

The 7 Dimensions of a Spirit-Filled Disciple

HPA Series on Discipling the Next Generation of New Believers

Introduction...

- So far, we have studied 3 of the 7 Dimensions of a Spirit-Filled Disciple...
- First, The **Bible**.
- Second, The **Holy Spirit**.
- Third, our **Mission**.
- Today, we will reacquaint ourselves with...



Prayer

Disciples enjoy listening to and speaking with God, growing deeper in intimacy and intercession, and fasting and crying out for the glory of God.

Luke 11:1 NIV

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

- The disciples must have witnessed something profound and meaningful in the way Jesus would pray and speak with the Father.
- They too wanted the same experience and connection.
- *What about you?*

Matthew 6:9-13 (NASB1995)

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil.

*[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.]*

Jesus' Pattern of Prayer...

'Our Father who is in heaven' – **Start with Relationship**

'Hallowed be Your name.' – **Worship His Name**

'Your kingdom come.' – **Declare His plan of salvation for the world**

'Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' – **Affirm His ultimate purpose for eternity**

Jesus' Pattern of Prayer...

'Give us this day our daily bread.' – **our basic physical need**

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.' –
our basic spiritual need

'And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil.' – **our
basic human need**

*[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.]* – **our thanksgiving**

1. Be Humble in Prayer

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV *If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*
- Lower your will and raise your heart toward God.
- Proverbs 15:29 *The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.*
- Confess any sins to God and enter His Presence in prayer.

2. Be Creative in Prayer

- There are various ways of prayer in the Bible.
- The important thing is to pray effectively.
- Let the Spirit lead you.
- Romans 8:26 *The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*
- Change your prayers up and keep them fresh and exciting.

3. Be Powerful in Prayer

- James 5:16 *The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*
- Prayer is spiritual warfare!
- Be BOLD in your declarations.
- Use Scripture in your prayers.
- Take hold of victory.
- Pray in Jesus' Name.
- Know that God hears your prayers.

Conclusion...

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- Faith in Christ leads to peace with God.
- A life of prayer leads to the peace of God.
- The peace of God heals our hearts and guards our minds.
- Pray more than ever; these days demand it.