

Different Kinds of Prayer

The Word of God teaches us that there are different kinds of prayer.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:18

1. **There is a prayer of faith that Jesus taught us in Mark 11:24: Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

2. **There is a prayer of agreement in Matthew 18:19: Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

3. **There is a prayer of consecration and dedication in Matthew 26:36-45: Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**

4. **And then, there is the prayer of intercession, and this is the one that is so relevant for today. It takes a lot of work and dedication to do it. 1 Timothy 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

There is no one kind of prayer that is more important than another kind, but each prayer offers different kinds of results, and each one has different kinds of rules.

Prayer of Faith:

Believe You Received It

The prayer of faith is praying for something and believing you received it when you prayed. It's like the sinner's prayer for salvation. Once a person prays and asks God to save them by receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they're to believe they've received their salvation when they prayed. Otherwise, Satan will use doubt to cause them to wonder if they're really born again.

You could say that the number one rule in the prayer of faith is to believe that you received whatever you prayed for when you prayed.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1: 5-8

Prayer of Agreement

Two or More People Agree on It

The prayer of agreement is having at least one other person agree with you in prayer. It's similar to the prayer of faith, because everyone who participates in this prayer needs to believe God granted what was agreed on as soon as the prayer was prayed.

Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and]everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. Matthew 18:19 AMP

The prayer of faith and the prayer of agreement are probably two of the most misunderstood prayers in the body of Christ. Most Christians have the idea that if you just keep asking God for something over and over again, He'll eventually give it to you. But that's not what Jesus told us to do in Mark 11:24: **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Jesus said to believe you received it when you prayed.**

Prayer of Consecration & Dedication:

Finding God's Perfect Will for Your Life

Then, there is the prayer of **consecration and dedication, which is the only time that Jesus prayed the word "if."** This is when you are seeking God for direction for your life. **Maybe you've decided you want to get married to someone, and you want to know if it's God's will for you to marry them. Since this is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make, you'll want to be sure you know what God's will is.**

Walking in God's perfect will is better than having to back out of His permissive will. As you wait on God in prayer, you could start getting a no in your spirit about marrying this person. If you already have things all planned out and your mind is set, it could be real difficult to change things, but remember, we're not led by our mind; we're led by our spirit. **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:6,7,14-16**

Once your emotions are involved in a situation, it can be hard to hear from God in your spirit. If you don't have peace in your heart, the fear of what others will say if you admit you were wrong could bruise your pride or cause you not to want to change your plans. But we've all missed God at one time or another, and the sooner you make the adjustment, the sooner you'll be on the right path.

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow. Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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