

“IN WHAT OR WHOM ARE YOU TO PRAY?” Pt. 2

I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE FOUNDATION FOR PRAYER

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IV. THE PREPOSITION “IN” IS KEY WHEN IT COMES TO PRAYER

A. We are instructed to pray IN THE SPIRIT

B. We are instructed to pray IN JESUS NAME

C. We are instructed to pray IN FAITH

1. You were justified by _____ alone in Christ alone, and you must continue your walk of _____ in your ongoing sanctification process. (John 3:16-18, 36; Heb. 4:1-2)

2. Unbelieving prayer is a complete waste of _____, energy and _____. (Matt. 21:22; Heb. 11:1, 6)

3. When God denies our petitions, we have failed to meet His _____, He has not failed to keep His _____. (Rom. 14:23)

4. Since you know God personally, you ought to begin to _____ in this relationship. (Rom. 8:32; 1 John 5:14-15)

* What does a prayer of faith look like?

-- 1 Kings 17:17-24

-- 1 Kings 18:20-40

-- 1 Kings 18:41-46

D. We are instructed to pray IN THE WILL OF GOD

1. Prayers answered according to God's will-- will inevitably bring us a great deal more _____ than if we received everything we desired _____ of His will. (Psalm 40:8; 119)

* Does God know all things?

* Does the Lord know what's best for you?

2. Some believers insist that in order to pray for God's will they must first _____ what it is. However, if Romans 12:2 is true then it _____ what it is.
3. Unfortunately most Christians want to be able to _____ whether God's will and their will are one in the same; so as to determine whether they should _____ it or _____ it.
4. One of the many purposes of prayer is to _____ the perfect will of God for your life, and then with wisdom and power from on High, effectively _____ it. (Philip 4:11-13)
5. God's will for you is by far more _____ and _____ and even more _____ with eternal value than anything you could possibly devise for yourself. (Eph. 3:20)

* Do you desire God's will or your will for your life?