

THE LIFE OF PRAYER
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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Moses' prayer life *(continued)*

Numbers 12:1-16 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); ² and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it. ³ (**Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.**)

*Humility moves you to ask someone else to do what you cannot inherently do – because you know you cannot do it. Therefore, **YOU PRAY!***

⁴ Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out. ⁵ Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward, ⁶ He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. ⁷ "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?" ⁹ So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed. ¹⁰ But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she was leprous. ¹¹ Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, I beg you, do not account this sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned. ¹² "Oh, do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!" ¹³ Moses cried out to the LORD [*Moses prays!*], saying, "**O God, heal her, I pray!**" ¹⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days outside the camp, and afterward she may be received again." ¹⁵ So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again. ¹⁶ Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Moses' prayer was **brief and to the point!**

A few New Testament passages in light of Moses' prayer life - -

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence [*boldly*] to the throne of grace, so that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** to help in time of need.

God is influenced by our prayers.

James 5:16b “. . . The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”

Corrected translation – “The operational prayer of the righteous is accomplishing great things.”

You will learn how to pray by praying!

As great as Moses was in prayer - - we **have a greater position to pray from than that of Moses!**

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also [*you will do*]; and greater works than these he will do. . .

The same power that raised Christ from the dead is the power available to the believer today!

... because I go to the Father.

ὅτι ἐγὼ πρὸς τὸν πατέρα πορεύομαι –

Corrected translation – **“Because I am going on a journey myself”**

- Where is He going?
 - ✓ *To the Father*
- Where is He going to sit when He gets there?
 - ✓ **“... but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.”**
Hebrews 10:12
 - ✓ A position of authority and power
- What will He do once He sits down?
 - ✓ Note **vs. 16**

vs. 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

“Helper” – παράκλητον - PARAKLETOS

ἄλλον παράκλητον – **“Another Helper”** – implies that Jesus Christ was their first Helper.

- A transition from a VISIBLE helper [*Jesus Christ*] to an INVISIBLE Helper [*God the Holy Spirit*]

vs. 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

1. Jesus Christ promised that the believer would accomplish greater works than He.
2. The fulfillment of the *intercessory* prayer request of Jesus Christ will provide the **potential** for the believer to do greater works.

Christ was *interceding* on behalf of the disciples.

Without a Mentor, we can do nothing.

John 4:24 - πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθεία

PNEUMA KAI ALETHEIA

Spirit and truth

Living the spiritual life requires both the Holy Spirit **and** truth [*Bible Doctrine*].



Mentorship Responsibilities of God the Holy Spirit

True Mysticism – Relates to God the Holy Spirit *illuminating* you to the truth in the Word of God.

What does it mean to you to **“walk by faith”**?

- What’s the prayer request? **vs. 16** **“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper.”**
3. The Holy Spirit provides the divine enablement **from within** for the believer to accomplish greater things.

13 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, **so that** the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

The context of doing **“greater things”** is prayer.

POD - The believer’s position in Christ, coupled with Christ’s position of honor and authority [at the right hand of the Father], is the reason why the believer can accomplish greater works than the humanity of Christ during His ministry.

How is **“whatever you ask. . .”** influenced? Spirit and truth!



All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.