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*"Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, by for getting God's will done in earth." -- Robert Law*

#### Matthew 6:9–13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 **THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.**

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

- *We are suppose to be crucified in Christ, absolutely surrendered to God's will as living sacrifices, yet the flesh continually tries to have it's own way.*
- *Prayer is not directing a stream of "positive energy" from one person to the next; prayer invokes the Kingdom of God into everyday life and circumstances.*

#### 1 John 5:14–15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARETH US:**

15 **AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEAR US, WHATSOEVER WE ASK, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM.**

#### James 4:3–4

3 **YE ASK, AND RECEIVE NOT, BECAUSE YE ASK AMISS, THAT YE MAY CONSUME IT UPON YOUR LUSTS.**

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **KNOW YE NOT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

- *To pray with our will intact is to pray as the enemy of God.*
- *A joyful and fulfilling life is always dependent upon God having His way, never us having our way.*

## WHEN PRAYING, BE QUICK TO HEAR AND SLOW TO SPEAK.

Ecclesiastes 5:1–7

- 1 **KEEP THY FOOT WHEN THOU GOEST TO THE HOUSE OF GOD, and BE MORE READY TO HEAR, THAN TO GIVE THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS: FOR THEY CONSIDER NOT THAT THEY DO EVIL.**
- 2 **BE NOT RASH WITH THY MOUTH, and LET NOT THINE HEART BE HASTY TO UTTER ANY THING BEFORE GOD: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: **THEREFORE LET THY WORDS BE FEW.****
- 3 **FOR A DREAM COMETH THROUGH THE MULTITUDE OF BUSINESS; and A FOOL’S VOICE IS KNOWN BY MULTITUDE OF WORDS.**
- 4 **WHEN THOU VOWEST A VOW UNTO GOD, DEFER NOT TO PAY IT; FOR HE HATH NO PLEASURE IN FOOLS: PAY THAT WHICH THOU HAST VOWED.**
- 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
- 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
- 7 **FOR IN THE MULTITUDE OF DREAMS AND MANY WORDS THERE ARE ALSO DIVERS VANITIES: BUT FEAR THOU GOD.**

- *To vow, or to make a promise, was man’s way of gaining leverage with God or obligating God into having to answer the prayer.*

Matthew 6:7

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

- *Don’t go to prayer with your agenda and your “shopping” list.*
- *Be quiet to listen for God’s agenda, God’s will, God’s wisdom in the life and situation you’re praying for.*

## DON’T PRAY BY YOUR OWN EFFORTS, ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PRAY THROUGH YOU.

Romans 8:26–27

26 **LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPETH OUR INFIRMITIES: FOR WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT: BUT THE SPIRIT ITSELF MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED.**

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Ephesians 6:18

"**PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."**