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The Art of Prayer

5. Various Kinds of Prayer

Hagin's point is simple: the Bible teaches several different kinds of prayer, and each has its own rules. Most people fail in prayer because they mix the rules up, applying the laws of one kind of prayer to another. He lists the main kinds and promises detail in later chapters.

Key takeaways

- Ephesians 6:18 says to pray with 'all kinds' of prayer — there is more than one kind.
- Like different sports, each kind of prayer is played by its own rules; confusing them is why prayers fail.
- 'If it be Thy will' belongs to the prayer of consecration (Gethsemane), not the prayer of faith. Adding 'if' to a faith petition undercuts it, because it shows uncertainty about God's will.
- The prayer of faith (to change things) is based on God's revealed Word and never contains an 'if'.
- Kinds listed: faith, consecration, commitment, worship, agreement, praying in the Spirit (tongues), united prayer, supplication, and intercession.

Passages worth keeping

> *"Don't be confused. Go to the Rulebook! Go to the Bible and see how to pray."*

His central fix: learn each kind of prayer from Scripture instead of lumping all prayer together.

Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 6:18** -- pray with all kinds of prayer — the chapter's foundation
- **Mark 11:24** -- the prayer of faith to change things, no 'if'
- **Luke 22:42** -- the prayer of consecration — 'if it be Thy will' in Gethsemane
- **1 Peter 5:7** -- the prayer of commitment, casting cares on God
- **Matthew 18:18-20** -- the prayer of agreement
- **1 Corinthians 14:14,15** -- praying in the Spirit / in tongues