



HOW?
By Wanting
It Badly
Enough To
Work On It!

We Must Stir Up A Passionate Hunger For Spiritual things!

- The spiritual world is complex and takes as much time & effort as relating to the physical world.
- Learning to walk in the spiritual world is similar to learning to walk physically.
- *The real question is do you have a passion to live and walk by the Spirit?*

Galatians 5:25 (NASB95)

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Prayer Is A Dialogue, Not A Monologue

- Prayer is our link to God.
- Prayer is powerful, effective, meaningful.
- Prayer is not a dutiful recitation.
- Prayer is a dynamic dialogue with God!

John 5:19–20 (NASB95)

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 14:12–15 (NASB95)

12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. 13 “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*. 15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 5:19–20 (NASB95)

20 “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

Items We Must Learn To Have A Purposeful Prayer Life!

To know that you can have a relationship with God thru spiritual experiences rather than the dry monologue of a simple mental prayer.

- The essence of our prayer is with the Lord of lords, the King of kings and the God of all gods!
- Prayer is not a monologue but a dialogue!
- Biblical principles of prayer guide us as we embrace the spiritual realm and are God involved in spiritual experiences.
- Spirit born actions and power flow as a natural result of my relationship with God causing my life to be of the Spirit and not of the flesh.

CHRISTIANITY IS MORE THAN A RELIGION!

One basic distinction btw Christianity & religion is that Christianity goes beyond a simple code of ethics, a list of rules & laws that one must follow, and offers direct, spiritual experiences with a loving God.

We not only know about God, we experience Him. We not only say the sinner's prayer, & accept by faith that we are saved, but we experience His Spirit bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. We not only seek guidance from the laws of the Bible, we also find guidance thru the Spirit granting peace in our hearts.

*Mark & Patti Virkler 4 Keys to
Hearing God's Voice*

Romans 8:16–17 (NASB95)

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB95)

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Ephesians 1:17–18 (NASB95)

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

We Do Not Just Pray According To Our
Own Desires: Rather, God “Burdens”
Our Hearts To Pray In Harmony with His
Will.



1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NASB95)

9 but just as it is written, “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” 10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

DIVINE REVELATION WITHIN OUR SPIRITS!

We come to know truth with our hearts and our spirit, rather than our minds. God reveals things that our natural eyes and ears could never sense thru His Spirit speaking directly to our spirit.

Romans 8:16 (NASB95)

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Luke 24:32 (NASB95)

32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Thru intuition, we sense the promptings of the Holy Spirit & the voice of God.

USE & ABUSE

John 5:39–40 (NASB95)

39 “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; 40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

*He is the Vine & we are the branches
and apart from Him we can do nothing.*

*We have to take a 10" journey from
head to heart. You can read the Bible
100 times, memorize every word, but
only thru the access of Christ to God
and the power of the Holy Spirit can
we accomplish the will of God.*

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What you put into something determines what you get out of something, how hard are you willing to work to hear the voice of God?

