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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

NIGHTS OF EXPANDED SMALL GROUP

1st & 3rd Mondays
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Start at 6 pm with a Meal

Provided by Living Water

Study & Prayer Time follow at 6:45

The other nights
Remain unchanged

RSNP Required

The Importance and

The Power of Prayer



**Be Aware of
Obstacles to a
Successful
Prayer Life**

Prayer Strategy Review

Be persistent in your prayers

Always have an attitude of prayer

Remember that when it comes to spiritual warfare, prayer is among your greatest offensive and defensive weapons

Recognizing the powerful outline of the Model Prayer

Following the example of Jesus' life in steadfast prayer

James 4:1-3 (HCSB) ¹ What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don't they come from the cravings that are at war within you?

² You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. You do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your evil desires.

Do we recognize that most of our arguments come from selfish desires?

Are we regularly examining our motives to see if what we ask for is according to God's will and fits well into His Kingdom?

Do we know that desires that haven't yet been realized begin in our hearts? We also need to remember we won't receive unless we ask.

How much do your desires align with God's Kingdom and His will?

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Men, in general, are created with more physical strength and this is not to be used to lord over, oppress, or harm women, especially your wife. Rather, we are to love them as Christ loves the church and gave His life for his bride.

Married men, have you even considered this? When you're not honoring your wife and not dwelling with her with understanding, you are putting a massive roadblock in front of your prayers.

Married couples, do you know your covenant relationship is designed to bring glory to God's Kingdom?

Psalm 66:16-20 (ESV)¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. ¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Do your prayers begin with praising God?

The context of this Psalm is confirming that the writer's heart is inclined toward God as His Lord and Savior. Because of this, He can praise God and know that his prayers are heard.

Do you practice sin and refuse to give it up? True faith desires to put God first and knows we were prepared for good works.

Have you left all areas of practicing sin?

Do you truly revere God as both Lord and Savior?