

Weekly Prayer Strategy

10 Dec – 15 Dec 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Stewart Bishop entitled:

A New Way of Living.

Prayer Point 1

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]. ¹⁸ But all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the ministry of reconciliation [so that by our example we might bring others to Him], ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but cancelling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].

- Pray that we would be those who fully embrace the ministry of reconciliation that Christ gave us in all areas of our lives.

Prayer Point 2

Ephesians 2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹ And you [He made alive when you] were [spiritually] dead *and* separated from Him because of your transgressions and sins, ² in which you once walked. You were following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God]. ³ Among these [unbelievers] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by the sinful self], indulging the desires of human nature [without the Holy Spirit] and [the impulses] of the [sinful] mind... ¹¹ Therefore, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, who are called "Uncircumcision" by those who called themselves "Circumcision," [itself a mere mark] *which is* made in the flesh by human hands— ¹² *remember* that at that time you were separated from Christ [excluded from any relationship with Him], alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise [with no share in the sacred Messianic promise and without knowledge of God's agreements], having no hope [in His promise] and [living] in the world without God. ¹³ BUT NOW [at this very moment] in Christ Jesus you who once were [so very] far away [from God] have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace *and* our bond of unity. He who made

both *groups*—[Jews and Gentiles]—*into* one body and broke down the barrier, the dividing wall [of spiritual antagonism between us]...¹⁶ And [that He] might reconcile them both [Jew and Gentile, united] in one body to God through the cross, thereby putting to death the hostility...¹⁸ For it is through Him that we both have a [direct] way of approach in one Spirit to the Father.¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household ...²² In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you into a dwelling place of God.

Prayer Point 3

1 Peter 2:9-10 King James Version (KJV)

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- Pray that we would carry out God's purpose in our lives in the knowledge that we are God's chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people who have God on our side.

Prayer Point 4

1 Peter 2:11-12 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; ¹² Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

- Make a decision to abstain from every fleshly lust and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a revelation of what it means to walk in purity.

Prayer Point 5

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the

hardness of their heart; ¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness...²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

- Pray for a renewal in the spirit of your mind and that you would walk in the likeness of God.

Prayer Point 6

Colossians 2:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁶Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in [union with] Him [reflecting His character in the things you do and say—living lives that lead others away from sin],

- Pray that your life would reflect that of Christ in the things you say and do.

Prayer Point 7

Ephesians 4: 25-32

²⁵Therefore, rejecting all falsehood [whether lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these], speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one another [and we are all parts of the body of Christ]. ²⁶Be angry [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behavior], yet do not sin; do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down. ²⁷And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness]. ²⁸The thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead he must work hard [making an honest living], producing that which is good with his own hands, so that he will have *something* to share with those in need.

- Pray that you would be one who desires truth, rejecting all falsehood and never giving the devil an opportunity to take hold of your life.

Prayer Point 8

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁶Rejoice always *and* delight in your faith; ¹⁷be unceasing *and* persistent in prayer; ¹⁸in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful *and* continually give thanks *to God*; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, take pleasure in Him]; again I will say, rejoice!

Romans 15:13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope *and* overflow with confidence in His promises.

- Pray that you will be one who rejoices in the Lord despite your hardships or circumstances.

Prayer Point 9

John 15:4-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

- Pray that your life would bear much fruit and that the Lord’s commands would remain in you.