A Practical Guide for Praying the Word of God

John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15

Praying the Word of God means precisely that. It means using the scripture to support what we are praying for and about. You said, **"You would give strength to the weary And increase the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:29 You said, "You would give me peace that surpasses all understanding." Phil. 4:7 You said, "You would guide me and teach me the way I should go." Psalm 32:8 You said, "You would be my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.** Each of these verses speaks to an issue that any of us could struggle with on any given day.

How to Pray the Word of God: Practical Application

So, how can we, as believers, use scripture as the foundation of our prayers? Please understand everything begins with **John 15:7: "If you abide in Me and My Words abide in you, ask what you want and shall be done for you.** This scripture is critical and must be understood completely. This scripture is not a blanket guarantee that all prayers are answered as we desire. Living in Christ means living in a close relationship with Him. Again, **it means allowing His teachings to shape our lives and desires.** *This verse speaks to those who are abiding in Jesus and have been transformed to align, to agree wholeheartedly, with His Will.* This means that our prayers, when we pray them, are in agreement or aligned, or are in harmony, with what God already desires and intends to do. This is and will be a monumental adjustment for many of us. Because it means change. This is not a blank check where we can ask anything regardless of whether it aligns with God's purposes and expect to see it realized. Just like the branch (John 15) cannot bear fruit by itself but must be connected to the "Vine," so our prayers must be rooted, based on the Will and Purposes of God to be fruitful and effective.

Find Scriptures that Align with Your Situation

1. The first step is to find scriptures that speak directly to your situation. Google "What scriptures speak to the promise God has for me to help me through feeling lost and lonely?" This question can be used in any situation or circumstance. "What scriptures speak to the promise God has for me about illness and getting through it?"

What is important is that we understand God's promises are real. However, His promises are always in line with His purpose. If you explore the Gospel of Mark and look at the healings that Jesus performed, each healing had a reason, a reason related to God's purposes.

2. Pray with Expectation: When you pray the Word of God, pray with expectation. Believe that God will do what He has promised in His Word.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us, **"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is**, (the "He is" is important. We must believe that He is God and that "He" God exists) **and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."** Again, our prayers must be in the will of God. **Romans 8:28: "All things work for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose."** Everything is done for His glory, for His purpose. This is why John 15:7 is so critical. Because when we abide in Jesus and His Word abides in us, we submit to His Will and His purposes.

Examples of Praying the Word of God

Praying for Peace in Troubled Times

Scripture to Pray: (there are others as well)

John 14:27 (ESV): "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV): "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

How to Pray: "Lord Jesus, I thank You for the peace You have promised, a peace that the world cannot give. I bring my worries and anxieties before You, trusting that You will guard my heart and mind with Your peace. I choose not to be anxious, but to present my requests to You with thanksgiving, knowing that Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, will surround me. Help me to rest in Your peace, trusting in Your sovereignty over every situation. Amen."

This exemplifies how New Deliverance can pray the Word of God for our church.

Matt. 9 37-38 says this: **"Then He told His disciples, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."**

How To Pray: "Lord of the harvest, I come before You with a heart burdened for Your church. Your Word says that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Father, I see

the great need around us, the countless souls who are ready to receive Your love and salvation, yet the laborers are so few. You said in your Word that we should ask you to send workers. We humble ourselves and seek the promise of your Word. We thank you for the workers you send to work in your ministry. Willing workers, enthusiastic workers, dedicated workers, all to serve you and give you the glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

May this prayer guide be a blessing in your lives.

Blessings,
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