

2018 SCHOOL OF PRAYER SERIES

# Deeper Secrets of Prayer

THE SECRET OF CREATIVE PRAYER

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THE SECRET OF PRAYING WITH EXCITEMENT

# The Secret of Creative Prayer

# **PRAYER!**

## **The Fountainhead of Creativity**

*(Part 1)*

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### ***Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)***

Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.

### ***Romans 4:17 (NIV)***

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

### ***Fountainhead...***

"A spring that is the \_\_\_\_\_ or head of a stream; a principal source or origin."

### ***Creativity...***

"Having the ability or power to create; that which is characterized by originality and expressiveness; \_\_\_\_\_."

"The combining of two ideas to form a \_\_\_\_\_ idea."



## FOUR QUALITIES OF CREATIVE PRAYER

### Quality One:

Creative prayer is prayer that \_\_\_\_\_.

KEY WORD:

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Believe defined...***

“To accept as \_\_\_\_\_ or real; to credit with

\_\_\_\_\_.”

### ***Hebrews 11:1 (AMPC)***

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

### ***James 1:5-6 (NIV)***

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

### ***John 14:12-13 (NLT)***

The truth is, 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.

**Quality Two:**

Creative prayer is prayer that \_\_\_\_\_.

KEY WORD:

\_\_\_\_\_

***Perceive defined...***

“To become \_\_\_\_\_ of in one’s mind; to take notice of; to observe, detect.”

**From the Latin: *percipere***

“To seize \_\_\_\_\_; to grasp completely; to see all the way through.”

***Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)***

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

***Mark 4:5-11 (MSG)***

Some [seed] fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled among the weeds and nothing came of it. Some fell on good earth and came up with a flourish, producing a harvest exceeding his wildest dreams. “Are you listening to this? Really listening?” When they were off by themselves, those who were close to him, along with the Twelve, asked



about the stories. He told them, “You’ve been given insight into God’s kingdom—you know how it works. But to those who can’t see it yet, everything comes in stories, creating readiness, nudging them toward receptive insight.

***Proverbs 1:1-3 (NKJV)***

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity.

***Psalms 73:16-17 (MSG)***

Still, when I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache... Until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture.

## **PRAYER APPLICATION**

***(Reflect and Respond)***

Visualize a need or circumstance and how it looks today and how it might look if God were to change that circumstance. Then pray that your “picture” will become a reality with Romans 4:17 (NKJV) as a basis—“God... gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”

# PRAYER!

## The Fountainhead of Creativity

(Part 2)

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### **Quality Three:**

Creative prayer is prayer that \_\_\_\_\_.

KEY WORD:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Receive defined...**

“To take or \_\_\_\_\_ something given, offered or transmitted.”

“Ceive” is from the Latin: *Cipere*

“To \_\_\_\_\_”

### **“To receive” in electronics:**

“To convert incoming electronic waves into visible or audible \_\_\_\_\_.”

### ***Ephesians 1:15-17 (NIV)***

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.



### **Quality Four:**

Creative prayer is prayer that \_\_\_\_\_.

KEY WORD:

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Formulation defined...***

“The giving of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to an idea or concept.”

### ***Conceive defined...***

“To form in the mind; imagine. To \_\_\_\_\_ mentally; to become \_\_\_\_\_ with.”

From the Latin: *Concipere*

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

“Creative prayer results from being impregnated with the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

### ***1 Chronicles 28:11-12 (MSG)***

Then David presented his son Solomon with the plans for The Temple complex: porch, storerooms, meeting rooms, and the place for atoning sacrifice. He turned over the plans for everything that God's Spirit had brought to his mind: the design of the courtyards, the arrangements of rooms, and the closets for storing all the holy things.



***1 Chronicles 28:19 (NLT)***

“Every part of this plan,” David told Solomon, “was given to me in writing from the hand of the LORD.”

***1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV)***

However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

**CASE STUDY:****Seeing the Invisible!**

*(Praying Your Way Into the Future)*

**PRAYER APPLICATION*****(Reflect and Respond)***

Share briefly with your group or prayer partner a specific circumstance in which you need wisdom or revelation (or both). Pray for one another, asking that God will give a clear creative picture to each of you outlining the next steps to take to see a victory.

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# The Secret of Praying With Excitement



## **TEN WAYS** **to Make Your Prayer Life** **More Meaningful and Exciting**

*(Part 1)*

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### ***John 16:23-24 (NLT)***

The truth is, you can go directly to the Father and ask him, and he will grant your request because you use my name... Ask using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

### ***John 15:11 (NLT)***

I have told you this so that you will be filled with joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

### ***James 5:16b (NLT)***

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

### ***Psalms 16:11 (KJV)***

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

### ***Psalms 16:11 (NIV)***

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## TEN DIRECTIVES FOR FRESH PRAYER EXCITEMENT

### 1. Find...

The best possible \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer.

#### ***Matthew 6:6 (NLT)***

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you.

#### ***Isaiah 55:6 (NLT)***

Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.

#### ***Ezekiel 22:30 (KJV)***

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land...

### 2. Forget...

All previous \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.

#### ***Psalms 51:8, 11-12 (NLT)***

Oh give me back my joy again.... Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation...

#### ***Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)***

...I am focusing all my energies on this one thing:  
Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies



ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize...

### **3. Fight...**

All prayer \_\_\_\_\_ fiercely.

#### ***Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)***

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

#### ***1 Timothy 6:12 (NLT)***

Fight the good fight... Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you...

#### ***James 4:2-3 (NLT)***

The reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

#### ***1 Corinthians 9:26 (NLT)***

So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.

### **4. Focus...**

On the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than on \_\_\_\_\_ to your prayers.

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)**

...Throw off everything that hinders... run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus...

**Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)**

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

**Hosea 10:12 (NIV)**

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

**5. FOLLOW...**

A meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 6:9 (KJV)**

After this manner pray...

**Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer...

**Psalms 5:3 (NKJV)**

My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct *it* to You, And I will look up.



***Exodus 40:4 (KJV)***

...set in order...

***Judges 20:20 (KJV)***

...put themselves in array...

## **PRAYER APPLICATION**

***(Reflect and Respond)***

Ask God to help you overcome any obstacles that have hindered your prayer life. Be specific. Willingly confess any past failures in your prayer life and ask God to help you lay aside any guilt about these so that you can go on to higher heights in prayer.

## **TEN WAYS TO MAKE YOUR PRAYER LIFE MORE MEANINGFUL AND EXCITING**

*(Part 2)*

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### **6. FEED...**

Every day on \_\_\_\_\_ food.

***Matthew 4:4 (NLT)***

...People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every Word of God.



***Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)***

...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

***Jeremiah 15:16 (NLT)***

Your words are what sustain me. They bring me great joy and are my heart's delight...

***Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)***

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight...

**7. FELLOWSHIP...**

With the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

***Hosea 6:1, 3 (NLT)***

Come let us return to the LORD... Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know him!

***Psalms 27:4, 8 (NLT)***

The one thing I ask of the LORD—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple... My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."

***Psalms 27:4 (KJV)***

...to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.



***Daniel 11:32 (KJV)***

...the people that do know their God shall be strong,  
and do exploits.

***Psalm 63:5 (NLT)***

You satisfy me more than the richest of foods. I will  
praise you with songs of joy.

***Psalm 37:4 (NLT)***

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your  
heart's desire.

**8. FORGIVE...**

Every \_\_\_\_\_ done to \_\_\_\_\_.

***Mark 11:25 (NLT)***

...when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are  
holding a grudge against, so that your Father in  
heaven will forgive your sins, too.

***Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)***

If you forgive those who sin against you, your  
heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to  
forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**9. FORSAKE...**

All things that \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

***Colossians 3:5, 12-14 (NIV)***

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**10. FINISH...**

What you \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in the answers to your prayers.

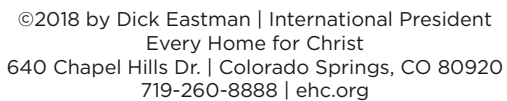
***Acts 10:1-4 (NIV)***

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day... he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said... “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.”

**PRAYER APPLICATION*****(Reflect and Respond)***

If you find yourself sometimes lacking joy in personal prayer, pray as David did in Psalm 51:12, “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation...” (KJV). Ask God to help you “finish well” as an intercessor by not giving up no matter the discouragements that may come your way.

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