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**OUR SECRET
RESOURCE
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VICTORY**

Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the Saints.

1. A “Fruitful Prayer Life” is essential to every aspect of a growing relationship with _____.
2. This duty and delight of effective prayer is a common duty and delight of all godly _____.

Acts 2:42 – And they continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

3. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods; the Holy Spirit flows through mighty _____ of effective prayer.
4. You will be fiercely opposed and continually hindered in this matter of prayer, not only by the devil, but also, by your own _____.
5. On what basis can we come to the Throne of the Holy God of the Universe with confidence in prayer?

OUR CONFIDENCE IN EFFECTIVE PRAYER

PART ONE

I. OUR CONFIDENCE

Hebrews 2:17 – Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest, in things pertaining to God to make propitiation for the sins of His people.

1. The source for our confidence is found in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work as our great High _____!

Hebrews 2:17a – He had to be made like His brethren.....

2. God the Son took on a ‘Sinless’ human nature to demonstrate His mercy to His people and His faithfulness to His Father, by satisfying God’s requirement for sin and obtaining a full forgiveness for His _____!

3. For such a High Priest was fitting for us who is Holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from _____.

Hebrews 2:17b – That He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest

Hebrews 4:15 – For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.

4. Jesus Christ is abundantly qualified to sympathize with us, in all of our human temptations and _____.
5. Let us come boldly to the Throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of _____.
6. Our assurance of salvation, our confession of faith and our confidence in prayer, rest on the _____ that we have a “Great High Priest”.

Hebrews 7:23-25 – Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

7. Jesus’ priestly function of intercession is intimately related to His position of _____.
8. The answers to Jesus’ prayers for His people constantly stream forth from the _____ to us.
9. We are saved by _____; His sacrifice and His intercession.
10. The physical type of that spiritual veil in Heaven was torn from the top to the bottom by the Mighty Hand of _____.

There are 2 more Heavenly activities performed by our Great High Priest in His ministry of intercession that give us great confidence in prayer.

1. His Priestly Activity of Effectual Vindication.

I John 2:1 –We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

A. Jesus' ministry of effectual vindication wonderfully blesses us, by vindicating the perfect Holiness and inflexible _____ of God.

Galatians 3:10 - "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Galatians 3:13 – Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.....

B. This makes it possible for us to receive undeserved blessings, even though we are still unworthy _____.

I John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C. But if any man sins, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father, Jesus Christ the _____.

2. His Priestly Activity of Acceptable Presentation.

Hebrews 13:15 – Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God.....

A. As a Holy Priesthood we are called to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are _____ to God.

B. Our Intercessor takes our sacrifices and service and clothes them in His perfect _____.



**Come boldly
to the
Throne of Grace**

OUR CONFIDENCE IN EFFECTIVE PRAYER

PART TWO

I John 5:13-15 – These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

I. OUR CONFIDENCE IN ETERNAL LIFE

I John 5:13 – These things I have written to you, who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.....

John 20:31 – But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

1. John wrote the “Gospel of John” to bring unbelievers to faith in Christ; however, John wrote “I John” so that people might come to a certain confidence that they possess Eternal _____.

II. OUR CONFIDENCE IN ANSWERED PRAYER

I John 5:14-15 – Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Ephesians 3:12 –in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

1. Because God is our Heavenly Father and we are His adopted children, we can come to the Lord with an open heart, with a confident trust, and with no fear of _____.

I John 5:14c -He hears us

2. Confidence in our intimate relationship with the Lord leads to confidence in our _____.
3. We are called to live our lives with a personal confidence in the _____ of God.
4. These verses promise that we can have the same confidence in "Answered Prayer", that we already have in "Eternal _____".

Hebrews 4:16a – Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace.....

5. Therefore, brethren, having confidence to enter in the Holiest by the blood of _____.

Hebrews 4:16 – Let us therefore come confidently to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

6. He who prays without expecting to see God's answer, mocks the Mercy Seat and despises the Throne of _____.
7. How is it possible, after all of these promises, that God could refuse to _____ us.

III. THE CONDITIONS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

I John 5:14b -That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1. Supplication – We must personally come to God and _____ Him with a personal faith in the goodness of our Father.

V.14 -If we ask anything.....

- A. When we come to God in prayer, we must believe that He will bless us, by giving us what is _____ for us.
 - B. We have not because we _____ not.
2. Submission – We must be willing to see and discern God's will and discover God's Promises in the particular situation; and then we must be willing to align our prayer with the _____ of God.

I John 5:14 -If we ask anything according to His will.....

- A. Effective prayer is intimately connected to the:
 - will of God
 - the purposes of God and
 - the _____ of God.
- B. We are involved in effective prayer when we:
 - seek God's will
 - embrace God's will
 - surrender to God's will and are
 - _____ with God's will.
- C. Effective prayer does not consist of, “you attempting to make God your _____”!

James 4:3 – We ask and do not receive, because we ask amiss, that we may spend it on our own pleasures.

D. The purpose of God’s answer to an effective prayer is to bring _____ to God.

John 14:13 – And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 16:24 – Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

E. The person that lives with a singular objective to live in

- joyful submission to the Lord;**
- total dependence on the Lord; and to live to**
- serve the purposes of the Lord,**

will experience this unlimited prayer _____.

Psalm 37:4 – Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

John 15:7 – If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

3. Obedience – We must be living a life of “Willing Obedience” to the _____ of God.

I John 3:21-22 – Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do what is pleasing in His sight.

A. If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will _____ hear me!

- B. Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be _____.
- C. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your own _____.
- D. You must be certain that there is no un-forgiveness poisoning your _____ with the Lord and your effectiveness in prayer.

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind to one another, tenderhearted; forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

- E. One of the great obstacles to “answered prayer” is a lack of _____.

Mark 6:5 – Now He could do no mighty works there.....

Mark 6:6 –And He marveled because of their unbelief.....

- F. The righteous person whose prayers are effective is not a perfect person, but a _____ person.

IV. THE CONFIRMATION OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

I John 5:15 – And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

- 1. If we will pray according to God’s will and under God’s conditions, God will move Heaven and Earth to bring about His _____ to that prayer.

2. Your Father hears you, when you _____ according to His will!

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro
throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on
behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.
2 Chronicles 16:9

**Will He find
you faithful and
loyal on His behalf?**

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PART THREE

I. “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”

Ephesians 6:18a – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.....

- 1. Only the prayer that comes from God can move the heart of God and bring down the _____ of God!**
- 2. Everything in the Christian life must be done in a _____ manner.**
 - A. It is the prayer that is birthed in the heart, by the energy of the Holy Spirit, which brings mighty _____.**
- 3. Prayer is the spontaneous response of the heart that has been born of the _____.**
- 4. Prayer is the spiritual _____ of the Christian Life.**
- 5. Our prayer is the exhaling of our absolute _____ on God.**
- 6. We are called to live and minister in a manner which cannot be carried out without the grace and power of the “Spirit of the Living _____”.**

7. Your level of spiritual maturity is revealed by the level and _____ of your prayer life.

II. WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLE REQUIREMENTS FOR “PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”?

1. You must be _____ of the Spirit.

John 9:31 – Now we know that God does not hear sinners.....

Isaiah 59:2 – But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

2. You must be _____ with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 – And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

A. God is calling for a “Moment by Moment” submission to the Holy Spirit’s _____.

John 15:5 –Without Me you can do nothing.

3. We must be _____ in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 –Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

A. When we are walking in intimacy and unity with the Spirit, then “praying in the Spirit” becomes a _____ consequence.

4. Tragically, nothing decays faster in our spiritual lives, than the passion to pray in the _____ of the Spirit.

5. “Praying in the Spirit” means that the Holy Spirit:

- A. Prompts the prayer within us, through His omniscient leadership.
- B. Directs us to pray particular prayers, through His perfect guidance and influence.
- C. Empowers us to offer that prayer to the Father, with His omnipotent _____.

I Corinthians 2:12 – Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

6. To “pray in the Spirit” also means that the Holy Spirit is able to give us great _____ in prayer.

**MORE ABOUT
PRAYING
IN THE SPIRIT**

Romans 8:26-27 – Likewise the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1. His _____ - As we “Pray in the Spirit”, the Holy Spirit gives us assistance in prayer.

Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses.....

- A. There is nothing more important than our ability to speak to God and _____ to God, in these difficult situations.
- B. Likewise the Spirit also _____ us in our weaknesses.
- C. The Holy Spirit gives us specific thoughts and directions in our prayer and _____.

2. His Advocacy – As we “Pray in the Spirit”, He comes to us as an advocate and _____ for us.

Romans 8:27 –He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

A. The Holy Spirit prays for you, concerning your sanctification and the Father's Divine and perfect _____.

Romans 8:26b -But the Spirit makes intercession for the saints with groanings which cannot be uttered.

B. These "Groanings" are divine exchanges between the Trinity that cannot be vocally expressed in human _____.

I Corinthians 2:11 – For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:27a – Now He who searches the hearts.....

C. God is the only one who can search our hearts, for He is the only one who knows what transpires within our _____.

Romans 8:27b – He knows what the mind of the Spirit is.....

D. The Holy Spirit produces these groanings in our hearts; and the Father knows why the Spirit has _____ them.

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PART FOUR
PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18a – Praying always.....

I. APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE OF “PERSEVERING PRAYER”

1. You are welcomed to enter into the “Throne Room” of the Living God at _____ times.
2. We always have the wonderful privilege and precious permission to pour out our _____ to the Lord.

II. APPREHEND THE PRECEPTS OF “PERSERVERING PRAYER”

1. The Lord is encouraging you to never _____ prayer.
2. When Satan says to your mind, “stop wasting all of your time; you are praying in vain”, you must _____ him and persevere in prayer.
3. The phrase “praying always” also means that you must be ready and willing to pray in _____ situations.

4. You must make certain that all of your actions are consistent with your prayers: and that all of your actions become a _____ of your prayers.

III. APPLY THE PRACTICE OF “PERSEVERING PRAYER”

1. You must attempt to prevent any sinful _____ to persevering in prayer.
2. If you are going to persevere in prayer, you must constantly fight negligence and _____.
3. We need to ask God to give us a fervency that will carry us through the long periods when God does not seem to _____.

Colossians 4:12 – Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers.....

4. There can be many different purposes, when God delays His answer; but if we continue to be fervent, our prayer will be _____.

Isaiah 64:7 – And there is one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You.....

5. God is calling you to be a person who will have the patience to “wait on Him” and the _____ to continue to seek Him.

ILLUSTRATION OF PERSISTENT PRAYER

LUKE 11:5-13

1. The Lord is teaching that we need to learn how to pray with a full surrender to His will, a full assurance of faith, and with a persistence that refuses to be _____.
2. The Lord Jesus begins the chapter by giving us our _____ for effective prayer.

Luke 11:5 – And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend.....

3. The word “friend” is describing a close intimate friend or _____.

Luke 11:5 -and go to him at midnight.....

4. Midnight was the worst possible time of the night to be looking for _____.

Luke 11:5b – 8 “.....and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you?’” “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, he will rise and give him as many as he needs.”

5. This man continued persistently to ask his friend, with the fervency and urgency of a desperate _____.

6. The Lord Jesus is inviting you to be **boldly aggressive** in your praying; He is inviting you to storm the gates of _____ with your persistent prayer.

I John 5:14 – Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Luke 11:9 – So I say to you.....

7. The Lord Jesus did not make a _____, when He declared this promise.

Colossians 1:16-17 – For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Matthew 28:18 –“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

8. If you were being persistent with a man, he may be displeased with your continual asking; however, when we are persistent with God in prayer, He is _____.
9. “Asking, Seeking and Knocking” are ascending levels in the ladder of effective prayer.
- A. **To Ask** – is to pray in the quietness of your soul concerning what you desire; and humbly ask the one who is _____ to give.
 - B. **To Seek** – is picturing a more concentrated urgency and effort in your prayer.

C. To Knock – even more added persistence and fervency, as if you are continually _____ at the door.

Luke 11:13 – “.....If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

10. The problem is that God’s children often make the mistake of thinking that the stones are Bread; the serpents are Fish; and the Scorpions are _____.

11. Sometimes God manifest His character by answering our prayer _____.

Isaiah 65:24 – It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

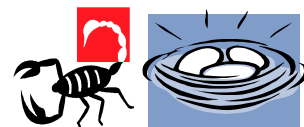
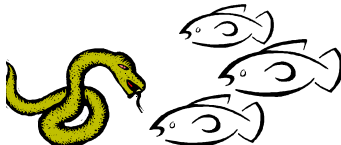
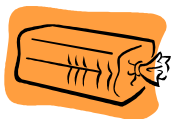
Luke 18:7- 8 – And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.....

2 Peter 3:8 – But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

12. When God chooses to delay His answer it is always for your _____.

Do you make this same mistake?

How can stones look like bread; Serpents like fish, and scorpions like eggs to one who truly knows the heart of the Father?



THE VARIOUS TYPES OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

PART FIVE

Ephesians 6:18 – praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.....

1. “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His _____”. (Proverbs 15:8)
2. The greatest expression of our total dependence on the Lord is believing _____.

Psalms 147:10-11 – He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

3. Effective prayer is that majestic transaction in which the wealth of the glory of God’s provision is magnified; and the needs of God’s people are _____.
4. Effective prayer includes much more than merely making our requests known to _____.
5. There are general patterns in our prayer that are biblical and can serve us as basic _____ for effective prayer.





I. Thanksgiving and Praise

Philippians 4:6 – Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving.....

1. Every time that we come to God, we need to come with a sincere attitude of praise, adoration, thanksgiving and _____.
2. “For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of _____ supplication.”
(Psalm 86:5)
3. More than anything, God desires your sincere thanksgiving to Him, your genuine praise of Him, and your _____ worship of Him.

Psalms 100:4 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

4. “Therefore by Him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to _____ name”.
(Hebrews 13:15)

- a.  Psalm 50:14
- b.  Psalm 92:1
- c.  Psalm 30:4
- d.  Psalm 106:1

- e.  II Corinthians 9:15
- f.  I Corinthians 15:57
- g.  Psalm 75:1

5. Nothing builds your faith and prepares you to pray, like praising God, for “Who He is”, and thanking God for all of the _____ prayers, in your life and ministry.
6. When you take time to meditate on “Who God Is” and “All He has done for you”, thanksgiving and praise becomes _____ and spontaneous.
7. The most profound worship in your life, may occur at the times of your greatest _____.
- A. When we demonstrate an attitude of praise and thanksgiving in the middle of a great adversity, this is a tremendous testimony to _____ people.
8. Thanksgiving and praise prepares your heart for _____ and dynamic prayer.
- I Thessalonians 5:18 – In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**
9. This “attitude of gratitude” in your prayer is “well-pleasing” in the _____ of God.

II. CONFESSION OF SIN

John 13:10 – Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

1. The cleansing that Jesus Christ performs at our salvation never needs to be _____.

Romans 4:7-8 – “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”

2. Even though we have been positionally cleansed, by God’s gracious work of justification, we need a _____ washing in a practical sense, as we live in this sinful world and in this wicked flesh.



3. We find ourselves in the midst of a “daily battle” of our “flesh lusting against the Spirit” and the “Spirit warring against our _____”.
4. The apostle Paul personally testified of this tremendous war within his _____.
5. It is absolutely necessary for us to experience a frequent personal and practical _____, by our Lord.
6. As I come to the Lord in Bible Study and Prayer, the Holy Spirit brings sins to my mind; and I realize that I need my master to wash my _____, once again.

7. It is impossible to live a “spirit-empowered” life without a consistent pattern of daily confession and _____.
8. He who covers his sin shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have _____.

Psalm 24:3-4 – Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.....

9. “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)
10. When God’s people are genuinely cleansed through authentic confession of sin, then God fills them with power to _____ effectively.
11. Because we are experiencing the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord, we will walk in mercy and forgiveness toward _____.
12. The believer who develops an “unforgiving attitude” can expect the _____ of the Lord.
13. “ ‘Pay me what you owe me’ “Have patience with me and I will pay you all.” And He would _____, but went and threw him in prison till he should pay the debt.” (Matthew 18:28-30)
“And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was _____ him.” (Matthew 18:34)
14. “If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to _____ one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

**THE TRIANGLE OF
INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

I TIMOTHY 2:1- 6

PART SIX

1. The faithful intercessor identifies with the needs of another, to the degree that He is willing to get _____ in their situation.

2. Intercession is one of the highest privileges and holiest exercises involved in our _____ with God.

I. AN EXHORTATION TO FAITHFUL INTERCESSION

1. The story of Jesus' death on the Cross for the redemption of our souls is a story of _____.

I Timothy 2:5-6 – For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.....

2. The entire life that Jesus lived on the earth was a life of _____ for us.

Romans 8:34b –It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

3. Every believer has an essential responsibility to be a faithful intercessor, in the gathering of the _____ of Christ.

I Timothy 2:4 –who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

4. As Jesus saw this city of Eternal Souls, that was headed toward wrath and condemnation, His eyes affected His heart; and then His heart affected His _____.

Ezekiel 18:23 – “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

5. Certainly, we should express His broken heart for the lost around us; and this should inspire us to intercede compassionately and consistently for their _____.
6. If the great Ambassador from heaven entered into Jerusalem with tears; certainly we, as Ambassadors for Christ, should enter into intercession with _____.

Psalm 126:6 – He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

7. “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires _____ men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (I Timothy 2:3-4)

II. AN EXAMPLE OF FAITHFUL INTERCESSION – Exodus 32:1-14

1. The exceeding wickedness of their _____ could have been a major obstacle.

Exodus 32:1b – “.....For as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

- A. Even though Moses was shocked and angered with their wickedness, He still continued to _____ with passionate intercession for these transgressors.

Exodus 32:11a – Then Moses pleaded with the Lord.....”

2. Sometimes the obstacle may be the _____ obstinacy of the sinner.

Exodus 32:9 – And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!

- A. Even though God Himself had told Moses that this was a ‘stiff-necked’ people, Moses continued to _____ the Lord in intercession.

3. Another obstacle may be the fact of God’s just _____ that is fixed against this particular person.

Exodus 32:10a – “Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them.....”

Exodus 32:11b - “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt.....”

- A. If you would have been Moses, would you have said at this point, “it is no use in continuing to _____ for these wicked idolaters”?
 - B. Never allow your righteous indignation against sin, to hinder you from _____ for sinners.
4. God presented an obstacle to Moses, by “requesting for his prayers to cease”, for the purpose of _____ his sincerity and his persistence.

Exodus 32:10 – “Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”

- A. The Lord says, “Let Me alone”; but Moses would _____ let Him alone.
5. Sometimes the obstacle may be the fact that you must pray in contrast to your own personal _____.

Exodus 32:10b – “.....Let Me alone.....that I may consume them and I will make of you a great nation.”

- A. Moses demonstrated that he was a faithful intercessor by _____ himself.
6. Sometimes, the only reason that you can continue to faithfully intercede is because of “what you see in the character of the _____”!

Exodus 32:11 – Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said; “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?”

- A. The faithful intercessor can appeal to the _____ of God.
- B. The faithful intercessor can appeal to the _____ of God.

Exodus 32:13 – “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven;.....’ ”

7. The faithful intercessor must be willing to _____ himself with the one for whom he is praying.

Exodus 32:31-32 – Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

8. The Lord _____ from the harm which He said He would do to His people. (Exodus 32:14)

OUR PERSONAL

PETITIONS

PART EIGHT

Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the Saints.

1. As infants are totally dependent on their parents, we are totally dependent on God for our physical and spiritual _____.
2. God’s promise of provision is made to those who “Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness”; it is to them that He has made the promise that “All these things shall be _____ to you”. (Matthew 6:33)
3. We need to mature to the place where our personal petitions reflect the _____ of our Lord.

II Corinthians 4:18 –while we do not look at things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

4. Since God’s priorities are focused on Eternal Issues, shouldn’t the priority of our petitions be focused on _____ issues?

5. You must cooperate with the Lord to transform your “Personal Petitions”, so that they might more biblically reflect “God’s Priority”, which is to conform you into the image of His _____.

A. You can regularly pray through each “Fruit of the Spirit” and ask the Lord to produce the _____ of Jesus in your life.

B. You can regularly pray through the _____ characteristics of the Beatitudes. (Matthew 5:3-12)

C. As we read the Word of God, we will encounter numerous spiritual realities, that we should ask God to produce in our _____.



The Fruit of the Spirit:

Love	Joy	Peace
Longsuffering	Kindness	Faithfulness
Gentleness	Self-Control	

**SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
OF
“PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION”**

Philippians 4:6-7 – Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

: “BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING” :

1. The word “Anxious” means to be pulled in different _____.
2. The Greek word “Anxious” can also mean –“to strangle--, which is exactly what worry, does to our _____.
3. “For I have learned in whatever state I am, to be _____.” (Philippians 4:11b)
4. When you become anxious about the earthly needs of life, that can easily turn into a sinful lack of _____ in our heavenly Father.
5. “Your worrying” is manifesting that you have forgotten that the Lord Jesus is _____ to you.

Philippians 4:5b -The Lord is at hand.

6. The fact that “the Lord is at hand” can also mean that the Lord is near to all that _____ upon Him.

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⋮ **“BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION
WITH THANKSGIVING”** ⋮
⋮

7. Turn your cares into _____.

A. “Cast your burden on the Lord and He shall _____ you.” (Psalm 55:22)

8. The word “Everything” means everything without _____.

⋮ **“BY PRAYER”** ⋮

9. The word “prayer” is a more general word, which means to set your _____ on God.

⋮ **“AND SUPPLICATION”** ⋮

10. To make known your specific needs, by conveying a humble and urgent request to meet that specific _____.

A. God delights to have the personal expression of our reliance and confidence in Him, which results in sharing our needs in detail, while in _____ with Him.

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⋮ **“LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD”** ⋮
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11. Testify to the Lord about your desires and your _____.

**“AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES
ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD
YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH
CHRIST JESUS”**

12. God will grace you with an inner calm and tranquillity, based on your unwavering confidence that He is both able and willing to accomplish what is _____ for you, concerning this specific request.

**“WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS
THROUGH CHRIST JESUS”**

13. God’s peace will guard our heart, which is susceptible to wrong feelings; and will guard our mind, which is susceptible to wrong _____.



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