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Prayer - Your Foundation For Success

11. A Deeper Life in Prayer

The closing chapter gives practical guidelines for developing an accurate, Spirit-led prayer life. Accuracy means praying from your spirit, not just your mind, and praying in line with God's Word so you can be sure of results.

Key takeaways

- Pray from your spirit, with your spiritual ears open to God. Accuracy produces results; without it you're just hoping.
- After the Holy Spirit came, prayer changed: pray to the Father in Jesus' Name, and He endorses your request.
- Believe you receive when you pray. Start with the answer, not the problem; be specific; pray with your Bible open.
- Forgive and keep sin out — faith won't work in an unforgiving heart, and unmet conditions block the promises.
- Depend on the Holy Spirit as your helper and intercessor; walk by faith, not feeling. Let the spirit realm be real — you are a spirit with a body.
- Don't chase visions or signs; that's the lowest form of spiritual manifestation. The Word is enough evidence.

- Pray for others (intercession) — it brings the Body of Christ into unity and peace. Set a time and place, even five minutes.
- Pray in the spirit (in tongues) daily for edification — it 'charges your battery' and keeps you tuned to the Spirit.
- Always base prayer on God's Word, because His Word is His will — then you cannot ask amiss.

Passages worth keeping

> *"When you are accurate in your prayer life, you are operating out of your spirit rather than just your mind."*

States the chapter's core definition of accurate prayer.

> *"If you pray according to God's Word, you cannot ask amiss."*

The final principle tying prayer to God's will.

How it connects

Every guideline rests on aligning prayer with Scripture and the Spirit, echoing the book's theme that God's Word is His will — pray it and you pray accurately.

Scripture referenced

- **Romans 8:26** -- The Spirit intercedes in our weakness
- **John 16:23-27** -- Ask the Father in Jesus' Name
- **Mark 11:24-25** -- Believe you receive, and forgive

- **1 Timothy 2:1** -- Pray for all men, first of all
- **Jude 20** -- Praying in the Holy Ghost builds you up
- **James 4:3** -- Asking amiss vs. praying God's Word