

PRAYER

FOCUS: HOW TO DEVELOP PRAYER LIFE -
DEVELOPING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD



Scripture List

Judges 7:1-25

2 Samuel 24:10-17

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Key Idea

Knowing the reason why we can and should ask for something in prayer gives God a reason to answer our prayer

Goal

Understand ways to acknowledge God's glory and sovereignty in your prayers - Demonstrate your reverence for God

Verses to Memorize

*Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.
Ps 37:4*

*And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.
1 Jn 5:14.*

Acknowledging God's Glory & Sovereignty

Prayer can be based on God's glory. God is not like any other; His attributes set Him apart from all others; His glory must be acknowledged. We should be certain not to give His glory to another or take it for ourselves.

The men and women of the Bible were always careful to ensure that the work God did was recognized as being done by Him.

Daniel gave God the credit when interpreting the king's dream

But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed.

DANIEL 2:28

NLT

ISAIAH 42:8

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"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols.

The king's response:

The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

DANIEL 2:47

NLT

Write your own definition of glory

Review the definition of glory in the glossary. Write your own definition of glory using your own words here.

Acknowledging Gods glory

READ

ACTS 3:11-13

How did Peter turn the attention off of himself and turn it toward God?

READ

ACTS 12:21-23

ACTS 14:8-18

Write below who was involved in each of these passages. One was an instance of giving God the glory. In the other someone is taking the glory for themselves. Put a star next to the one that gave God the glory.

Acts 12:21-23

Person(s) involved: _____

Acts 14:8-18

Persons(s) involved: _____

We acknowledge God's glory when we worship Him for who He is and what He has done. We acknowledge God's glory when we tell of His marvelous works. We rob God of His glory when we claim credit for what He has done.

Assume God has answered a prayer you have been praying about for years. You are telling others about it:

What are some things you might say that would take the glory away from God?

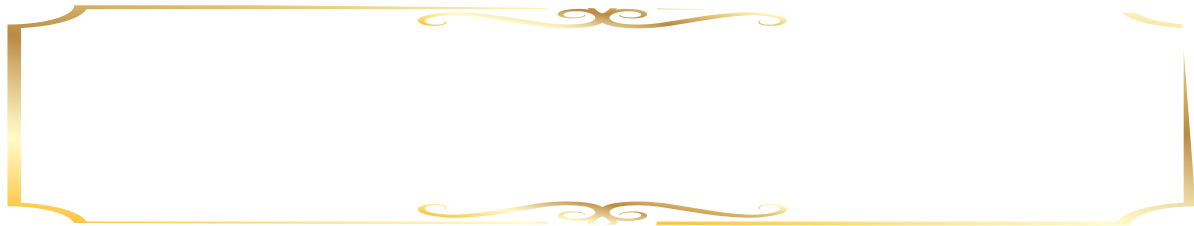
What are some of the things that you could say that would correctly give God the glory?

Applying this to your Prayer Life

1. Reflect on the integrity of God's character. Has His perfection ever been diminished or blemished in any way? If not Praise Him for the honor His integrity points us to.
2. Ask God to reveal to you any areas or activities in your life that dishonor Him.
3. Think of something you are praying for. Ask yourself, Why would God want to grant this request? What quality would God demonstrate if He granted that request? Acknowledge that quality of God as a basis for your request.
4. As you pray keep your prayer guide close and used the reason we have found as you pray in an ongoing basis. Document these in your Prayer Request Log as you go along.

DAILY COMMUNICATION GUIDE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE



WHAT GOD SAID TO ME



WHAT I SAID TO GOD



