

PRAYER

Nothing shows our independent and renegade spirit like our prayerlessness. Conversely, nothing shows our dependence on God like the frequency and earnestness of our prayers. Prayer acknowledges “For without Me you can do nothing” Jn 14:5-8.

“Thou art coming to a King
Large petitions with thee bring
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much.”

In Warren and Ruth Myers book entitled Pray: How to Be Effective in Prayer they mention:

I Two Foundations of Prayer

1. Abiding in Christ – Jn 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you”.
2. Cleansing – Sin disrupts and damages our relationship to God. 1 Jn 1:9; Psa 66:18
Sin hinders prayer – Isa 59:1-2

II Three Conditions of Prayer

1. Pray in Jesus’ name – Jn 14:13-14
Praying in Jesus’ name means coming to God in the merits of the One who paid for our sins and represents us in the courts of heaven. It means entering the corridors of supreme power not because of our service, our sincerity, or our worthiness, but because we belong to Christ.
2. Pray in God’s will – 1 Jn 5:14-15
3. Pray in Faith – Matt 21:22; Matt 17:20
Confidence in God and His Word – His statements Rom 4:20-21