

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Stewart Bishop entitled: **Connected ToThe Vine.**

Prayer Point 1

John 15:1-11 Amplified (AMP)

I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that continues to bear fruit, He [*repeatedly*] *prunes*, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit]. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you]. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken off] branch, and withers *and* dies; and they gather such branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified *and* honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples. ⁹ I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me; remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you]. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments *and* obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that My joy *and* delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of your life that are not connected to Jesus – the Vine – The Source.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to probe your heart deeper and show you the reason for that “disconnected – ness” to the Vine. Is it:

- Disobedience
- Sin
- Ignorance, etc. Repent as the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

Prayer Point 2

- Conduct a self- assessment of your life. What fruit are you producing? Is it fruit that remains? Edifies? That is consistent with the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
- Pray that Jesus the True Vine will help you produce fruit that is pleasing to Him and that will impact His Kingdom.

Prayer Point 3

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Psalm 1:2-3

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree *firmly* planted [and fed] by streams of water. Which yields its fruit in its season; Its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers [and comes to maturity].

Proverbs 7:1-3

**My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.
Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.
Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.**

What steps are you taking to ensure that you grow and remain in the word?

Steps	Practical Action	Prayer Points
Hearing the word	Are you exposing yourself to settings where you hear the word of God, e.g. Sunday services, Go Group?	<p>Pray that any hindrance to attending the forums/settings where the word is preached and taught will be removed?</p> <p>Pray for alertness, a sharp mind and a receptive heart whenever you hear the word of God.</p>
Reading the word	<p>Have you made a personal commitment to reading the word?</p> <p>Have you chosen a good translation? (One that is both readable and accurate).</p> <p>Have you adopted a plan for reading the word? (When we fail to plan, we plan to fail).</p> <p>Have you established a schedule for it, which you will abide by? If you do not set an actual time aside for Bible reading and study it is likely that you will not do it. (Present your plans to your spouse, friend so you can be held accountable).</p>	<p>Pray that reading the word of God will become a priority in your life.</p>

Studying the word	Are you willing to invest in it? (A good student of the word is willing to invest resources into their spiritual growth and development. This might mean investing in a good study).	Pray that you will become a student of the word, who is approved, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God. Pray for understanding as you study the word.
Meditating on the word	Are you setting time aside to meditate on the word of God?	Pray that the Holy Spirit will cement the revelation of the word of God as you meditate on it.
Memorising the word	Are you memorising the word of God?	Pray that the word of God will be held securely in your mind as you memorise it.
Confessing the word	Do you confess the word of God in all your circumstances?	Pray for the boldness to confess the word of God in all your circumstances.
Doing/Acting upon the word	Are you acting upon the word of God?	Pray that you will be a consistent doer of the word of God.

Prayer Point 4

Abiding in Christ raises your faith levels and makes the impossible possible.

- Bring before The Lord, situations in your life where you require breakthrough and begin to prophesy the word of God into those situations.