

## Promises regarding Prayer

1. The role of the Spirit (Romans 8:26 – 27, 1 John 5:14, Jude 20)
  - a. The Spirit brings our prayers up to God's standards
  - b. The Spirit modifies our prayer to conform to the will of God
  - c. If it is according to His will, He hears
  - d. Praying in the Holy Spirit
2. Appropriate occasions (James 5:13 – 18, 1:5 – 8, 1 Timothy 2:1 – 2, Philippians 4:6 – 7, Ephesians 6:18)
  - a. Relief from affliction
  - b. Recovery from illness
  - c. Forgiveness for me and for others
  - d. Adjustments to nature to get the attention of unbelievers
  - e. Ask for wisdom
  - f. For world leaders that we live in peace
  - g. Relief from anxiety
  - h. With thanksgiving
  - i. For all the saints
3. Cautions about prayer (James 4:1 – 2, 1 Corinthians 14:15, 1 John 3:22, 1 Timothy 2:8, 1 Peter 4:7)
  - a. Failing to ask
  - b. Asking with poor motives
  - c. Pray with understanding
  - d. Whatever we ask we receive because we keep His commandments (v23: the commandments are faith and love)
  - e. Without wrath or doubting
  - f. Be serious and watchful in your prayers
4. Attitudes of prayer (Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 3:12, 1 John 4:15, Philippians 4:7)
  - a. Boldly
  - b. Confidently
  - c. We know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him
  - d. The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds