HEALING** – James 5:13-18
(Confess “**Private** sins” to God and “**Public** sins” to those offended.)

- Example: Elijah- “*a nature like ours*”- *Hungry*- 1 Kings 17:11
Afraid- 1 Kings 19:3
Depressed- 1 Kings 19:3, 9-14

- What is the secret to Elijah’s powerful prayer life? Elijah “**TRUSTED** God!”

> **Key #7** – Powerful prayer brings **JOY** – John 16:16-33

> **Make a list of prayer needs for:**

<u>YOUR LIFE</u>	<u>CHURCH/MINISTRY</u>	<u>SOULS TO SAVE</u>
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Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21