

Six Powerless Prayers:

#1. – The “Self-Promoting” Prayer

Directing our prayers to God to fill our own needs and goals.

Romans 11:36--For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things, to whom be glory for ever.

Colossians 3:17--And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Matthew 6:33--But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

#2.--The “Plea for Promises” Prayer

Praying for the Lord to fulfill His promises without conditions.

John 15:7--If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

1 John 3:22--And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

#3. -- The “Plea to God to defeat the defeated enemy”

Asking God to defeat the defeated enemy for us.

Ephesians 6:10--Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Mark 9:23-24--Jesus said unto him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

#4.--The “Plea for more Power” Prayer

Asking for more power to overcome sin and self

Acts 1:8--But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

#5.--The “Empowering of God's Word” Prayer

Praying for God to anoint and quicken His Word.

Hebrews 4:12--For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

#6—The “O-So-Good” Prayer

The self-exaltation comparison of good deeds

Luke 18:11-12--The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men [are], extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.