LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES

BE SPECIFIC!

(PRAYING WITH PRECISION)

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SCRIPTURE LESSON:

MARK 10:46-52
(NIV)

“Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So, they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.

“Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want Me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.”

Precision in prayer is “targeted, specific communication rooted in God's will and scripture, avoiding vague language or empty repetitions.”

While general prayers fall anemic, precise prayer packs power.

Precision In Prayer:

1. Taking time to listen.
2. Align your heart with God's Truth.
3. Define your focus before making requests.

Three Reasons Why Precision Matters:

1. Precision Provides Clarity of Response
2. Precision Reduces Confusion
3. Precision Provides Personal Transformation

LESSON ONE:

WHAT IS SPECIFIC PRAYER?

“When we get specific in prayer we get all the other clutter out so that we can spell out and spill out what it is we really want to ask.”

Tefillah is the Hebrew word for prayer. It implies self-examination and clarity.

WHY SPECIFIC PRAYERS MATTER IN THE LIFE OF FAITH?

Specific prayer helps us identify and present what we truly seek, enhancing our relationship with God as we communicate our needs more clearly.

FOUR BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC PRAYER:

1. BARTIMAEUS' PRAYER FOR HEALING

(MARK 10:46-52)

2. ELIJAH'S PRAYER FOR RAIN

(1 KINGS 18:41-46)

3. HANNAH'S PRAYER FOR A CHILD

(1 SAMUEL 1:10-20)

4. JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

(MARK 14:36)

FIVE SCRIPTURE VERSES YOU CAN SPECIFICALLY PRAY OVER YOUR LIFE IN YOUR DAILY DECISIONS:

1. Psalm 143:8 - Direction

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Let me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

2. Psalm 84:11 - Protection

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor. No
good thing does He withhold from those
who walk uprightly.

3. Psalm 3:6 - Acknowledgement

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and
He will make straight your paths.

4. Isaiah 30:21 - Instruction

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

5. Proverbs 16:3 - Trust

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

YOUR TASK:

Be Specific When You Pray. Pray With Purpose and Peace.

“Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God.”

Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What resonated most about today’s lesson?
2. Can you think of a Scripture verse you pray over your life on a consistent basis?
3. How can you apply today's lesson to your life?