



The Biblical Path To An Effective Prayer Life

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***THE BIBLICAL PATH TO AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE
(PART 3)***

“PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”

***“PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION
IN THE SPIRIT”***

**“A. NOTICE THAT VERY IMPORTANT PHRASE
“PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”**

**“B. THIS IS THE REAL ESSENCE- OF TRUE AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER

THIS IS THE GREAT CHARACTERISTIC OF TRUE AND
EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

**I’M SAYING THAT
THE VITAL SECRET OF GENUINE AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER

IS RESIDING --WITHIN THIS LITTLE PHRASE
“PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”**

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT- ED ?

WHY IS “PRAYING THE SPIRIT”- SO VITAL- SO IMPORTANT?

***1. ONLY THE PRAYER THAT COMES FROM GOD, CAN
MOVE THE HEART OF GOD AND BRING DOWN THE
(BLESSINGS) OF GOD!***

**“A. ONLY THE DESIRE THAT GOD WRITES ON OUR HEART
WILL MOVE HIS HEART
AND RESULT IN HIS BLESSING.**

“B PAUL SAID- IN MY FLESH- DWELLS NO GOOD THING

**THE DESIRES OF OUR FLESH- WILL HAVE NO POWER
WITH THE LORD**

**THE DESIRES OF OUR FLESH WILL RECEIVE NO ANSWER
FROM THE LORD**

**ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE ARE GOING TO LEARN
ABOUT PRAYER**

**WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE PRAYER
IS “*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT*”**

“E. THIS IS WHY-- PAUL DOES NOT SAY---

PRAYING ALWAYS- WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION --ONLY

HE ADDS- ‘IN THE SPIRIT’

“F. WE FIND THIS SAME TRUTH IN---JUDE 20

(WORKBOOK)

***BUT YOU BELOVED- BUILDING YOURSELVES UP ON YOUR MOST
HOLY FAITH- PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST***

2. EVERYTHING IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE MUST BE DONE IN A (SPIRITUAL) MANNER.

“A THOSE WHO ARE BORN OF THE SPIRIT

“1 ARE INHABITED BY THE SPIRIT

ARE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

“2. ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT

“3. ARE COMMANDED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

“4. ARE RESPONSIBLE TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT

ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

ARE RESPONSIBLE TO WITNESS- BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SERVE- IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

VS. 18- DECLARES THAT --WE MUST “*PRAY IN THE SPIRIT*”

I’M SAYING THAT

**“C EVERY WORK THAT WE DO --IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
MUST BE DONE --IN A SPIRITUAL MANNER**

**“1. IT IS TO BE DONE --BY THE GUIDANCE AND LEADING
OF THE SPIRIT**

“2 IT IS TO BE DONE--WITH A TOTAL SUBMISSION TO THE SPIRIT

“3 IT IS TO BE DONE WITH A COMPLETE RELIANCE ON THE SPIRIT

**“4 IT IS TO BE DONE IN PERSONAL COOPERATION WITH THE SPIRIT
AND CERTAINLY-- THIS INCLUDES OUR PRAYER LIFE**

**“D. ALL GRACIOUS WORKS THAT ARE ACCOMPLISHED-- IN AND
THROUGH OUR LIVES**

**ARE BROUGHT INTO REALITY AND ARE PERFECTED BY THE
PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“E. OUR ABILITY TO PRAY TO GOD- FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

**ALL DEPENDS UPON THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE
THE HOLY SPIRIT- IN OUR LIVES**

**“E. ONE OF THE GLORIOUS REVELATIONS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

IS THAT HE IS OUR HELPER-- IN PRAYER

***A. IT IS THE PRAYER, THAT IS BIRTHED IN THE HEART BY
THE ENERGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH BRINGS
MIGHTY (RESULTS)!***

***“WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION- WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING
FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU-- BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO
HIS GOOD PLEASURE***

**“1. YOU MAY WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION- BUT YOU CANNOT
WORK IT OUT- UNLESS GOD WORKS IN YOU**

**“2 IT IS HIS MIGHTY OPERATION IN US -THAT ENABLES US
TO PRAYER EFFECTIVELY**

**“3. COLOSSIANS 1;29 TO THIS END I LABOR, STRIVING ACCORDING
TO HIS WORKING WHICH WORKS IN ME
MIGHTILY**

PAULS SAYS - I LABOR-- THE WORD MEANS- I AGONIZE- I WRESTLE

THIS CERTAINLY INCLUDES THE LABOR OF PRAYER

**BUT I AM WORKING WITH ALL OF THE GRACE AND STRENGTH
WHICH HAS MOST POWERFULLY MADE
AVAILABLE TO ME -- BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

**PAUL IS WORKING- BUT IT IS ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT’S
WORKING IN HIM**

GOD IS WORKING IN PAUL- PAUL IS WORKING IT OUT

IN LIGHT OF THESE VERSES –I’M SAYING THAT

**“4. ALL LABOR FOR JESUS- WHICH IS NOT INITIATED IN US,
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT--HAS NO VALUE
IT IS EMPTY --WORTHLESS**

AND CERTAINLY--THIS INCLUDES THE AREA OF PRAYER

**IF WE ARE GOING TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY - WE MUST SEEK
THE SUPERNATURAL WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT
IN OUR LIVES**

**“6 REMEMBER- THE DISCIPLES ASKED THE LORD JESUS TO TEACH
THEM TO PRAY**

**AND CERTAINLY
JESUS’ TEACHING ON PRAYER WAS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT
AND COMPLETE**

**BUT THEY COULD NOT FOLLOW HIS DIRECTIONS --IN THEIR
OWN HUMAN WEAKNESS**

HOWEVER-- THE LORD GAVE THEM THIS GLORIOUS PROMISE

(WORKBOOK)

***“JOHN 14;16 - I WILL PRAY TO THE FATHER- AND HE WILL SEND
YOU ANOTHER HELPER-THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH
YOU FOREVER***

FRIENDS- OUR HELPER IN PRAYER --IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

**HOW WE NEED TO ASK--SEEK AND KNOCK -- FOR THE
HOLY SPIRIT- TO BE OUR HELPER-
IN THIS ESSENTIAL AREA-- OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

BEFORE I RETURN TO THIS STUDY ON “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”

***3. PRAYER IS THE SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE OF THE HEART
THAT HAS BEEN BORN OF THE (SPIRIT).***

**“A. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRULY BORN OF THE SPIRIT
WILL FIND THEMSELVES-- WITH A DEEP
DESIRE- FOR COMMUNION WITH GOD**

**“B. THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF OUR CONVERSION
IS THE FRUIT OF PRAYER**

**BEFORE WE WITNESSED -WALKED- WORKED-
WE SERVED- PREACHED==TAUGHT - WE WERE PRAYING**

**AND IN MY CASE- BEFORE I EVEN ATTENDED CHURCH
I WAS PRAYING**

**“C. THERE IS NO GREATER EVIDENCE-OF THE NEW BIRTH
THAN A NEW PASSION FOR
COMMUNION WITH THE LORD
THROUGH PRAYER**

**JUST AS THE FIRST SIGN OF LIFE IN A “NEW-BORN” INFANT
IS THE ACT OF CRYING**

**SO THE FIRST SIGN OF LIFE IN THE “NEW-BORN” CHRISTIAN
IS THE ACT OF PRAYING.**

**THEY ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST-
THEY HAVE A NEW HEART**

THE HOLY SPIRIT- WHO HAS MADE THEM “NEW CREATIONS”

**WORKS IN THEM THE REALITY OF THEIR ADOPTION-
WHICH MAKES THEM CRY-- ABBA FATHER**

I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT

**IT IS AS MUCH A PART OF THE NEW BELIEVER-- TO PRAY
FOR THEIR DESIRES AND NEEDS**

AS IT IS A BABY TO CRY--FOR THEIR DESIRES AND NEEDS

I OR WE COULD SAY IT --IN THIS WAY

***4. PRAYER IS THE SPIRITUAL (BREATHE) OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE!***

“A PRAYER IS LIKE SPIRITUAL BREATHING - FOR THE BELIEVER

**PRAYER IS AS NATURAL AND NECESSARY FOR THE CHRISTIAN
TO EXIST -IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM**

**AS PHYSICAL BREATHING IS NATURAL AND NECESSARY
FOR EXISTENCE --IN THE PHYSICAL
REALM**

“B. YOU DON’T HAVE TO THINK- ABOUT BREATHING

**BECAUSE THE ATMOSPHERE EXERTS PRESSURE-- ON YOUR
LUNGS AND FORCES YOU TO
BREATHE**

“C SIMILARLY- WHEN YOU ARE BORN OF THE SPIRIT:

GOD’S SPIRIT -GOD’S GRACE AND YOUR NEEDS AND DESIRES

EXERT SPIRITUAL PRESSURE AND INFLUENCE-- ON YOUR LIFE

**WHICH INSPIRES YOU AND ENERGIZES YOU -TOWARD THIS
SPIRITUAL BREATHING OF PRAYER**

I'M SAYING THAT

**PRAYER IS YOUR NORMAL RESPONSE -TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
INFLUENCE-- IN YOUR LIFE**

**“D. EVERY BORN AGAIN CHILD OF GOD-- HAS ENTERED INTO A
SPIRITUAL KINGDOM**

**AND WE BREATHE IN THIS SPIRITUAL KINGDOM -
BY “*PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT*”**

**SO IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE SAME GREEK WORD “*SPIRIT*”
USED IN DESCRIBING THE 3RD PERSON
OF THE TRINITY**

IS THE GREEK WORD *PNEUMA* ---WHICH MEANS “*BREATHE*”

***5. OUR PRAYER IS THE “EXHALING OF OUR ABSOLUTE
(DEPENDENCE) ON GOD.***

**“A. THE FIRST ACT OF SAVING FAITH- IS THE DESIRE TO SPEAK
TO GOD-- IN PRAYER**

**AND TO DECLARE OUR TOTAL DEPENDENCE-- ON THE PERSON
AND THE WORK-- OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

AND THIS CONTINUES THROUGHOUT WALK WITH GOD!

“B. LISTEN CLOSELY TO THIS TRUTH

FOR A MAN TO LIVE- WITHOUT BREATHING-- IS IMPOSSIBLE

FOR A MAN TO BELIEVE- AND NEVER PRAY- IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE

**FOR PRAYER IS THE EXHALING OF OUR TOTAL RELIANCE
ON GOD**

“C. BUT PRAYER-- IS ALSO AN “*INHALING*”

BECAUSE GOD BREATHES INTO US-- THE GRACE TO:

**WORSHIP HIM- FOLLOW HIM - LOVE- SERVE AND OBEY HIM
AND PERSEVERE IN ALL OF THIS**

**NOTHING IS MORE VITAL - TO THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE
THAN THIS “SPIRITUAL BREATHING”
THAT WE CALL “PRAYER”**

**IT IS THROUGH THIS “SPIRITUAL BREATHING” THAT GOD
GIVES US THE GRACE AND ENABLEMENT
TO LIVE AND MINISTER VICTORIOUSLY**

**“E. SO AS PAUL CLOSES THIS EPISTLE - HE CALLS ON US
TO DEVOTE OURSELVES - TO PRAYER**

AND TO MAKE CERTAIN- THAT WE ARE “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”

**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 (GOD)”.***

**“A. WE ARE COMMANDED TO CONDUCT OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES
AND MINISTRIES**

**IN A MANNER- THAT WOULD FULFILL JESUS’ STATEMENT
IN MARK 10;27- IN WHICH HE DECLARES**

(WORKBOOK)

**“*WITH MEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE - BUT NOT WITH GOD - FOR WITH
GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE*”**

**EVERYTHING THAT WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH - IS IMPOSSIBLE
W/O THE HOLY SPIRIT’S MIGHTY POWER**

**“B. GOD HAS ORDAINED HIS GREAT PLAN- IN SUCH A MANNER
THAT HIS WORK- IS TO BE CARRIED OUT**

**BY AND THROUGH -THE SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTIONS OF GOD
IN ANSWER- TO THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE**

OR TO PUT IT SIMPLY- *GOD WORKS-- IN RESPONSE TO OUR PRAYER*

“C IF WE ARE GOING TO RECEIVED SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH
IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE WISDOM - TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT
IF WE ARE GOING TO BE FAITHFUL WITNESSES- FOR THE LORD
IF WE ARE GOING TO SEE SOULS TRULY TRANSFORMED
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
WE MUST BE FAITHFUL- TO BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED- IN THIS
“PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DO

“F IN LIGHT OF WHAT I AM SAYING -- MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHAT PRIORITY-- DOES THIS “SPIRITUAL BREATHING”
HAVE IN YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY?

***7. YOUR LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS REVEALED BY
THE LEVEL AND (CHARACTER) OF YOUR PRAYER LIFE.***

**“A. YOU CAN HAVE ALL OF YOUR DOCTRINE CORRECT- AND STILL
BE FAILING -----TO WALK IN VICTORY**

**IF YOU ARE FAILING TO APPREHEND AND APPLY THE ABSOLUTE
NECESSITY OF “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”**

**“B. KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF DOCTRINE ARE
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

“1. BUT THERE IS ONE THING - THAT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT

“2. THAT IS “BREATHING” IN THE KING’S ATMOSPHERE

AS A MATTER OF FACT

**THE TRUE TEST OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME- THAT WE SPEND IN
PRAYER AND COMMUNION-- WITH GOD**

**“C. THE MORE THEOLOGY THAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD - THE MORE
IT SHOULD INSPIRE US - TO “KNOW GOD”
IN THE INTIMACY- OF SPIRITUAL PRAYER**

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***JOHN 17;3 THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE - THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THE
FATHER - AND JESUS CHRIST HIS SON***

NOT ONLY TO KNOW MORE THEOLOGY ABOUT GOD

BUT TO KNOW GOD MORE--INTIMATELY AND PERSONALY

**“D. IF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURE DOES NOT PRODUCE
THIS DELIGHT OF PRAYER-- IN OUR LIVES**

**THEN THERE IS SOMETHING DESPERATELY WRONG - WITH
THE WAY- THAT WE ARE HANDLING
THAT KNOWLEDGE**

**FOR PRAYER IS ONE OF THE “MEANS OF GRACE” - THAT GOD HAS
GIVEN US TO KNOW HIM-- MORE INTIMATELY**

“F. WHILE THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF PRAYER

**THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE -THAT MAKES ALL OF
THOSE TYPES OF PRAYER
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD**

THAT PRINCIPLE IS “*PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT*”

**THIS LEADS TO A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION --CONCERNING
“*PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT*”**

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

1. YOU MUST BE (BORN) OF THE SPIRIT;

“A. YOU MUST BE BORN FROM ABOVE

. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN- BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

YOU MUST BE TRULY CONVERTED-

YOU MUST KNOW THE REALITY OF JOHN 17;3

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“JOHN 9:31- WE KNOW THAT GOD DOES NOT HEAR SINNERS

**“ISAIAH 59;2 YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM
YOUR GOD-AND YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS FACE
FROM YOU- SO THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR YOU**

**“B. THERE WILL BE NO AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL PRAYER
UNTIL THERE IS FIRST-- A SPIRITUAL BIRTH**

**YOU MUST BE *BORN OF THE SPIRIT* - IF YOU ARE GOING
TO BE ABLE TO “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT”**

2. YOU MUST BE (FILLED) WITH THE SPIRIT.

(WORKBOOK)

**“1. EPHESIANS 5;18 - AND DO NOT BE DRUNK WITH WINE
IN WHICH IS DISSIPATION- BUT BE FILLED
WITH THE SPIRIT**

**“2. THIS IS A COMMAND TO EVERY BELIEVER - TO LIVE
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**THE PHRASE- “TO BE FILLED” IS IN THE PRESENT- PASSIVE
IMPERATIVE TENSE**

**IT ACTUALLY DESCRIBES- A CONTINUALLY LIVING
UNDER THE DOMINION AND
DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“3 IF YOU DO NOT OBEY THIS COMMAND- to be filled with the Spirit

**YOU CANNOT OBEY ANY OTHER COMMAND-
IN A SPIRITUAL MANNER
THAT WOULD BE PLEASING TO THE LORD**

**“4 HOW CAN YOU “*PRAY IN THE SPIRIT*
IF YOU ARE NOT FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

**YOU MUST HAVE THE “DIRECT ASSISTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND THE TRUTH**

**YOU MUST HAVE THE “PERSONAL GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT
THE PERSONAL GOVERNING OF THE WORD**

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY- WITHIN THE PARAMETERS
OF THE WILL OF GOD**

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY IN A WAY
THAT IS PLEASING TO GOD**

“SO WHAT DOES GOD MEAN -WHEN HE SAYS -BE FILLED?

**(A). *GOD IS CALLING FOR A “MOMENT BY MOMENT”
SUBMISSION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT’S (CONTROL).***

**“A. LIVING YOUR LIFE -UNDER THE INFLUENCE - THE GUIDANCE
AND THE DIRECTION-- OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

AS HE APPLIES THE WORD OF GOD - IN YOUR LIFE

**“B. TO BE BEING WILLING- TO BE MOVED ALONG- IN YOUR WAYS
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**TO ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT- TO PERMEATE OUR MINDS
OUR WORDS- OUR ACTIONS
WITH GOD’S WORD**

TO LIVE UNDER THE HOLY DOMINATION OF THE SPIRIT

**TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -AS HE
APPLIES THE WORD OF GOD
TO EVERY AREA OF LIFE**

**“C JUST AS A BASEBALL GLOVE -CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING
WITHOUT BEING FILLED AND
ACTIVATED BY A HAND**

**A CHRISTIAN CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING - WITHOUT BEING
FILLED AND ACTIVATED BY THE SPIRIT**

“D. JOHN 15;5- WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

“1. NOTHING OF ANY SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

“2. NOTHING OF ANY ETERNAL VALUE

“1 WE MUST BE BORN OF THE SPIRIT

“2. WE MUST BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

“3. THIS LEADS US TO THE 3RD- OBVIOUS PRINCIPLE

WHICH IS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE 2ND

3. WE MUST BE (WALKING) IN THE SPIRIT

(WORKBOOK)

***“GAL.5;16 “WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND YOU SHALL NOT FULFILL
THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH***

“1. WE CAN WALK IN THE SPIRIT --DAILY -IN OUR LIFESTYLE

BY SUBMITTING TO THE SPIRIT’S CONTROL

BY COOPERATING WITH THE SPIRIT’S GUIDANCE

THEN WE WILL GROW IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY

**THEN WE WILL GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE-
OF OUR LORD JESUS**

**AND THE HOLY SPIRIT-- WILL CONTINUALLY
CARRY US ALONG- IN OUR WALK**

AND THE HOLY SPIRIT- WILL CONTINUALLY

“1. CONTROL US- WITH HIS HOLY POWER

“2. DIRECT US -WITH HIS PERFECT WISDOM

“4 AS WE ALLOW THE WORD OF CHRIST TO DWELL IN US- RICHLY

**AND TO CONTROL OUR THINKING -ACTIONS
ATTITUDES-AFFECTIONS**

WE BEGIN TO DISCOVER THAT WE ARE WALKING -

**THOUGHT BY THOUGHT--- DECISION BY DECISION- ACT BY ACT
UNDER THE SPIRIT'S CONTROL**

**SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND
ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL
OF GOD**

**“5. YOU MUST KNOW THIS INTIMACY
OF “WALKING IN THE SPIRIT”,**

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO \\
PRAY IN THE SPIRIT”.**

BUT NOTICE THIS VERY IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE AND PROMISE

WATCH THIS- IT IS SO VERY IMPORTANT

***A. WHEN WE ARE WALKING IN INTIMACY AND UNITY WITH
THE SPIRIT, THEN “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT” BECOMES A
NATURAL (CONSEQUENCE)!***

**“1. WHEN WE ARE “WALKING IN THE SPIRIT”
WE WILL “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT”**

**“2. WHEN WE ARE WALKING IN THE SPIRIT
WE WILL PRAY-- IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S WILL**

**“3. WE WILL PRAY IN UNITY WITH GOD'S PURPOSE
WITH GOD WORD
WITH GOD'S WILL**

“4. WE WILL

“1. PRAY AS THE LORD- WOULD HAVE US- TO PRAY

“2. HAVE HIS WISDOM --INFORMING OUR IGNORANCE

“3 HAVE HIS STRENGTH-- EMPOWERING OUR WEAKNESSES

**“4. HAVE OUR PRAYERS- ILLUMINED AND INSPIRED
WITH HIS PURPOSES**

“5. AS WE “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT” - THERE IS :

AN UNFOLDING OF THE WORD AND THE WILL OF GOD

**SO THAT OUR INTERCESSION - MIGHT BE IN HARMONY
WITH GOD’S PLAN AND PURPOSE**

**“1. WHEN YOU ARE “WALKING IN THE SPIRIT” YOU ARE ABLE TO
‘*PRAY IN IN THE SPIRIT*’**

**NOT SO- THAT YOU CAN GET YOUR WILL ACCOMPLISHED
BY GOD**

**BUT SO -THAT GOD CAN GET HIS WILL- ACCOMPLISHED
IN YOU-- AND THROUGH YOU**

**“2 THIS MEANS THAT --BY THE SPIRIT’S GUIDANCE AND
ASSISTANCE -WE CAN PRAY :**

IN CONFORMITY TO GOD’S WILL

IN AGREEMENT WITH GOD’S WILL

**“4. AND THIS GIVES US GREAT CONFIDENCE AND LIBERTY
IN APPROACHING GOD -**

**FOR THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED
FOR US TO PRAY FOR**

“5 BUT NOTICE - FOR A MOMENT- THIS SAD REALITY

**4. *TRAGICALLY, NOTHING DECAYS FASTER IN OUR
SPIRITUAL LIVES, THAN THE PASSION TO PRAY
IN THE (POWER) OF THE SPIRIT.***

“A. IT IS AN EASY THING- TO BECOME DISCOURAGED-IN PRAYER

IT IS A DIFFICULT THING TO REMAIN ENCOURAGED IN PRAYER

**“B MANY CHRISTIANS BECOME DISCOURAGED AND DISHEARTENED
IN THEIR PRAYER LIFE**

“C SOMETIMES --THEY BECOME DISCOURAGED BECAUSE

**THEY LACK - THE PERSONAL ANSWERS TO THEIR PRAYER FOR
QUITE A LONG SEASON**

THEY LACK A SENSE OF POWER AND LIBERTY IN PRAYER

**THEY LACK OF A PERSONAL AWARENESS --THAT THEY ARE
TRULY COMMUNICATING WITH GOD --IN
THEIR PRAYER**

‘D WHEN BELIEVERS BECOME DISCOURAGED

**THEY ARE TEMPTED TO BEGIN HOLDING THEIR
“SPIRITUAL BREATH**

**THEY WRONGLY THINK THAT A FEW BRIEF MOMENTS - WITH
GOD
WILL BE ENOUGH --TO SURVIVE**

THEY BEGIN TO ALLOW THE DISTRACTIONS OF THE WORLD

**OR EVEN THE DISTRACTIONS OF MINISTRY ---TO RESTRICT THEIR
SPIRITUAL BREATHING**

**“E. THEY BEGIN TO SURRENDER TO THE TERRIBLE TEMPTATION
TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRESUMPTION**

**RATHER THAN CONSTANTLY RELYING ON GOD’S GRACE
BY TAKING LONG AND VIBRANT
BREATHS --IN SPIRITUAL PRAYER**

**THEY FORGET THEIR GREAT NECESSITY- TO BREATHE
IN GOD’S DIVINE ATMOSPHERE**

**THE SINCERE LONGING FOR PRAYER - BECOMES SADLY MISSING
IN THEIR LIVES**

I WANT TO SAY IT AGAIN -- FOR IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US

TO REMEMBER

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 (ASSITANCE);**

OH HOW WE NEED

"1 TO PRAY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SPIRIT

"2. TO PRAY WITH THE ILLUMINATION OF THE SPIRIT

"4. TO PRAY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT

"5. TO PRAY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SPIRIT

"6. TO PRAY IN TRUST AND RELIANCE ON THE LORD

(WORKBOOK)

1 COR. 2;12

**NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD
BUT THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD-**

WHY?????????

**THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS -THAT HAVE BEEN
FREELY GIVEN TO US BY GOD**

**"1 GOD'S WORD PROMISES-- THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT --
IS AVAILABLE AND READY**

**"A. TO INSPIRE US-- IN THIS HOLY WORK
OF PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION-**

TO QUICKEN US TO PRAY- ABOUT A PARTICULAR SITUATION

AND TO INSTRUCT US - AND TO GUIDE US -IN PRAYER

“B. TO ASSIST US -- TO ENABLE US - AND TO EMPOWER US

“1. TO PRAY IN THE CENTER OF THE WILL OF GOD

“2. TO PRAY ACCORDING TO THE PRECEPTS OF GOD’S WORD

“3. AND TO SEE GOD BRING MIGHTY ANSWERS TO PRAYER

6. TO “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT” ALSO MEANS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ABLE TO GIVE US GREAT (LIBERTY) IN PRAYER.

**“A. THERE IS NOTHING MORE WONDERFUL- THAN WHEN THE SPIRIT
GIVES US FREEDOM --IN PRAYER**

“B. WHEN HE SUDDENLY GIVES US LIBERTY OVER

DIFFICULTIES IN CONCENTRATION - IN PRAYER

DIFFICULTIES IN DIRECTION- IN PRAYER

DIFFICULTIES IN TIREDNESS --WEARINESS

OR SOME OTHER PHYSICAL- MENTAL- OR EMOTIONAL STRUGGLE

**“C. SUDDENLY YOU BEGIN TO KNOW “LIBERTY OF EXPRESSION”
IN YOUR PRAYER**

**AND YOU REALIZE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DIRECTING YOU
AND EMPOWERING YOU-- IN PRAYER**

**AND YOU KNOW IN YOUR SOUL- THAT THERE IS AN EXCHANGE
BETWEEN YOU AND THE LORD
IS TAKING PLACE**

**BECAUSE THE WORDS SEEM TO BE FLOWING OUT OF
YOUR HEART - TO THE FATHER**

**“D SUDDENLY-- YOU ARE ACUTELY AWARE- OF A SUPERNATURAL
LIBERTY AND CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER**

TENDERNESS IN PRAYER

PASSION AND COMPASSION-- IN PRAYER

INTIMACY AND POWER-- IN PRAYER

**“LET’S STUDY SOME OTHER WONDERFUL VERSES-
THAT GIVE US MORE LIGHT-- CONCERNING THIS ESSENTIAL
TRUTH ABOUT “*PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT*”**

(WORKBOOK)

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 (ASSISTANCE)

***AS WE “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT”, THE HOLY SPIRIT
GIVES US ASSISTANCE IN PRAYER.***

“ROMANS 8;26-

LIKEWISE, THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES.

“A. THE WORD “HELPS” PICTURES

**ONE PERSON COMING ALONGSIDE OF ANOTHER PERSON
WHO IS WEAK & NEEDY**

**TO SHARE IN THEIR HEAVY BURDEN AND TO HELP THEM
TO CARRY IT**

NOTICE THE KEY WORDS

“B IN OUR WEAKNESSES -- WHAT ARE THESE WEAKNESSES?

1. **HE ASSISTS US IN OUR WEAKNESSES --SPECIFICALLY IN
CONNECTION --WITH DIRECTION IN PRAYER**

KNOWING GOD'S WISDOM IN PRAYER

KNOWING GOD'S WILL IN PRAYER

**"FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR
AS WE OUGHT**

1. **ON MANY OCCASIONS**

THIS IS OUR GREAT WEAKNESS -IN THE AREA OF PRAYER

**WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR
IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION**

2. **SOMETIMES-- WE STRUGGLE TO KNOW**

**WHAT GOD'S WILL IS- OR WHAT GOD'S PLAN IS
IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION?**

WHICH DIRECTION- IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

**WHICH PATH- IS THE PATH THAT GOD WOULD HAVE ME
TO WALK-- IN THIS SITUATION?**

3. **WE MAY BE IN PHYSICAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

THAT HAVE BECOME VERY DIFFICULT

**WE MAY BE CONFUSED -IN A CERTAIN SITUATION
AND WE DO NOT KNOW
WHAT TO DO - HOW TO PRAY**

**WE MAY BE FACING TREMENDOUS TEMPTATIONS--TROUBLES
TRIBULATIONS - PHYSICAL PROBLEMS**

WE MAY BE FACING SOME VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS

WE MAY BE RECEIVING PERSECUTION -FROM THE WORLD

WE MAY BE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS- IN THE CHURCH

***A. THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR
ABILITY TO SPEAK TO GOD AND (LISTEN) TO GOD,
IN THESE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.***

**“1. BUT THERE ARE MANY TIMES- “*WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW
WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR
AS WE OUGHT*”**

WE SEEM TO HAVE HIT A BRICK WALL!!!!!!

**“2. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW WE SHOULD PRAY
IN THIS CERTAIN SITUATION**

WE DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHAT GOD’S BEST IS

“FOR EXAMPLE --PAUL’S THORN IN THE FLESH

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT- THAT PAUL’S “THORN IN THE FLESH

WHICH WAS A MESSENGER OF SATAN

WHICH WAS SENT TO BUFFET HIM-- TO BEAT HIM

**WAS ALL A PART OF GOD’S PERFECT PLAN AND WILL
IN THIS SITUATION?**

**“6 REMEMBER THAT
PAUL PRAYED FOR HIS DELIVERANCE AT LEAST 3 TIMES**

**WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS GOD’S
BEST- FOR THE APOSTLE PAUL**

**BUT PAUL CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS GOD’S BEST -
GOD’S PURPOSE- GOD’S WILL**

GOD WAS LEAVING THAT “THORN IN HIS FLESH”

“1 TO KEEP PAUL IN COMPLETE HUMILITY

“2 TO KEEP PAUL IN ABSOLUTE RELIANCE IN THE GRACE OF GOD

“7. MANY TIMES - WE DO NOT KNOW --WHAT THE PERFECT WILL

**OF GOD IS- IN A SITUATION
AND THIS IS A TREMENDOUS INFIRMITY -- A GREAT WEAKNESS**

**WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT OUR WEAKNESS-- DOES NOT
MISLEAD US- IN OUR PRAYER LIFE**

“8 WE MUST QUICK TO ADMIT--THAT SOMETIMES

WE DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO PRAY

WE DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHAT GOD’S PURPOSE OR PLAN IS

WE NEED IS WISDOM AND HIS GUIDANCE IN PRAYER

**“9 DID YOU NOTICE THAT
GOD GIVES US A GLORIOUS ANSWER- TO THESE INFIRMITIES
IN THIS PASSAGE?**

***B. “LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO (HELPS) US IN OUR
WEAKNESSES.....”***

“1. IF WE WILL SEEK HIS ASSISTANCE

**THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GIVE US HIS POWERFUL ASSISTANCE
WITH THIS INFIRMITY**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME ALONGSIDE OF US- AND HELP US
IN THIS SPECIFIC WEAKNESS**

**“2. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DIFFICULT SITUATION - THAT IS
PRODUCING THESE TROUBLES AND
QUESTIONS**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS
FOR US**

**“3. HE GIVES US ASSISTANCE -
BY GIVING US THE WISDOM --TO KNOW**

“A WHAT TO PRAY FOR

“B. HOW TO PRAY

PAUL’S THORN IN THE FLESH -

**AFTER HE PRAYED - THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE HIM THE
WISDOM - GUIDANCE - AND SPECIFIC DIRECTION - THAT HE
NEEDED**

**“1. AND WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE
IN MANY CASES**

“A. THE CONFUSION IS SOLVED

“B THE QUESTION IS ANSWERED

“C. THE DIRECTION IS GIVEN

***C. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US SPECIFIC THOUGHTS AND
DIRECTIONS IN OUR PRAYER AND (SUPPLICATION).***

“1. HE KNOWS WHAT IS BEST- WHEN WE DO NOT

“2. THE SPIRIT KNOWS WHAT TO PRAY FOR- WHEN WE DO NOT

**“3 HE BRINGS TO OUR MIND -THE PROMISES---PRINCIPLES
AND PROVISION - WHICH ARE FOUND
IN THE WORD OF GOD**

“4. NOT ONLY DOES HE INSPIRE US-- TO INTERCEDE

HE ALSO DIRECTS US --IN OUR INTERCESSION

**BY ENLARGING OUR HEARTS-AND GIVING US THE STRENGTH
OF FAITH- AS WE INTERCEDE**

**“6 BUT NOT ONLY HIS GLORIOUS ASSISTANCE
BUT ALSO NOTICE THIS**

2. HIS ADVOCACY

AS WE “PRAY IN THE SPIRIT”, HE COMES TO US AS AN

ADVOCATE AND (INTERCEDES) FOR US!

“A MANY TIMES- THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ALONG SIDE OF US --

AND TAKES THE POSITION OF OUR INTERCESSOR

**“B AT TIMES -WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR
IN A SPECIFIC SITUATION**

AND WE ARE EXTRMELY PERPLEXED - TROUBLED- CONFUSED

**“C. YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF IN A SITUATION-
IN WHICH WE DO NOT
KNOW -WHAT GOD’S MIND AND WILL
IS-- FOR YOUR LIFE**

AND IT SEEMS- THAT YOU HAVE REACHED A “DEAD END”

BUT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS PRECISELY WHAT TO PRAY

“AND WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO???”

(WORKBOOK)

***VS. 27C HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS
ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD***

“A HE IS ABSOLUTELY OMNISCIENT

**HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT THE FATHER’S BEST IS
FOR YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY**

**HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN --IN YOUR LIFE
AND IN YOUR MINISTRY**

***A. THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS FOR YOU, CONCERNING
OUR SANCTIFICATION AND THE FATHER’S DIVINE AND
PERFECT (WILL).***

“1 WHEN I AM PREACHING AND TEACHING

**THE MOST ENCOURAGING THING THAT ANYONE EVER SAYS TO
ME== IS WHEN THEY SAY**

"I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU"

I PRAY EVERY WEEK FOR YOU

I PRAY EVERY DAY FOR YOU

THE LORD HAS BEEN CALLING ON ME TO PRAY FOR YOU

"5 BUT EVEN GREATER ENCOURAGEMENT--

IS THE FACT THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT --PRAYING FOR ME

HE IS INTERCEDING FOR ME- ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD

(WORKBOOK)

***VS.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 (LANGUAGE).***

(WORKBOOK)

***"1 COR. 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"***

"1. BUT FRIENDS -THE SPIRIT OF GOD-

PERFECTLY KNOWS THE THINGS OF GOD

PERFECTLY KNOWS THE PLAN OF GOD- FOR YOUR LIFE

PERFECTLY KNOWS THE WILL OF GOD - FOR YOUR LIFE

"4. AND THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US -

"A. WITH GREAT FERVENCY AND PASSION

"B WITH INFINITE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

**“5. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE THE OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST
INTERCEDING FOR US -AS OUR
INTERCESSOR- MEDIATOR --& ADVOCATE**

**BUT THIS VERSE DECLARES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO
INTERCEDES FOR US -**

**WITH PROFOUND PETITIONS -FOR OUR SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL
WELFARE--BOTH IN OUR LIVES AND
IN OUR MINISTRIES**

BUT BACK UP TO THE BEGINNING OF VERSE 27

(WORKBOOK)

VS. 27 A - “NOW HE WHO SEARCHES THE HEARTS-KNOWS

***C. GOD IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEARCH OUR HEARTS,
FOR HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT
(TRANSPIRES) WITHIN OUR HEARTS.***

**“1. THERE ARE THINGS INSIDE OF OUR HEARTS- THAT NO ONE ELSE
KNOWS--- BUT GOD**

**“2. THERE ARE IDEAS- DESIRES- & ASPIRATIONS-- IN OUR HEARTS
THAT THE WORLD KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT**

THAT THE CHURCH --KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT

THAT EVEN CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS-- KNOW NOTHING ABOUT

“3. BUT GOD SEES EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR INNER LIFE

AND GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR DEEPEST DESIRES

GOD SEES TO THE VERY CORE OF YOUR SOUL

“4. SO WHEN YOU ARE IN SUCH DISTRESS-

**THAT YOU CANNOT EVEN FIND THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE
YOUR FEELINGS**

AND IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE ELSE- UNDERSTANDS

I WANT YOU TO KNOW TODAY THAT

**GOD HEARS AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THE GROANINGS
OF YOUR HEART AND LIFE**

FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD HEARS YOUR HEART

(WORKBOOK)

VS, 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 (CREATED) THEM.***

**“1. NOT ONLY DOES GOD PROMISE --TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS
THAT ARE
“PRAYED IN THE SPIRIT”**

**“2. BUT WHEN WE REACH A POINT- THAT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW
TO PRAY AND WHAT TO DO
HE WILL MAKE INTERCESSION FOR YOU**

THE GREAT QUESTION IS

ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

ARE YOU WALKING IN THE SPIRIT?

OR ARE YOU GRIEVING OR QUENCHING THE SPIRIT?

**“3. IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THESE TRUTHS THAT WE HAVE STUDIED
HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?**

“4. WE SHOULD RESPOND WITH A NEW COMMITMENT

“TO PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”

WE SHOULD RESPOND WITH A NEW DETERMINATION

***“TO BUILD OURSELVES UP IN OUR MOST HOLY FAITH
PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT”***

“5. MAY YOU ASK THE LORD TODAY- FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

TO REMIND YOU TO BEGIN YOUR DAILY TIME OF PRAYER
BY ASKING THE HOLY SPIRIT

**“A . TO INSPIRE YOUR PRAYER - THROUGH HIS OMNISCIENT
LEADERSHIP;**

**“B. TO DIRECT YOU IN PRAYER - THROUGH HIS PERFECT
GUIDANCE AND INFLUENCE;**

**“C . EMPOWER YOU TO OFFER YOUR PRAYER- TO THE
FATHER, WITH HIS OMNIPOTENT ASSISTANCE**

ARE YOU FILLED?

ARE YOU WALKING?

ARE YOU BEING LED?