

Growth Track
Module 3: How Do I Grow
Student's Notes

Lesson Six - How To Pray (Part II)

Key Takeaway

You can intercede for the salvation and welfare of others.

Introduction

1. Prayer is critical to growing in our relationship with our heavenly Father.
2. Besides praying for our own needs, we can also pray for those around us.
3. To pray on behalf of others is to intercede for them.
4. God is on the lookout for people to pray on behalf of others so that His will is done and His plans accomplished.

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b

I. WE ARE CALLED TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Prayer is not a formula but a personal conversation.

To intercede for someone is to plead with God for another person who cannot plead for himself.

Jesus Himself intercedes for us (1 John 2:1; Luke 22:31-32).

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. Hebrews 7:25

We intercede for blessings over others.

We intercede for victory over spiritual forces.

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12

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We intercede for the lost to receive salvation.

If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

II. INTERCESSION PRODUCES POWERFUL RESULTS

Moses' example

Then the Lord said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation."

But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God. "O Lord!" he said. "Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? ... Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people!"

So the Lord changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people. Exodus 32:9-12, 14

The example of the early church (Acts 12:1-17)

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Acts 12:5

III. OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS ARE MIGHTY SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

Declare God's Word in our prayers for others.

But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' Luke 4:4 (NKJV)

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Hold on to God's promises when we pray for others.

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. Luke 18:1

Believe for breakthroughs in our prayers for others.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20

Conclusion

1. Intercession is partnering with God in prayer for other people.
2. Let's start interceding for those around us on a regular basis!