

- 1  **Power of Prayer**  
PRAYER WORKSHOP
- 2  **Power of Prayer**
  - ▶ *Why do we pray?*
  - ▶ To activate God's power for our needs and requests.
  - ▶ To build intimacy with our Creator
  - ▶ To walk a life of God-dependency rather than self-sufficiency
  - ▶ Prayer is a lifestyle, not a task or duty. Prayer is dialogue: talking, expressing, sharing. It is not necessarily a formality.
  - ▶ We are going to look at 10 principles to use as guidelines
- 3  **#1. Approach God on the basis of who He is**
  - ▶ He is holy, reverent, patient, loving, kind, compassionate, powerful and true to ALL His promises.
  - ▶ If we believe God is something other than He is, we are grieving (hindering) His ability to intervene
  - ▶ The enemy will first attack our own understanding of who God is.
- 4  **#2. Approach God on the basis of who we are**
  - ▶ First and foremost, we are a child of God - that position gives us access to share in everything our "Daddy" has for us.
  - ▶ The enemy will taunt us with unworthiness: but God sees our every failure and weakness – as well as our original design and destiny. Thus He intends to convict us and heal us where necessary to align us with His point of view.
  - ▶ The enemy seeks to lie about who we are and how God sees us to hold us in bondage. Our true identity and the power of authentic is so powerful, that demons shudder at the thought of a truly redeemed, spirit-filled child of God.
- 5  **3. Ask to enter into His actual presence**
  - ▶ We must believe in a God we can encounter not just learn about.
  - ▶ Only praying for a experience isn't healthy; but believing we can gain access to the glory and peace that surpasses all understanding is quite biblical
- 6  **#4. Stand in Grace**
  - ▶ Our sin and failure is His opportunity to reveal who He is and activate grace
  - ▶ Grace shows up in weakness, not strength.
  - ▶ Grace can be blocked or hindered under certain conditions, including:
    - ▶ Grace is hindered when we are filled with pride and lessen the impact of our sin and rebellion. God resists the proud.
    - ▶ Grace is hindered when we act as though we are giving something good to God, rather than letting Him to absorb the wrong in us so He can impute righteousness onto us
    - ▶ Grace is hindered when we refuse to forgive those who have sinned against us.
- 7  **#5. Press through spiritual opposition**
  - ▶ Listen to the messages - take note of what they are saying and what they attempt to inflict upon you.
  - ▶ Write out those areas that are repetitive and constant - these are the enemy's tactics in your life
  - ▶ In your head? The enemy typically has direct access to imprint thoughts into our mind - this is where most of the battle occurs
  - ▶ Understand that the emotional damage needs to be dealt with; it's not just spiritual
  - ▶ However, the enemy has gained entry point wherever brokenness and darkness reside
  - ▶ Your goal is to begin to fight with God's weapons: truth, faith, identity, love, forgiveness, prayer

and authority

8  **#6. Command demonic influence to leave**

- ▶ Our God Reigns - praise and worship song
- ▶ Deliverance prayer
- ▶ Learn to come directly against the enemy USING JESUS NAME.
- ▶ Fear, cowering, giving up, complacency, doubt, anxiety are all indicators that the enemy is gaining ground.

9  **#7. Allow faith to hold together the difference between present reality and the need we are waiting to be fulfilled**

- ▶ When we bring disbelief before God, He is not necessarily going to honor our requests because faith activates God's motions. That's not to say He won't do it despite our disbelief, but we need to be aware of when disbelief lingers in our heart.
- ▶ Approaching God with anxiety is a sign we don't believe He is able, or we are afraid He won't give us the desired response.
- ▶ The enemy will attack our belief in God.

10  **8. Allow Surrender to Refine**

- ▶ Praying for a certain outcome isn't necessarily God's plan. When we do that we limit Him to doing things a certain way, or having a particular agenda. God is oftentimes working out far greater things than our current circumstances.
- ▶ When we intercede for others, it's not our job to interpret circumstances, or tell God how to perform. We simply hold the needs, situations and God's ability to the situation.
- ▶ i.e. – we may pray for deliverance of someone, only to find the situation gets far worse
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11  **#9. Receive what He gives; Thank Him**

- ▶ Through prayer, we gain access to God's heart, intimacy with Him and an encounter of the power of His presence.
- ▶ If we never experience God through prayer, something is blocked
- ▶ Thankfulness is an attitude of having received; we aren't thankful when we perceive He hasn't helped us
- ▶ If we aren't thankful and don't understand the "why" of life – it's best to focus on #1 – spend time meditating on His character.

12  **10. Use Answered Prayers as Trophies**

- ▶ Once He is faithful, you can set that act as a display and a reminder of what He can do
- ▶ Allow God to pick the trophies; your job is to be a willing participant
- ▶ Your trophy isn't just for you; it's for those around you and to the spiritual realm.
- ▶ God loves to show off His power