

UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF PRAYER
(Principles from Dr. Myles Munroe book with same title.)

March 25, 2020 Bible Study Outline

Cultivating the God Kind of Faith

“But the righteousness that is by faith says:... ‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart’” (Romans 10:6, 8).

Faith—(Greek) pistis – belief or confidence. Believing in something that is not seen as though it is already a reality—and then speaking it and expecting it until it manifests itself.

- **Having the assurance that God knows what He’s talking about! (YEAH!)**

We were created in image of God—we should operate in like principles as God does

- “For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, & it stood firm” (Ps. 33:9).
- “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible” (Heb. 11:3)

When asking for something in prayer—start to speak about it as if it already exists.

Can there be a wrong kind of faith?

- All live by some type of faith; some type of faith is at work in our lives whether we know it or not.
- Yes, some live or operate in wrong kind of faith. A faith that is void of God or contrary to God’s will.

Avoid negative speaking— “I am always miserable, failure, broke, quitter, etc.”

- **When we expect to fail— it usually leads to failure.**

What we say is a reflection of what is in our heart or what we believe

- “Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matt. 12:34)
- God created the world with words; we create our environment/atmosphere with our words.

Faith is belief in action-belief combined with expectation & action

“The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11)

“Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6)

Mark 11:23-24—speak to mountain; **ask in prayer**-believe that you have received.

Romans 10:17—faith comes by hearing---continues to come as we continue to hear/listen.

- Listen to good teaching & be cautious of negative influences in your “space”.
- Who are you keeping company with, music listening to, books reading, shows/movies watching?
- **We become what we listen to/watch & we speak what we hear. This ties in with the effectiveness of our prayer life.**

Salvation message—Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, & believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Guarantee!)