Life In The Word Series

BE SPECIFIC!

(Praying With Precision)

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“When we pray, we need to be specific with God. If we believe for “nothing in particular,” guess what? We will get “nothing in particular.”

Specific Prayer Does Four Things:

1. Partnership with God

2. Identify True Needs

3. Exposes Wrong Motives

4. Our Desires Point to God

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 20:29-34

Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!

Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” So, Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” So, Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.”

In specific prayer, clarity sharpens our faith and reveals our confidence in His character.

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Scripture Reinforces Specific Prayer:

*** Matthew 7:7**

*** Philippians 4:6**

*** James 4:2**

*** Mark 11:24**

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Writing out prayers is one of the most powerful tools for clarity. The pen exposes the heart.

When you go before the Lord in prayer, come BOLDLY, come CLEARLY, come HONESTLY.

An Example of Specific Prayer:

Genesis 24:12-14

Abraham’s Servant

“O God, God of my master Abraham, make things go smoothly this day; treat my master Abraham well! As I stand here by the spring while the young women of the town come out to get water, let the girl to whom I say,

Lower your jug and give me a drink,’ and who answers, ‘Drink, and let me also water your camels’—let her be the woman you have picked out for your servant Isaac. Then I’ll know that you’re working graciously behind the scenes for my master.”

Four Reasons We Don't Pray Specifically:

1. We Don’t Feel Worthy to Pray Specifically.

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are the chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

2. We Don’t Believe God is Interested in the Details of Our Life.

Luke 12:6-7

“What’s the price of two or three pet canaries? Some loose change, right? But God never overlooks a single one. And He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don’t be intimidated by all this bully talk. You’re worth more than a million canaries.”

3. We Are Afraid God Will Not Answer Our Prayer.

Psalm 25:5

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You, I wait all day.

While Waiting in Prayer:

1. PRESS into God.

2. PRAISE God out loud.

3. POSITION yourself in Truth.

4. We Are Afraid to be Vulnerable and Admit Our Greatest Needs.

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

“The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.”

Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What does specific prayer require you to do?

2. How do you wait in prayer?

3. What resonated most about today's lesson and Why?

4. How can you apply today's lesson to your life?