

# Prayer Preparation Guide

## DAY ONE

**READ James 5:18 . 1 Peter 3:12, 2 Chronicles 16:9a**

If our prayers are going to be powerful and effective we must be rightly related to God. This means we must confess our sins and turn away from them. It is not enough to say we are sorry we missed the mark but we must change what we have been doing. God has shown me that when I approach Him, His first concern is over the sin in my life. Once I have dealt with that then we can speak of other things. If we want His ears to be attentive to what we pray, we must deal with our sins first. He will not listen to those who do evil. Evil is anything that is inconsistent with the character of God. Often we have lived with our sin so long we do not see it as sin. God is looking for those of His children whose heart is completely devoted to Him. David was completely devoted to God as revealed by his repenting and turn back to God when He was confronted with sin in his life.

Spend some time being still before God and letting Him speak to you about sin in your life. Immediately confess, repent and turn away from any sin He reveals to you.

## DAY TWO

**READ Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:8-9, Psalm 51: 1-6**

Three kinds of sin which must be confessed:

1. Private - against God alone Confessed to God alone.
2. Personal - sins against others Confessed to God and the one we have done wrong.
3. Public - sins against the church, the Body of Christ Confessed to the Church.

Ask yourself these questions.

Am I sinning the sin of prayerlessness?

Is all resentment out of my heart?

Am I willing to ask forgiveness from anyone I have wronged in any way?

Am I impatient?

Do my "hurt feelings" keep me from serving God?

Do I want my way?

Have I enmity toward anyone?

### **DAY THREE**

READ Matthew 6:12-15 , 18:21-35, Luke 6: 27-37

Ask yourself these questions.

1. Have I been dishonest with God? With my church?
2. Have I broken any promise or pledge to God?
3. Am I dishonest with others?
4. Do I covet the possessions of others?
5. Have I paid all my debts to others?
6. Do I have anything in my possession which does not rightly belong to me?
7. Have I any habits which I should forsake?
8. Is there jealousy in my heart?
9. Have I wronged anyone and failed to make restitution?
10. Is my mind honest and clean in the sight of God?

### **DAY FOUR**

Read Matthew 5:28 , Ephesians 5:21 - 6::9, 1 Peter 3:7

Ask yourself these questions if they apply to you.

1. Am I faithful in my wedding vows? In deed and thoughts?
2. Have I secret sin which I excuse but should break?
3. Do you encourage and build up your spouse?
4. Are you a faithful member of your family ? Your church?
5. Is your lifestyle honorable to your parents, even if you are grown?  
Your church?
6. Parents do you exasperate your children?
7. Children do you obey your parents?
8. Do you serve others as if you were serving Christ?
9. Are you submissive to those in authority over you.
10. Do you treat those under your authority justly?

### **DAY FIVE**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 - 21. Matthew 5:13 - 16.

Ask yourself these questions.

1. Am I a minister of reconciliation and an ambassador of Christ?
2. Does my lifestyle reveal the character of Christ?
3. Am I imploring other to be reconciled to Christ?
4. Am I guilty of the sin of unbelief?
5. Am I salt and light in my world?
6. Do I believe in the power of God to cleanse any sinner?
7. Does my lifestyle make others thirsty for Christ?
8. Does my lifestyle cause others to praise God?