

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - VII

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

- I. HOW TO APPROPRIATE GOD'S PROVISION.
 - A. ***Praying in what you need.***
 - B. ***Four basic requirements for successfully praying in what you need.***
 - 1. Be in the will of God.
 - 2. Believe it is God's will to prosper you.
 - 3. Be specific.
 - 4. Be tenacious.

- II. BE IN THE WILL OF GOD.
 - A. ***Fellowship with Jesus.***
 - 1. **Through a consistent personal prayer life.** (Mat 26:41 KJV)
Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
 - 2. **The Word of God.** (James 1:25 KJV) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
 - 3. **Commanded to do two things in Heb. 10:22,25** - *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."*
 - a. Draw near to God in prayer.
 - b. Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.
 - B. ***Fellowship with one another.***
 - 1. Rightly related to brothers and sisters in a local church.
 - 2. We are a part of Christ's body.
 - C. ***Diligent, balanced work habits.***
 - 1. **Honor of working.**
 - a. I Thes. 4:11-12 - *"And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you. That ye walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."*
 - b. II Thes. 3:11-12 - *"For we hear that there are some among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."*

- c. II Thes. 3:10 - *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."*

2. **The extreme of workaholism.**

- a. Going to the opposite extreme, allowing the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches to choke out the Word of God, rendering our lives fruitless.
- b. Work must be balanced with play.
- c. Giving God and our families the time they deserve.
- d. Fear, worry, and insecurity drive us to overwork.
- e. When we recognize God as our source, we are content to do the possible and let Him do the impossible.

D. ***Obedience in giving.***

- 1. God promises if we bring our tithes into the storehouse, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out so many blessings we cannot contain them (Mal. 3:10)
- 2. If rob God, we are cursed with a curse--**God will not bless something He has cursed.**
- 3. Proper order in giving.
 - a. First we give that there may be meat in God's house--then He blesses our house.
 - b. First we give--then it is given to us (Lu. 6:38).
 - c. We seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness--then all these things shall be added unto us.
 - d. When we give to God first, we are acknowledging He is our source.
- 4. If we are violating these principles, we cannot be blessed.

III. BELIEVE IT IS GOD'S WILL TO PROSPER YOU.

- A. ***You cannot have a poverty mentality and receive God's best.***
- B. ***If you waver in faith, you should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.***
- C. ***Scriptures.***
 - 1. (Deu 28:1 KJV) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (Deu 28:2 KJV) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (Deu 28:3 KJV) Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. (Deu 28:4 KJV) Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

2. (Luke 6:38 KJV) Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.
3. (Mark 10:29 KJV) And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, (Mark 10:30 KJV) But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
4. (Phil 4:19 KJV) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

IV. BEING SPECIFIC IN OUR REQUEST.

- A. ***Give us this day our daily bread.***
- B. *"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).*
- C. ***Remember, you are to seek first the kingdom of God; then your personal needs will be met.***
 1. Pray specific prayers daily over the needs of the house of God.
 2. Then pray specifically for the needs of your own house.
- D. ***When you have sown your finances in His kingdom and been faithful to God and to your church, you can confidently ask for your specific needs.***

V. BE TENACIOUS.

- A. ***It takes tenacity to recover what Satan, our adversary, has stolen from us.***
- B. ***Pr. 6:30-31 - If the thief is discovered, he must restore sevenfold.***
- C. ***The thief comes to steal, kill, and to destroy; Jesus has come to bring life more abundantly.***
- D. ***"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."***
- E. ***God promises to restore to us the years the locust has eaten (Joel 2:25).***
- F. ***The Amplified Bible translates Matthew 7:7: "Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you."***