

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* We are in the fourth week of a mini-series on the importance of Prayer in the life of a believer, and the assembly.
- \* Prayer is communication with God - in worship - that is based upon our relationship with Him.
- \* Such an incredible privilege is revealed in the priority that we place upon prayer both as a private act of personal worship and as a public act of collective worship.
- \* Last week, we began looking at the Scriptures regarding how we are to pray. We are using the acronym P.R.A.Y. as a teaching tool to remind ourselves of the various facets of prayer. That stands for Praise - Repent - Ask - Yield. In that message, we discussed the concepts of Praising God for who He is and what He has done ... and Repenting of our sins.
- \* Today, the goal is to discuss the final two facets: Asking and Yielding.

**INSTRUCTION****I. PRAISE ... II. REPENT****III. ASK****A. Classifications of Requests**

1. INTERCESSION ... Requests for Others
  - a. Prayer for Those \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Jeremiah 29:7)
  - b. Prayer for Those \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Phil 1:3-11; Colossians 1:3-12; 4:12; Ephesians 6:18-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)
  - c. Prayer for Those \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 5:44; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:59-60)
  - d. Prayer for Those \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. James 5:13-16; Genesis 20:7,17; Numbers 12:13-14)
  - e. Prayer for Those \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Genesis 18:23-32; Numbers 14:13-19; 21:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8)
2. SUPPLICATION ... Requests for Self
  - a. For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 6:11; Proverbs 30:7-8; Matthew 6:33)
  - b. For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 6:12,14-15; Mark 11:25-26)
  - c. For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 6:13; 26:41; Luke 22:40,46)
  - d. For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Judges 13:8-9; 1 Samuel 23:11; Proverbs 2:3-6; James 1:5)
  - e. For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 Samuel 1:9-12,19)

**B. Conditions of Requests**

1. PRAYING IN F \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 21:21-22; James 1:5-8; Ephesians 3:20-21)
2. PRAYING IN O \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 28:9; Psalm 66:18; 145:18-19; Luke 13:23-27; 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 15:8; 1 John 3:22)

**IV. YIELD** (cf. Psalm 37:3-7; John 14:13-14; 15:7; 15:16; 16:23-24; 1 John 5:14-15) ... **Praying in A** \_\_\_\_\_**INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHAT DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE REVEAL ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?
- \* DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE CONSIST OF A GROCERY LIST OF ITEMS YOU WANT?  
ARE YOU GOD-FOCUSED OR SELF-FOCUSED?
- \* WOULD YOUR SUPPLICATIONS BE CATEGORIZED MORE BY WORLDLY DESIRES OR HEAVENLY YEARNINGS?
- \* WHAT WE FOCUS ON IN PRAYER IS AN INDICATOR OF THE FOCUS OF OUR HEARTS!
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* Read Ephesians 3:14-21. How would you describe the focus of Paul's prayer for the church? What are some specific items that he requests? How can we as an assembly improve upon our praying for one another?
- \* Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8; 3:9-13. What was the foundation of Paul's thanksgiving for the Thessalonians? How did this impact Paul's prayer life? How did Paul's prayer life impact his desires?