

## HOW TO HAVE A PROWERFUL PRAYER LIFE

### PARABLES – PART 5

- **A parable is an EARTHLY story with a HEAVENLY meaning.**

Luke 18:9-14 Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: 10“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. 11The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! 12I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ 13“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ 14I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

#### **1. EVERY DAY I MAKE TIME TO PRAY.**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Never stop praying."

Matthew 6:6 "But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

#### **2. I DON'T GET THE BIG HEAD.**

Luke 18:14b "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

#### **3. I TAKE OFF MY MASK BEFORE I PRAY.**

Matthew 6:7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating the words again and again."

#### **4. I REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ME.**

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

## **5. I NEVER, NEVER, NEVER STOP ASKING.**

Luke 11:9-10 (Jesus) "So I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

## **6. GOD IS BIG, SO I PRAY BIG.**

Hebrews 4:16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

John 15:7 (Jesus) But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!