

# TRAINING TO BE WARRIORS

## LESSON #10: PITIFUL PRAYER

### *How NOT to Pray*

Text: Luke 18:9-14

Introduction: As Christians, we are soldiers of the cross and warriors of the faith. We need to be equipped for the ministry and prepared for the battles of life. We are continuing our series on training to be prayer warriors. Today we are going to consider one of Jesus' most memorable parables (Pharisee & Publican). Let's study together...

Discussion:

**I. *Pitiful Prayers Lack Proper Perspective***

**Matthew 7:1, Luke 6:37**

**II. *Pitiful Prayers Deny God's Power***

**Matthew 7:7, Matthew 21:22, Luke 11:9**

**III. *Pitiful Prayers Are Filled With Pride***

**Psalm 51, I Samuel 16:7**

**IV. *Pitiful Prayers Reveal Futile Thinking***

**John 4:22, Psalm 51:17, Proverbs 23:7**

**V. *Pitiful Prayers Hinder The Kingdom***

**James 4:10, I Peter 5:6, Ephesians 2:9**

Conclusion: Prayer may be the greatest way God can build an indestructible relationship God with His children. If we want to pray effective, fervent prayers without ceasing, we need to start by looking inside of our own heart. I cannot judge you, but I can judge myself. I have personally prayed prayers like this, and I am sure it will happen again, but praise God that I can connect with this story. Some days I am the Pharisee full of pride and blind to God's will. Other days I am the publican and can barely lift my head to the sky. Either way.... I need God. So do you! Whatever you are struggling with today, give it to God. Surrender it at the foot of the cross. God is with you!

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