

Dynamic Disciples: Discovering the Power Within Through Prayer

Week 5: The Keys of Prayer

"Weekly Takeaways"

Day of Prayer and Fasting

"If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith." Charles Spurgeon

Battle Plan

- Enlistment
- Basic training
 - **The Keys of Prayer**
- Conditional
- Strategies
- Targets
- Ammunition

Key Verse

- *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16*

Keys of Prayer

1. Praying persistently by asking, seeking, and knocking (*Matt. 7:7-8*)
2. **Praying in faith** (*Mark 11:24*)
3. Praying in secret (*Gal. 6:7-8*)
4. Praying according to God's will (*Rom. 12:1-2; 1 John 5:14-15*)
5. Praying in Jesus' name (*John 14:13-14*)
6. **Praying in agreement with other believers** (*Matt. 18:19-20*)
7. Praying while fasting (*Acts 14-13*)
8. Praying from an obedient life (*1 John 3:21-22*)
9. **Praying while abiding in Christ and His Word** (*John 15:3, 7, 9-10, 12; 1 John 1:9*)
10. Praying while delighting in the Lord (*John 14:15; Psalm 37:4*)

Evening Discussion

1. Which keys of prayer encourage you the most?
2. Which keys help you see what prayer can become in your life?
3. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
4. What are the different aspects of an abiding relationship with Jesus?

Effective Takeaways

- People who don't think they'll get what they pray for will likely not get what they pray for.
- To really zoom your prayer experience off the charts, develop the regular habit of praying with other believers.
- Abiding means staying in close fellowship with someone, it involves spending time in God's Word, allowing it to fill our hearts and guide our thinking, walking in obedience to what He tells us to do.