

III. Establishing The Biblical Goals Of Discipleship (Continued)

B. ESTABLISHING YOUR DISCIPLE IN A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH _____ TO GOD.

FOUR KEY QUALITIES OF BIBLICAL PRAYER

1. BIBLICAL PRAYER IS _____ IN ITS SCOPE.

**Prayer that is not just an _____, but also a _____ of _____.*

I Thessalonians 5:17-

Luke 18:1-

Luke 21:36-

Romans 12:12-

Ephesians 6:18-

Colossians 4:2-

Acts 12:5-

II Timothy 1:3-

Romans 1:4-

Ephesians 1:16-

I Thessalonians 1:2-

Psalm 55:17-

2. BIBLICAL PRAYER IS _____ IN ITS OUTCOME.

**Prayer that results in _____, in typically _____ situations.*

Philippians 4:6-7-

I Peter 5:7-

Psalm 55:22-

Psalm 62:8-

Jude 1:20-21-

John 14:27 -

Matthew 6:25-33-

3. BIBLICAL PRAYER IS _____ IN ITS NATURE.

**Prayer that has a _____ and _____ focus, not simply a _____ and _____ focus.*

*Note the examples of _____ prayers in the New Testament!

Ephesians 1:15-19-

Ephesians 3:14-19-

Philippians 1:9-11-

Philippians 2:25-30-

Colossians 1:9-11-

I Thessalonians 3:9-13-

Colossians 4:2-

II Thessalonians 1:3-5, 11-12-

4. BIBLICAL PRAYER IS _____ IN ITS RESULTS.

*Prayer that results in _____.

James 5:16-

I John 3:22-

John 14:13-14-

I John 5:14-

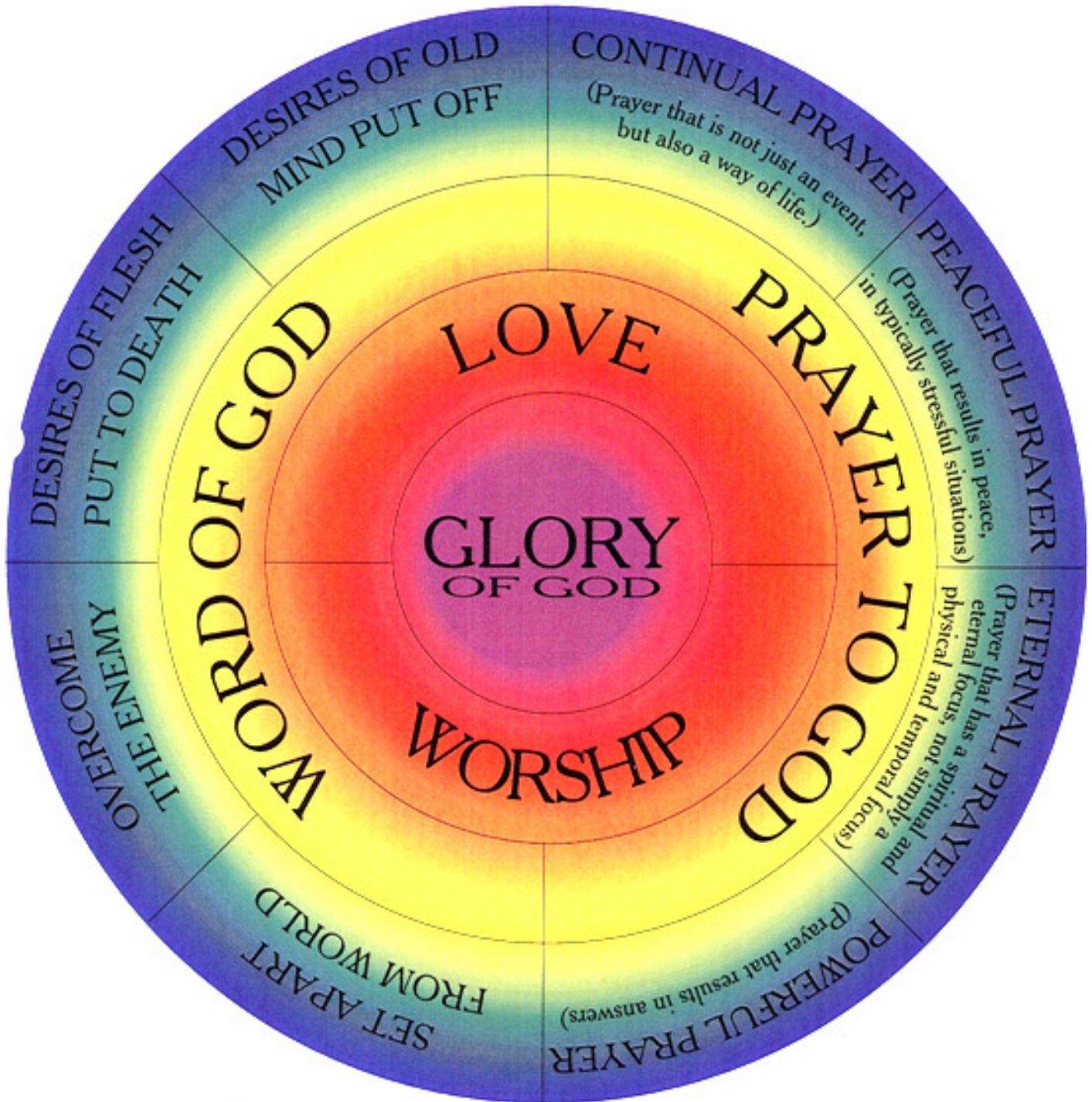
James 4:3-

MAKING IT PRACTICAL...

1. Understanding the "Key Qualities of Biblical Prayer" not only keeps a discipler _____ in the midst of the discipling process, but it also become the " _____ " that lets a discipler _____ where the person they are discipling actually is in their relationship to God with regard to _____.
2. As we continue in the discipling relationship, these are the questions that must be in our hearts and minds with regard to _____.
 - a. Does my disciple give evidence that they are beginning to live their lives on a daily basis in _____ with God?
 - b. Does my disciple give evidence in difficult and/or stressful situations of life that they are able to actually _____ the situation to God, and continue to press _____?
 - c. Does my disciple give evidence that their eyes are opening to the bigger realities of what God is seeking to do in His _____ and _____ kingdom through the circumstances in which they find themselves in this _____ world?
 - d. Does my disciple see God answering their prayers, because they are learning what it means to pray "according to the _____ of God?"

OVERVIEW OF GOAL #1

Establish Your Disciple In A Meaningful Relationship With God
Through The Word Of God And Prayer



LIFE Group Discussion Questions

11.01.09

1. As we looked at the "Four Key Qualities of Biblical Prayer," what was the most significant and/or enlightening truth that God showed you tonight regarding PRAYER?
2. The first "Key Element of Biblical Prayer" was identified tonight as:

1. BIBLICAL PRAYER IS CONTINUAL IN ITS SCOPE.

**Prayer that is not just an EVENT, but also a WAY of LIFE.*

How do you think God would view your daily prayer life over the last month...

- Almost NON-EXISTENT.
- Primarily as an EVENT.
- As a total way of LIFE.

Explain.

3. Pastor Mark made the following statement tonight:
"Prayer isn't what Christians do to be 'spiritual.' Prayer is primarily the vehicle that keeps us in constant communion and communication with God as we seek to develop and maintain an intimate, personal, meaningful, love relationship with Him."
 - a. Has there ever been a time in your journey as a Christian when you had the general mentality that prayer is what Christians do to be "spiritual?"
 - b. On which side of the "prayer coin" did you need to be challenged in your own prayer life tonight?
 - I needed to be challenged in my prayer life to being each day with a prayer "EVENT"! (i.e. A dedicated time of prayer that is focused, directed, purposeful and uninterrupted.)
 - I needed to be challenged in my prayer life to allow prayer to actually become for me a "WAY OF LIFE." (i.e. Prayer that is spontaneous and continuous as I go throughout my day.)
 - c. Based on your answer in the previous question, what's a "first step" you could take so that aspect of prayer becomes a reality in your life?
4. Share with our group a time in your life when the circumstances of life should have kept you totally "freaked out," but by giving the situation to God in prayer, you were filled with His peace (Phil. 4:6-7). Then, share how you might explain to a new believer how you actually tapped into the reality of Philippians 4:6-7.
5. We looked tonight at the prayers of Paul recorded in the New Testament, noting that Paul's prayers consistently (if not exclusively!) had a SPIRITUAL and ETERNAL focus, not simply a PHYSICAL and TEMPORAL focus. How was that observation "CONVICTING" or "CONFIRMING" to you, and how do you anticipate it affecting the actual CONTENT of your prayers for yourself, and your prayers for others?
6. Since "everything reproduces after its own kind," what needs to happen in your own prayer life in the next several months before you would feel comfortable reproducing your prayer life into someone you are discipling?