# <u>LESSON #1</u>: PERSONAL PRAYER Conversations With God <u>Text</u>: I John 5:14-15



<u>Introduction</u>: One of the most effective tools we have in this world is the avenue of prayer. 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. Over the next few weeks we are going to see some texts of Scripture that will help us to become prayer warriors. In our time together this morning we will consider the benefits of personal prayer. Let's study together....

#### **Discussion**:

### I. Be Confident In Your Approach

I John 5:14, Matthew 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4, Mark 14:36, John 17, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6, Hebrews 4:16

### II. Be Specific In Your Request

I John 5:14, Philippians 4:6, James 4:2, Matthew 21:22, John 16:23, Mark 6:22-23, Mark 10:35, Mark 11:24, John 11:22, John 14:13, John 15:16

### III. Be Open To His Will

I John 5:14, Matthew 26:36-46, I Corinthians 4:19, James 4:15, Acts 2:42, I Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 7:30, Mark 3:35

## IV. Be Steadfast In Your Faith

I John 5:15, Matthew 21:22, James 5:15, Jude 20, Luke 1:46-56, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 14-16, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:27, Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:25

#### V. Be Patient As Your Waiting

I John 5:15, I Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:16-17, Psalm 127:1-2, Philippians 4:6-7, Genesis 32:24-32, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 37:9, Psalm 37:34

<u>Conclusion</u>: Prayer may be the greatest way God can build an indestructible relationship with His children. Prayer should never become stale or boring. All we need to do is be intentional, steadfast, and full of assurance. As much as we need to pray, God wants to answer our prayers. It's a winning scenario! Have a conversation with God today!

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