

Biblical Instruction on Prayer

- Pray for God's will: Matthew 26:36-44 - not as I will, but as You will
- Obedience to God: James 5:16-18 - prayer of a righteous man avails much
- Have private prayer: Matthew 6:6 - when you pray, go into your room
- Forgive: Mark 11:25-26 - if you have anything against anyone
- Continuous prayer: 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - pray without ceasing

Principles for Practice

- Matthew 6:9-13: a framework, not a religious mandate
- A.C.T.S.: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication
- Prayer doesn't change God, it changes you.

Hinderances to Prayer

- Doubt: James 1:6 - ask in faith, with no doubting
- Impure Motives: James 4:2-3 - because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures
- Pride: James: 4:6; Job 35:12 - God resists the proud
- Mistreating your wife: 1 Peter 3:7 - giving honor to the wife
- Unforgiveness: Matthew 5:23-24; Mark 11:25 - if you have anything against anyone, forgive him
- Not listening: Proverbs 28:9 - One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
- Unconfessed sin: Psalm 66:17-19 - If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear
- God's timing: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - To everything there is a season
- Spiritual Warfare: Daniel 10:10-13 - the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me
- Insincere repetitions: Matthew 6:7 - do not use vain repetitions as the heathen
- Idolatry: Ezekiel 14:3 - Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?
- Lack of Repentance: 2 Chronicles 7:14 - turn from their wicked ways