

The Believer's Practical Guide to 21st Century Spiritual Warfare

Week 10: Pray on Purpose

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” Ephesians 6:18-20

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

6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.”

7 So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. 8 The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. 11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

12 On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

“Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

13 So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its enemies,
as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.

14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel! 15 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal. Joshua 10:6-15

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Luke 11:1-13

10 WAYS TO PRAY ON PURPOSE

1. Talk to your _____

2. Get a prayer _____

3. Pray _____

4. Prayer _____

5. Pray the _____

- _____ (Hallowed be your name)
- _____ (Your kingdom come)
- _____ (Daily bread)
- _____ (Forgive our sins)
- _____ (Lead us not into temptation)

6. Pray on PURPOSE

- P - God's _____
- U - _____
- R - _____
- P - _____
- O - _____
- S - _____
- E - _____

7. Pray for your NEIGHBOR

- N - _____
- E - _____
- I - _____
- G - _____ moment
- H - _____
- B - _____
- O - _____
- R - _____

8. Pray for the LOST

- L - _____

- O - _____
- S - _____
- T - _____ & _____

9. Pray for your FAMILY

- F - _____
- A - _____
- M - _____
- I - _____
- L - _____
- Y - _____

10. Pray for your CHURCH

- C - _____
- H - _____
- U - _____
- R - _____
- C - _____
- H - _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Josh utilized the illustration of kids asking their parents for things as a way to help us better understand prayer. From your experience as a child or as a parent, how can your experience with kids asking parents for things help you better understand the meaning of prayer?
2. What are some of the biggest inhibitors to your prayer life? Over the years, how have you grown in your prayer life? What lessons would you pass on to others?
3. Walk through the list of ten ways to Pray on Purpose and discuss how they could empower your spiritual warfare. Which two can you focus on this week to begin to transform your family and world?