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**1 John 5:14, “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”**

**1 John 2:28, “Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.”**

**1 John 3:21, “Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;”**

**1 John 4:17, “By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.”**

**1 John 5:15, “And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”**

**1. Prayer is that grace provision of the royal priesthood whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God; the purpose of this communication is to acknowledge our sin, express adoration and praise to God, give thanks, intercede for others, and convey our personal needs, petitions, and conduct intimate conversations with God.**

**2. Prayer can be private or public.**

**Matt. 6:5, “And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.”**

**Matt. 6:6, “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”**

**3. We must not confuse prayer with any mystical notions popular today.**

**Matt. 6:7, “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.”**

**4. You do not pray to be spiritual but because you are spiritual. Prayer is a privilege of your priesthood, to develop this you must first grow spiritually. Your prayer life is no stronger than your spiritual life.”**

**Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.**

**Heb. 4:16, “Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.”**

**5. Prayer demands concentration and thought. While emotion may be present that is never the focus or the issue. Prayer relies on doctrine and fact, not on emotion and subjectivity.**

**6. As believers our prayers fail because we fail in our spiritual lives, we do not understand the will and plan of God.**

**7. Prayer should be the highest priority of your spiritual life next to learning Bible doctrine.**

**1 Thess. 5:17, “Pray without  
ceasing”**

**John 15:7, “Jesus said, If you  
abide in me [fellowship] and my  
words abide in you [doctrine] then  
ask what you will and it will be  
done unto you.”**

**Psa. 66:18, “If I regard wickedness  
in my heart, the Lord will not  
hear;”**

**Prov. 15:29, “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”**

**8. Prayer includes 4 major elements under the acronym CATP: Confession, Adoration, Thanksgiving, Petition (intercession for others and prayer for oneself).**

**John 16:23, “And in that day you will ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.”**

**John 16:24, “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.”**

**John 14:13, “And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”**

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