

GOD'S BLESSING OF LEARNING THE PRINCIPLES OF PRAYING FOR MONEY

LEADER'S GUIDE

For Lesson 18



Praying is NOT asking/begging! God is not our servant.

Let praise be the controlling factor in your daily life.

Let thankfulness be your dominant characteristic.

Let gratitude flow unchecked from your inner well.

THAT is Providing "GOD'S NEW LIFESTYLE OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM"

THE LEADER'S HOME PREPARATION

There are 7 steps you should take during your lesson preparation:

1) **Think**

Now that we about looking beyond the F.F. horizon. Analyze what methods you would NOT use! What did you not find effective? What would you do instead?

God's blessing of Financial Freedom is about a "Whole New Lifestyle". This new Freedom and this New Lifestyle pervade every aspect of our relationship and influence with others.

What will it bring in you?

2) **Pray**

As you work over the 6 points from Mueller on determining God's will, the 10 parts of 'Why God does not answer prayer, and the 10 principles of praying for provision, ask the Holy Spirit to show you new personal light about how you can enrich your own prayer life.

3) **Read** this lesson at home preferably a week prior to class meeting so the Spirit has time to work in your own life.

4) **Study** the Lesson Guide – scribble some prayer items that stand out to you.

5) **Answer** all questions from the questionnaires yourself on paper.

6) **Discuss** the material with a spouse or friend. Pray with them.

7) **Pray**

Pray your Scribbles

LESSON PRESENTATION

TOTAL anticipated lesson time is 2 hours and 10 minutes

Think of new ways to draw people into **discussions**. We trust by now you have overcome the temptation to lecture. It can be hard! Especially if you are a talker. But let the group do the talking.

Begin with testimonies!

Did anyone have an experience with choosing a good name? Other testimonies they would like share on how they are beginning to walk in God's financial blessings? You as the leader need to share a testimony too. As they see God working in your life, it will encourage them to follow you.

PRAYER TIME –

Oh Holy Spirit of our Father God, and Guide promised by Jesus our Christ overwhelm us with a whole new fresh passion to enter into real communion with You, not just 'a prayer' as has been our habit mostly.

This lesson is covered in 7 parts.

You may give additional lesson copies upon request.

At the close pass out Lesson 19

LESSON GUIDE

While we may seek for answers to prayer God seeks for prayers He may answer. As this lesson illustrates, God is ready to show His mighty power through believers that know His name, understand His ways, and find His will in prayer. You will appreciate the ten points in this lesson about the things that God is looking for when He listens to our prayers. More than any other session it will open your eyes to the spiritual warfare that takes place behind business transactions and economic change. It will challenge you to remember that God's reputation is at stake. It will challenge you to look out for the spiritual wellbeing of others. It will challenge you to pass on to your children the testimonies of each financial miracle that He gives. Jesus is not only your Provider but also the Good Shepherd Who leads in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

1. LEARN THE SECRETS OF PRAYING FOR MONEY

pp. 1-2 > 10 min <

CALEB – A leader who did the impossible because he saw the invisible

Follow Caleb's example of faith! Cover each of these 3 opening Bible verses with a few questions for the group.

God Had Promised – (Josh. 14:12)

How can we discern between the many voices and plethora of information upon us? What is it that God has truly promised?

The Bible heroes did discern. How did they do it? What about us?

Praying for the Invisible – (1 John 5:14-15)

In our minds we have pictures when we pray. What is the difference between praying for the visible and the invisible? (Check out Hebrews 11!)

God's Provision Requires Spiritual Warfare – (Josh. 14:14)

God already promised, we already prayed, why should we still have to fight about it? And how? With whom (people wise)?

2. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY FOR FUNDS?

p. 3 > 10 min < Personal Evaluation

Have each person discover what they understand about praying for money.

When all are finished share the **16** answers:

Answers:

1.False 2.False 3.True 4.True 5.False 6.True 7.False 8.False 9.True 10.False 11.False 12.False
13.False 14.False 15.False 16.False

Have each write down their total score of correct answers.

Next share the **4** answer EVALUATION Categories.

For each of the **4** categories ask attendees to identify themselves.

Probably we all have prayed about money, have you learned something new?

Who has 16-15 correct answers — UNDERSTANDING GOD.

Who has 14-12 correct answers — AWARENESS OF GOD.

Who has 11-8 correct answers — CONFUSION IN PRAYER.

Who has 7-0 correct answers — DISILLUSIONMENT ABOUT GOD.

Now copy these 4 evaluations in your notes.

Let us move on and learn more about prayer.

3. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PRAYING FOR MONEY

pp. 4–8 > 60 min <

THIS IS THE PRAYER TIME FOR THIS SESSION. Read and discuss each of the 10 principles.

Following the discussion, have each person either state orally or write on a slip of paper what financial issue they need to pray for. Then have everyone kneel down. On the chair in front of them they should have their lesson open to the 6 points of Mueller's Method. Now ask them to cover in prayer each of the 6 points regarding their own financial issue.

"Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you."

- George Mueller

4. KNOW WHY GOD DOES NOT ANSWER PRAYER

p. 9 > 20 min <

Discuss how we can more effectively use Jesus' names in prayer. With people we do this commonly like 'my friend Sasha' or 'my colleague Vadim' or we use a wide variety of 'Vova, Vovadska, Volodia, Vovan, Volodska', or we use their Otchestva. Or we use the full name with Otchestva and Family name.

All such variations carry specific nuances. It may portray our relationship, our feeling, or portray a certain value or respect, or indicate a delicate issue, or solicit an unspoken request.

Now discuss which nuance we wish to portray when we address Jesus with each of these 10 facets of His character and name.

Personal Commitment to Pray Scripturally for Provisions

Help people to see the value of writing down not only God's provisions, but also, and even more importantly, God's constant interaction with your family. There is practically no greater testimony for unbelieving family members than a written list of how God actively participates in your family life. Nor is there a better way to strengthen everyone's faith.

Suggest that everyone set aside a notebook and write the title on the front. If you are the head of your family keep it where everyone can see it. If you are single you may not have the opportunity to do this with your family but you can still do it for yourself, and if you are recording what God is doing He WILL give you opportunity to share with others.

5. WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL IN APPEALING TO GOD?

p. 10 > 5 min < Basic Quiz Number 18

This quiz was answered at home. The answers are self-evident. Little discussion should be necessary.

Answers: 1. C Moses 2. D Nehemiah 3. A Daniel 4. F Paul 5. B Peter 6. E Abraham

6. WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM PRAYERS THAT GOD DID NOT ANSWER?

p. 11 > 10 min < Advanced Quiz Number 18

For each of these 6 Bible people ask 3 class members what they learned.

Answers: 1. Esau **D** 2. Balaam **F** 3. King Saul **E** 4. King David **B** 5. The rich man **C** 6. Paul **A**

7. DO YOU KNOW THE PRINCIPLES OF PRAYING FOR PROVISION?

p. 12 > 15 min < Comprehensive Quiz Number 18

Ask different people for their answers. If the answer is correct, ask if anyone had another answer. Then ask “why”. Then discuss. If the first reply was a wrong answer, ask others for another answer, then discuss. Close with reinforcing each of the correct answers.

Answers: 1. H 2. E 3. I 4. A 5. L 6. K 7. J 8. D 9. B 10. G 11. C 12. F

Distribute Lesson # 19 and request that this lesson be read and filled out at home prior to the next meeting. Ask any married people to share and discuss the lesson together with their spouses. You will have a much better discussion if couples have thought about these issues ahead of time. Encourage young people and women to fill out the Personal Evaluation even though the statements are directed toward husbands, everyone will benefit from taking time to think about what the correct answers are.

Close this session by asking who will share this lesson about praying for money: who will preach on it, who will teach this lesson to their Sunday school class, youth group, or other type of small group meeting.

Write down their names – and the date they intend to do this and pray for them right now as well as keeping the list to pray for them when they actually do it.

Close in prayer

Dear God our Father and Lord Jesus, We realize afresh how little we comprehend about your greatness. How little we comprehend about who you really are. How little we comprehend about your powerful interaction in our lives. Now to You who are able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to You be all glory. Amen, Hallelujah! (Eph. 3:20)

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