

SOME PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES ON PRAYER

A. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY WHILE WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

1. If you are _____ praying in the Spirit, you must conclude that you are praying according to the _____. (Rom. 6:11-14; 8:5-9; Philip. 1:11; 3:3)
2. Praying with human wisdom and human strength will only produce _____, while praying in the Holy Spirit will produce _____ results.
3. As a Christian you are in a spiritual _____ with the flesh, the world and the devil, and _____ is your mighty weapon when offered to God in the Spirit. (Eph. 6:10-18)

B. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY WHILE WALKING BY FAITH

1. Unbelieving prayer is a complete waste of _____, energy and _____. (Matt. 21:22; Heb. 11:1, 6; James 1:6-8)
2. Sometimes when God denies our petitions, we have failed to meet His _____, He has not failed to keep His _____. (Rom. 14:23)
3. Since you know God personally, you ought to begin to _____ in this relationship. (Rom. 8:32; 1 John 5:14-15)

C. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY IN JESUS NAME

1. In John chapter 14 we have the _____ and _____ when Jesus introduced this new means of prayer. (John 14:8-13)
2. To pray in Jesus name _____ the very _____ who bears the name.
3. It is impossible to legitimately pray in Jesus name and ask for something that is completely _____ to the _____ of God.

D. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY ACCORDING TO 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)
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. 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)

* How is your prayer life lining up with the principles we just studied?