



...but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ... (Ephesians 4:15)

Part 5 — DYNAMIC PRAYER

1. Prayer is not meant to be an aimless, sporadic experience but a way of life with powerful results. (Mark 11:22-24; 1 John 5:14-15)
2. **A few Characteristics of Prayer**
 - A. Intense prayer. (Lamentations 2:19)
 - B. Persevering prayer. (Luke 11:5-10)
 - C. Trusting prayer. (Luke 11:11-13)
 - D. Honest prayer. (Psalm 51:1-12)
3. **Basic Principles of Prayer**
 - A. Prayer is a dialogue based upon our relationship with God. (Exodus 33:12-14)
 - B. Prayer is a testing of our faith. (Hebrews 11:6)
 - C. Through prayer we obtain the fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13)
 - D. Prayer involves people in God's purposes. (Matthew 9:37-38)
 - When God wants to do something in the earth, He sets His people praying. — J.W. Orr
 - E. Through prayer we overcome the devil. (Ephesians 6:10-18)
 - F. Prayer keeps us from temptation. (Matthew 26:41)
 - G. God does great things through prayer. (Mark 11:22-24)
4. **Hindrances to Answered Prayer**
 - A. Unconfessed sin. (Psalm 66:18)
 - B. Doubting. (James 1:5-7)
 - C. Ignoring Biblical Truth. (Proverbs 1:28-31)
 - D. Unforgiveness. (Matthew 6:12, 14-15)
 - E. Wrong motives. (James 4:3)
 - F. Religious insincerity. (Matthew 6:5-7)
 - G. Demonic interference. (Daniel 10:12-14)
5. **Five Areas of Christ's Prayer Pattern** — Jesus taught a powerful pattern to prayer with dynamic, supernatural results that touches every area of human need in Matthew 6:9-13. One and a half years later the disciples asked Him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1-4) and He brought them *back* to the pattern He taught earlier.
 - A. **PRAISE** — *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name,...*
 - Begin by praising Him for who He is using His Old Testament Names. (Exodus 3:13-15; Part 2 — Knowing Him)
 - B. **PRIORITIES** — *Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
 - As our Savior, He is also our Lord, Master and King and we are His people with all the responsibilities and benefits.
 - Bring everything in our lives under His authority (Matthew 6:33) and pray that His Will be done in my life and my family, in our church, in the United States and in the world.
 - C. **PROVISION** — *Give us today our daily bread.*
 - If we seek first His Kingdom, the Lord *will* provide what we need. (Matthew 6:28-34; Malachi 3:10-12)
 - Be in the will of God concerning my finances, pray for physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
 - Pray for a hunger for the bread of God's Word.
 - D. **PARDON** — *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
 - God cannot forgive me if I do not forgive others. (Matthew 6:14) Therefore, I release them and receive God's forgiveness for my sins. (Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:8-9)
 - Before I begin the day, I choose to forgive those who may offend me today.
 - E. **POWER** — *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*
 - Ask God to purify and cleanse me from secret sin where Satan may have a hold. (Psalm 19:12-13; John 14:30; 1 John 1:9)
 - Pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and put on the full armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18)
 - Pray for revival in the church and a harvest of souls to come into the Kingdom of God. (Hosea 6:2-3; Matthew 9:36-38)
 - F. Now return to praise and boldly declare His love and His promises. (Psalm 89:2)
6. **Join others every Sunday at 8:15 am** as they pray at home for six minutes for the Sunday morning service. Use the first three prayer areas above.