

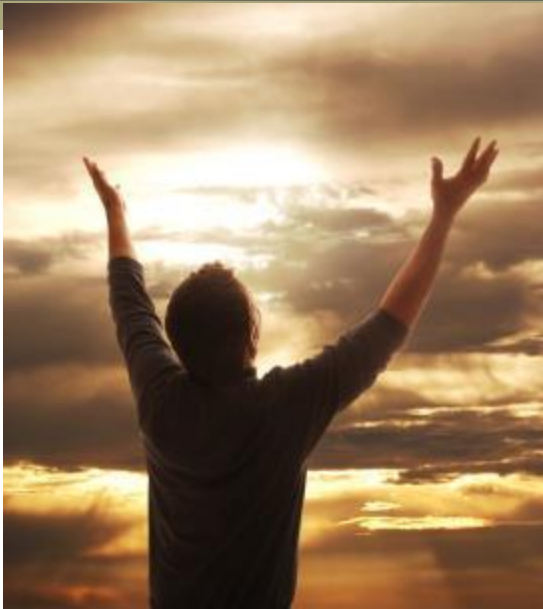
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ESSENCE of PRAYER





Postures...



Scripture...



Jeremiah 17:10
(NIV)

“I the Lord *search the heart...*”



Prayer...



- Part and parcel – relationship with God
- Psalms 3, 4, 5 and etc...
- Common factor –

“Heartfelt”



Scripture...



James 5:16b (AMPC)

The earnest (*heartfelt*, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].





(1) Heartfelt Prayer

- Hezekiah, King of Judah
- 2 Kings 20:1-3 (AMP)



Heartfelt prayer and corresponding action is the way to know what God's work is.

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What did God hear?...

- Audible words of the King
- Prayer of the heart
- Isaiah 29:13... but their hearts are far from me
- Psalms 119:2... Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

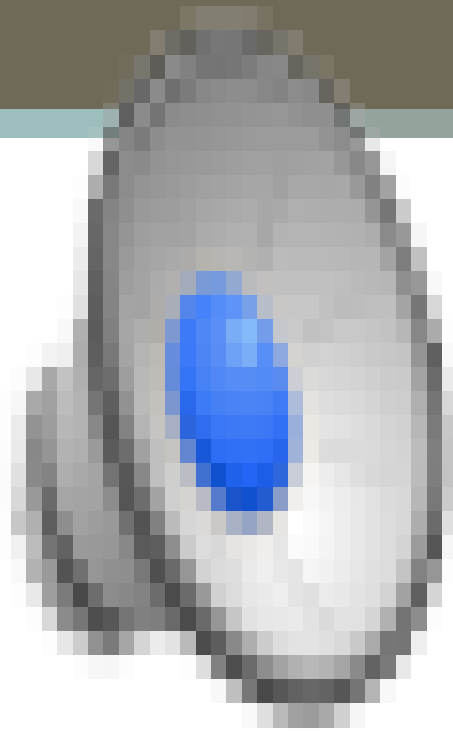




Sharing...

- Bodily positions
 - Sitting (2 Sam 7:18)
 - Standing (Mk 11:25)
 - Kneeling (Chr 6:13, Dan 6:10, Lk 22:41)
 - Face to the ground (Mat 26:39, Mk 14:35)
 - Hands lifted up (1 Tim 2:8)





Essence of Prayer

Scripture...



Romans 8:26b-27
(NIV)





Scripture...

Hebrews 10:22 (AMP)

²² let us approach [God] with a **true *and* sincere heart** in unqualified assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.





(2) Unceasing Prayer



Scripture...



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (AMPC)

¹⁶ Be happy [in your faith] *and* rejoice *and* be glad-hearted continually (always); ¹⁷ Be *unceasing in prayer* [praying perseveringly];





(2) Unceasing Prayer



- continue unceasingly praying out loud in words?
- Exodus 14:15



Scripture...



Exodus 14:15
(NIV)

“Never abandon or give up on prayer...”



Photos...



Photos...



Essence of Prayer

Scripture...



Luke 18:1-5
(NIV)





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- Unceasing Prayer



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