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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer WHAT YOU SAY

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- **Let our voices unite in prayer.**
- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Who made man's mouth? Who make the dumb? Has not Jehovah? Exodus 4: 11
- Jehovah be with my mouth, and teach me what to say. Exodus 4: 12

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- Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18: 21

- The tongue can no man tame; an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. James 3: 8
- The tongue boasts great things, how great a matter a little fire kindles! James 3: 5
- A fire of hell. James 3: 6
- It curses men, James 3: 9

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- defiles the flesh, despises dominion, and speaks evil of dignities. Jude 1: 8
- Things we know not, as brute beasts, corrupting ourselves. Jude 1: 10
- Bridle my tongue. James 1: 26
- Give utterance to me, to make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6: 19
- Let my speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, Colossians 4: 6

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- preaching, reproving, rebuking, and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Timothy 4: 2
- The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and talks of judgment. Psalm 37: 30
- Blessing should proceed out of the mouth.
James 3: 10
- A wise man endued with knowledge shows good conversation with meekness of wisdom.
James 3: 13

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- Help me put off lying, Colossians 3: 9
- and speak truth with my neighbor. Ephesians 4: 25
- Let me be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. James 1: 19
- The wrath of man works not the righteousness of Elohim. James 1: 20
- May the word of Adhonai have course, and be glorified. II Thessalonians 3: 1

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- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.
- Saints often bow their heads in silent prayer. Is it effectual fervent prayer or is it praying a miss?

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- Text: Matthew 17: 20 ASV

He **saith** unto them, Because of your little faith: for verily I **say** unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall **say** unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

- Text: Luke 17: 6 ASV

The Lord **said**, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would **say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in

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the sea; and it would obey you.

- **Text:** Luke 12: 8 ASV

I **say** unto you, Every one who shall **confess** me before men, him shall the Son of man also **confess** before the angels of God.

- **Text:** Matthew 10: 32 ASV

Every one therefore who shall **confess** me before men, him will I also **confess** before my Father who is in heaven.

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- Text: Acts 19: 18 ASV

Many also of them that had believed came, **confessing**, and **declaring** their deeds.

- Text: Matthew 10: 27 ASV

- What I **tell you** in the darkness, **speak ye** in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, **proclaim** upon the house-tops.

- Text: Matthew 10: 20 ASV

For it is not ye that **speak**, but the Spirit of your Father that **speaketh** in you.

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- Text: Proverbs 18: 21 ASV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue;
And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

- Text: Romans 10: 9-10 ASV

If thou **confess with thy mouth** Jesus as Lord,
and believe in thy heart that God raised him
from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the
heart man believeth unto righteousness; and
**with the mouth confession is made unto
salvation.**

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- **Text:** Matthew 12: 32, 34, 36-37 ASV

Whosoever shall **speak** a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall **speak** against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that which is to come. Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, **speak** good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth **speaketh**. And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall **speak**, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by

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thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

- Prayer does not consist of benevolent desires alone. Benevolent desires are pleasing to God. Such desires pervade heaven and are found in holy blessings. Men, angels, and glorified spirits have these desires. Prayer is more than this!
- Truth influences men and prayer moves God. I do not mean that prayer changes the character or mind of God. Prayer produces such a change in us and renders it consistent for God

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to do as it would not be consistent for Him to do otherwise. When a sinner repents, that moves God to forgive him. God has always been ready to forgive him on that condition. When the sinner changes God moves to pardon him. The sinners repentance renders His forgiveness and moves God to action.

- Righteousness is the relationship of man to God and man to man.
- Jesus taught; thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with

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all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. (Mark 12: 30)

- God is never unwilling to bestow the blessing on the prayer of a righteous man. The righteous man broke up his fallow ground, asked forgiveness, and prepared his mind to bring forth fruit because he loves God as described in the first commandment.
- Jesus taught a second commandment; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is

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none other commandment greater than these.
(Mark 12: 31)

- James teaches to confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. (James 5: 16a)
- Jesus taught pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.** And lead us not into temptation, but

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deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

- Jesus said when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (Mark 11: 25)
- Forgiveness of our debts by God, depends upon our forgiveness of those indebted to us!

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- God is willing to bestow the blessing on the prayer of a righteous man. The righteous man forgave those who trespassed against him. Both may be healed and bring forth fruit because they love God as described in the second commandment.
- A righteous man asked God's forgiveness according to the first commandment . According to the second commandment he has forgiven those who trespassed against him.

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- The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5: 16b)
- What is effectual fervent prayer? Prayer that effectually moves God and attains the blessing it seeks!
- 1. Effectual prayer is for a definite and distinct objective. Your prayer is legislation in the Kingdom of Heaven. You petition God to move on a specific object. Your petition is in detail. Is it likely that any Legislature will move favorably on an incomplete or random petition?

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- 2. Effectual prayer must be according to the will of God. Praying for contrary things, is to tempt God. His will is revealed for guidance in prayer by; promises or predictions in the Bible, providence, and the Holy Spirit.
- I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11: 24)
- Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession

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for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8: 26-27)

- Be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5: 18)
- 3. Effectual prayer must be with submission to the revealed will of God. To submit to any dispensation of Providence is impossible till it comes. We never can submit to any command of God, till it takes place. Consider; David's

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child was sick he was distressed, refused to be comforted and agonized in prayer. His servants were afraid to tell him the child died. As soon as he heard, he laid aside his grief, arose, took food and drink. As the child lived David did not know the will of God. When the child died, David bowed and submitted. (II Samuel 12: 15-23)

- 4. Effectual prayer implies desire for the object commensurate with importance. God blesses strong desire not contrary to His will and providence. Jacob exclaimed in agony of

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desire: I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. (Genesis 32: 26) Jacob's boldness allowed God to bless Israel. God said Moses, Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

(Exodus 32: 10) Moses prevailed with God. Jesus Christ's desire for blessing was strong. In an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke 22: 44) The wicked flee when

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no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28: 1)

- 5. Effectual prayer must be offered from righteous motives. Prayer should be for the glory of God. Much prayer seems to be based on no higher principle than sympathy. Thinking what dread it would be for them to go to hell, parental prayer for their ungodly children and missionary prayer for heathens has little concern for the dishonor to God. This is a great evil. Prayer is not selfish. Until Christians learn

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higher motives, their prayers will not be effectual.

- 6. Effectual prayer must be in faith. You must expect blessing from your petition. You need not look for an answer to your prayer if you pray without expectation of obtaining it. Doubt is a thing of men, not of God.
- This is the tricky part. As long as your mind does not have some uninvited thought creep in to your consciousness you can confess your faith. The instant your mind has that thought of

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impossibility, you begin to doubt. If you confess with your mouth the thought of impossibility, you own the doubt.

- Jesus teaching faith, rebuked Peter in front of the twelve. Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. (Mark 8: 33)
- Jesus instruction to the twelve was faith requires confession with the mouth. (Mark 11: 23)
- The apostle Paul confirms; if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus. (Romans 10: 9)

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Confession applies to our salvation, our prayers and moving a mountain! It is important to declare our faith with our mouth.

- 7. Effectual prayer must be in the name of Jesus. Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. (John 16: 23)
- Without effectual fervent prayer a ministry need not expect much success. It is not only necessary that ministers pray, it is necessary all Christians pray.

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- **Text:** II Chronicles 6: 34-40 ASV

If thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. If they sin against thee (for there is no man that sinneth not), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive

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unto a land far off or near; yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have

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built for thy name: then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee. Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place.

- **Text:** Matthew 12: 37 ASV

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

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You are invited to join us!

*Lord willing,
we continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and
prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*