

COURAGE, PART 9  
**PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**  
Jude 20b

*Praying in the Spirit means aligning your thinking with God's thinking.*

### **Some Basic TEACHINGS on Prayer**

True prayer is directed to God the Father. (Matthew 6:9; John 11:41, 17:1; Luke 23:34, 23:46)

True prayer is offered through God the Son. (John 14:14, 16:23-24; James 5:14)

True prayer is empowered by God the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 22:43; Luke 2:27, 4:1; Romans 8:9)

### **Some Basic TACTICS for Prayer**

Align your prayers with the Spirit's prayers. (1 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

Align your priorities with the Spirit's priorities. (John 16:13-15; Acts 16:6-10; Revelation 2:7)

Align your power with the Spirit's power. (Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20b)

### **Some Basic THREATS to Prayer**

Unrighteousness is a threat to prayer. (Proverbs 28:9; Psalm 66:18-20; Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:12)

Self-righteousness is a threat to prayer. (Luke 18:9-14)

Unforgiveness is a threat to prayer. (Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Mark 11:25)

Mistreating your spouse is a threat to prayer. (1 Peter 3:7)

### **Some Basic TARGETS for Prayer**

Pray for yourself. (1 Chronicles 4:10; Psalm 18:1, 51:1-2; Matthew 6:11)

Pray for your family. (2 Samuel 12:16; Matthew 15:22; Luke 9:38-38)

Pray for other believers. (John 17:20; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:16-19; Philippians 1:3-5; etc.)

Pray for the lost. (Acts 17:21b; Romans 10:1)

Pray for those reaching the lost. (Colossians 4:2-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2; Acts 4:29, 12:5)

Pray for the sick. (Acts 28:8; James 5:13-15)

Pray for kingdom workers. (Matthew 9:37-38)

Pray for the selection of church leaders. (Acts 13:3)

Pray for government leaders. (1 Timothy 2:2; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

Pray for your enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48)

Pray for Christian unity. (John 17:21a)

Pray for Jesus to return. (Revelation 22:20)