

Text for Today:

John 14:13-14

(Jesus said) 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Quote:

The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but un-offered prayer.

~ F. B. Meyer

PERSONAL COMMITMENT ABOUT PRAYER:

1. I will pray **courageous** prayers if I **expect** God to do **great** things.

1 John 5:14-15

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Matthew 6:6

(Jesus said) But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

2. I will **give** God right of way to **empower** my prayers **supernaturally**.

Ephesians 1:18-19a

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe...

1 Corinthians 14:1-2

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. 2 For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

3. I will **remove limits** of my prayer by praying in **the name of Jesus**.

John 16:23-24

(Jesus said) "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

RESULTS OF THESE COMMITMENTS IN PRAYER:

1. It **builds** you up **personally**.

Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

2. It brings **clarity** and divine **guidance** to your prayers.

Romans 8:26-28

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps 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. 27 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. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

3. It is a **weapon** in the heat of **spiritual warfare**

Ephesians 6:10-12

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:17-18

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 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...

Our personal commitments to pray in the name of Jesus and in the Holy Spirit and in expectation brings about the power to change our lives in a huge way.

Reflection:

- Consider that one thing that is most divisive in your thinking and give it to God in prayer today.
- Are you yielding to the Holy Spirit in your prayers?
- Are you learning to listen to God speak to you in your prayers?