

October 31, November 1, 2009
God's Plan for Provision and Peace

1. Prayer that works is about His will, not my wants.

Matthew 6:10b – “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

John 14:12-14 – “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in My name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it!”

2. Prayer that works flows from a heart that believes our heavenly Father wants to provide everything we need.

Matthew 6:11 – “Give us this day our daily bread.” **Luke 12:24-32**

3. Prayer that works depends daily on our heavenly Father's provision.

Exodus 16:4-5, 16-29; Matthew 5:3 – “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”

Deuteronomy 8:2-4

Matthew 6:11 – “Give us this day our daily bread.” **Luke 12:15-23, 33-24**

4. Prayer that works includes a time of confessing our sins and embracing the forgiveness only our Father can give.

Matthew 6:12a – “And forgive us our debts”

Psalms 103:11-13 – “For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The LORD is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him.”

5. Prayer that works includes forgiving others as richly as you have been forgiven.

Matthew 6:12b – “As we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Colossians 3:13 – “Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Mark 11:25 – “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

1 Peter 3:8-12

God's provision and peace are available every day when we come to Him, dependent on what He alone can give.

Discussion Questions

1. How aware are you of God's will in the choices and decisions you make? Share a time that knowing His will from the Bible influenced a decision you made.
2. How confident are you that our Father really wants to hear about your debts and sins? Are you able to receive His forgiveness?
3. Have you forgiven everyone who has hurt you? How does understanding God's grace influence how you forgive?