

Three Keys to Unlocking a Powerful Prayer Life

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Key 1: Start _____ the matter in prayer.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "see I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Joshua 6:2-3

*"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?"
Luke 18:7*

Key 2: Make your prayers _____

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. Mark 10:51

"The more faith you have, the more specific your prayers will be. And the more specific your prayers are, the more glory God receives. If our prayers aren't specific, however, God gets robbed of the glory that He deserves because we second-guess whether or not He actually answered them. We never know if the answers were the result of specific prayer or general coincidences that would have happened anyway."

-Mark Batterson, The Circle Maker

Key 3: Understand that prayer is about _____, not about asking God for stuff

"Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:5-13

"Imagine you are in a small boat coming up to the shore. You use a boat hook to catch the shore and pull. Do you pull the shore towards you or do you pull the boat to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to our will. It is the aligning of our will to the will of God. This is why we pray, it is a surrender to the will of God and a cooperation with that will." -CS Lewis

Question:

If you think prayer is about asking God for stuff, the question you might ask is: "Do I need anything from God today? Nahhh...I'm good...but when I do, I'll be sure to pray"

If you align your view of prayer to what it is, surrender, you'll ask questions like:

"How surrendered to God am I today with my time, talent, and treasure?"

"God, what is not true in my city and in my world that is true in heaven?"
