

Effective Kingdom Prayer Series
Chapter 2: Seven Keys to Effective Kingdom Prayer
Chapter 2A & B: Keys 1 through 4

I. Series Theme Verses & Quotes:

(Matthew 6:10) "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven." (NASB; ESV; NKJV)

(James 5:16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. (NASB) (NKJV adds "fervent")

(James 5:16) Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (CJB: Complete Jewish Bible)

Quote 1: "When all is said and done regarding prayer; there is often more said than done." (Author Unknown)

Quote 2: "Prayer is a dynamic interplay between God and us whereby His redemptive Kingdom purposes are birthed and established." (gw) (Interplay = Communion; Communication; Dialogue; Interaction; Fellowship)

II. Series Goal(s): To See God Build a Church Community where there is a sustained prayer effort.

- A. To regularly remind ourselves that a lifestyle of personal & corporate prayer is a necessary prerequisite to witness God build a Church Community of Kingdom oriented people, who are able to maintain and bring increase to an atmosphere of the manifest presence of God amongst us & out through us.
- B. To see that Redeemed Kingdom Community reach an ever-widening group of lost people who become effective, mature, radically-committed disciples of Christ and fruitful soldiers in His Kingdom.

III. Seven Keys to Effective Prayer: A Way of Life

These are Not a Formula or Set of Steps, but an Approach to Partnering w/ God's Kingdom Redemptive Plans

1. Pray According to the Will of God

(1 John 5:14-15) This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. (See Matthew 6:10-13)

What is the will of God? Forgiveness, Repentance, Reconciliation, Salvation, Deliverance, Healing, Redemption & the Extension of His Liberating Lordship (Discuss: Sample Rebuttal Verses Below, Imprecatory Psalms, Etc.)

(Proverbs 16:4) The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil.

(Romans 9:22) What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

(Luke 19:10) For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (John 3:17)

(Matthew 9:13) But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

(I Timothy 1:15) The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (ESV)

(I Timothy 2:3b-5a) ... God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all ... (The Bottom Line: The General Tenor & Overall Message of Scripture: Review)

2. Pray in Relational Faith: Bigger Concept Than a Few "Proof" Scriptures Can Convey

(John 14:13-14) "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

(Hebrews 7:25) Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(John 15:7, 13-16) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you.¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

3. Humility – Broken and Contrite Spirit

(Psalms 51:17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

(James 4:5-10) Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

4. Harmonious Relationships

- In the Body of Christ

(Matthew 18:18-20) "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven."²⁰ "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

(Matthew 6:12, 14-15) 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'¹⁴ "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."¹⁵ "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

- In the Family

(1 Peter 3:7) You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

(Ephesians 6:1-3) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment with a promise--³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (NIV) (Compare NASB)

IV. Next: 7 Keys to Effective Prayer – Chapter 2C & D: Keys 5 through 7

5. Correct Attitudes and Motivations - Righteousness

6. Correct Context and Biblical Strategy – Organization, Goals, Equipping (Explain)

7. Practice Perseverance & Principals of Faithfulness –

- Pray with Perseverance (Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8) (2 Kings 13:14-18)
- Tithes, Offerings, Work & Stewardship (Luke 16:11- Faithful in Finances) (Malachi 3:7-12)
- Faithful in Little Faithful in Much (Luke 16:10)
- Faithful in That Which is Another's (Luke 16:12)
- Faithful in Basic Christian Disciplines (When you pray - not if you pray.)