

Praying The Scriptures Session Seven Class Outline

- A. Praying and worshiping in the word is life-changing.
1. Attention psalmists: David was a _____ guy.
 2. You can't put too much pressure on a verse.
Psa. 12:6, "The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."
 3. When you worship and pray the word, truth enters you; it _____ you.
 4. We interact with the word in at least 4 ways:
 - a. Pray the word.
 - b. Read the word.
 - c. Study the word.
 - d. Memorize the word.
- B. Some benefits of praying the Scriptures.
1. It renews the mind.
"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2).
 2. It brings our emotions into alignment with truth.
"casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).
 3. It helps produce mental _____.
To remain engaged mentally, many find a prayer list helpful. For help with constructing a prayer list, Mike Bickle has excellent online suggestions at www.ihop.org. Also see his booklet, *Prayers to Strengthen Your Inner Man*.
 4. It helps us to know how to pray, and what to pray for.
 5. It puts authority on our prayer life.
- C. Practical suggestions on praying from the Scriptures.
1. Remember to "salt" your prayers with thanksgiving and praise.

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2. Formulating the language of praise comes easier when we praise Him for four things:
 - a. His word.
 - b. His works.
 - c. His name.
 - d. His power.
 3. Use any and every form of prayer (Eph. 6:18, “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit”), such as worship, praise, thanksgiving, intercession, petition, meditation, repentance, adoration, prophetic declaration, warfare, listening, etc.
 4. Three common responses to the word:
 - a. “I believe Your word. Yes, Lord.”
 - b. “Help me to understand. Give this to me.”
 - c. “I resolve to obey this word. Help me!”
- D. Simultaneous Reading.
1. Why I aim to pray through the Bible annually:
 - a. Bible _____.
 - b. Knowledge of _____.
 - c. Desire to be _____.
 - d. To _____ previous insights.
 2. Have a Bible reading _____. Don't rest until you land upon a plan that fits you well.
 3. My personal Bible reading plan:
 - a. Old Testament: once annually.
 - b. New Testament: twice annually.
 - c. Revelation: once weekly
 4. Reasons to consider a regimen of “simultaneous reading”:
 - a. The variety maintains _____.
 - b. It facilitates a well-balanced devotional life that blends both praying and reading Scripture.
 - c. Two Scriptures from different books will often shed light on each other.

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5. I read daily in six sections (in this order).
 - a. Psalms
 - b. Song of Solomon
 - c. Old Testament
 - d. Gospels
 - e. Epistles
 - f. Revelation
- E. This week's assignment:
 1. Read chapters 28-33 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 28-33.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.