

Spiritual Growth Track – 6

“Basics of Prayer”

A. [Basics of Prayer]

I had to learn to pray on God's terms vs. mine.

- * I thought I had to change God's mind to get something
- * Prayer was a tug-of-war between me and God
- * Kinda “wear God down” mindset

1. We can't approach the subject of prayer on our own terms.
(It's not rocket science, but it does take knowledge and understanding)

2. Not all prayer is just prayer.

Ex. Not all sports is sports.

- * Different sports have different rules.
- * You can't play football with baseball rules.

3. Rules or governing principles of prayer

Prayer of agreement Intercessory prayer (New vs. Old Testament)

Prayer of faith

Prayer of dedication

Fasting and prayer

Praying in the Spirit

Public prayers (the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed)

(No vain repetition; not to be heard of men)

4. All prayers involve faith and God's Word

God's Word is God's will

Rom. 10:17 (KJV)

Heb. 11:1-3, 6 (KJV)

I John 5:13-15 (KJV)

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

Phil. 4:6-8

B. [Purpose of Prayer]

#1. Fellowship and relationship with God first and foremost

#2. Prayer changes us and circumstances

#3. Prayer is the avenue by which God has ordained for us to receive our provisions provided by Jesus (grace)

#4. Prayer is God and man working together in the earth

James 5:13-18