

# Power of Prayer

Hey guys! I pray you are all feeling well and not getting too bored during this time at home.

So, last week in my letter we talked about the importance of fully trusting in God and that whatever happens, God is in control and we need to put our trust in Him. Let's go back to that Philippians passage for a second. (Philippians 4:6-7) The reason I bring you guys back here is that there is a very important message here. I want to dive a little deeper into the part where Paul says in vs 6 "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God." There are a few questions that can come out of this verse.

Does prayer really hold any power?

Can prayer really fix things?

What is prayer?

How often should we pray?

How do we pray?

These are some questions many people may have on the subject of prayer. What does the Bible have to say on these though? I have split up a few Bible passages so you can study a little every day. I am not asking you to turn the answers in, I just want you to work through and think about these passages. I gave two days on each passage so you can meditate and actually think on the passage. Work through these questions and the scripture. I will send my answers through next week with the next lesson, but please put a little time into these and see what God has to say about prayer.

Day 1-2

Scripture- Isaiah 36:1-37:38

What is the situation here?

What would you be doing in a similar situation where things seem hopeless?

What effect does prayer have on this?

If God is completely sovereign over all things, why is it important for us to pray?

How many of us in hopeless situations truly put our trust in God?

Can you give an example of when you have put your trust in God completely in that situation?

Days 3-4

Scripture-1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:1-2:11

What is happening here?

What is Hannah's problem right now?

What effect does prayer have on the situation?

The prayer of Hannah is compared with another prayer in the New Testament. Do you know what it is? (Luke 1:47-55) Can you find any similarities between the two or any connections?

Days 5-6

Scripture- Matthew 6: 5-15, Luke 22:39-46

Give two examples of what it should look like when we pray

Give a definition of each of the letters in the acronym acts

A-adoration-

C-confession-

T-thanksgiving-

S-supplication-

Show how these apply to the Lord's Prayer (group actual verses)

Is prayer a place for us to just get what we want? Can you prove this with the scripture passages in front of you?

I miss you guys! Call or email me if you have any questions or would like to talk.

In Christ,

Gary