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DAILY DOCTRINE
Prayer.1

I. PRINCIPLE: Prayer should be:

1. Directed to God the Father, Eph. 5:20; Matt. 6:9; 1 Peter 1:17.
2. In the name of God the Son, John 14:13; 15:16.
3. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 6:18.

II. STEPS TO PRAYER.

1. Confession, Psalm 66:18.
2. Thanksgiving, Eph. 5:20.
3. Intercession, Eph. 6:18.
4. Petition for own needs, Heb. 4:16.

III. REASONS WHY PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED (Facets of Carnality).

1. Lack of faith, Matt. 21:22; Mark 11:24.
2. Selfishness, James 4:2, 3.
3. Carnality, Psa. 66:18.
4. Lack of compassion, Prov. 21:13.
5. Lack of harmony in marriage, 1 Pet. 3:17.
6. Pride or self-righteousness, Job 35:12, 13.
7. Lack of filling of the Spirit, Eph. 6:18.
8. Not living in His will, 1 John 5:14.

IV. PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAYER ANSWERS:

1. PETITION ANSWERED: Meat to eat, Num. 11:4, 6, 13.
DESIRE NOT ANSWERED: Happiness.
2. PETITION NOT ANSWERED: Spare Sodom and Gomorrah.
DESIRE ANSWERED: Lot's safety, Gen 18:23-33.
3. PETITION ANSWERED: Raise Lazarus from the dead.
DESIRE ANSWERED: Bystanders believed, John 11:41-45.
4. PETITION NOT ANSWERED: 8 reasons above (III)
DESIRE NOT ANSWERED: prayer is not answered.