

## HOW TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE

I John 5: 14-15

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### Introduction:

Apostle John assuredly exclaimed “this is the confidence that we have in Him,” yes, we ought to have confidence not confidence in prayer but confidence in the living and true God who answers prayers.

What is prayer? You might ask, well, to a Christian, it is simply him communicating with God and is termed to be universal. It is also proof of man’s possession of a spirit in contrast to animals. A man in trouble will cry out to God saved or unsaved; a beast never.

### Message:

- I. **Examples of prayer warriors** in the scripture from the days of Godly line of Seth to the last man mentioned in the scripture we find countless of them who prevailed in prayer. Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, the Apostles, etc. were prayer Warriors and because of this their lives were always in tuned with God. The Lord Jesus Christ himself is a perfect example of a man of prayer. His whole life was made by prayer from His baptism to His final cry on the cross. In the book of Acts, prayer is not only exhorted but also commanded.
- II. **Pattern of Prayer** – The perfect pattern was given by Christ in Matt. 6: 9-13, when he said, “after this manner, pray ye.” Worship, praise, petition, supplication, thanksgiving are the ingredients of prayer.
- III. **The Principles of Prayer:**
  - a. When shall we pray? The simple answer to this is, at all times. I Thess. 5: 17; Col. 4: 2; Eph. 6: 18.
  - b. Where shall we pray? Everywhere I Timothy 2: 8
  - c. How shall we pray – when Christ died on the cross. He satisfied God’s justice, fulfilled God’s law because of that, every believer may now come directly to the Father through His Son by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 2: 18; Heb. 10: 19-22; 4: 16. our petition should be in Christ name. John 14: 16. True prayer should always be subject to the will of God. I John 5: 14 and our lives must be marked by obedience if we want to be answered. John 15: 7.