

## WISDOM FROM GOD’S WORD

*Joy in Jesus Christ*

### Principles of Joy: Prayer

Philippians 1:3-7

**Truth:** Our joy in Jesus Christ is enlarged and enhanced when we pray

- Prayer: conversation with God.

“As you speak to God, He will hear you in the language of your mind, heart, and spirit. As God speaks to you, you will hear Him in the language of your mind, heart, and spirit.”

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#### 1. Types and examples of prayer in Scripture.

- Faith - pray trusting God to do what only God can do (Mark 9:23; James 5:15).
- Agreement (corporate) - praying with others to strengthen and encourage faith (Acts 1:14; 2:42).
- Supplication (request) - call out to God for help (Philippians 4:6; Ephesians 6:18).
- Thanksgiving - expressing gratitude to God for what He has done in our life (Philippians 1:3-4; Psalm 100).

- Worship - to exalt God for who He is (Matthew 6:9; Psalm 104:1; 1 Kings 8:22-24).
- Consecration - to dedicate one’s self to the will and service of the Lord (Matthew 26:39; Acts 13:2-3).
- Intercession - to intercede before the Lord on behalf of others (1 Timothy 2:1; John 17; Luke 22:31-32).
- Imprecatory - asking God to destroy the wicked and avenge the righteous (Psalm 7:9; 35:1-3; Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 9:55-56).
- In the Spirit - the Holy Spirit speaks to God through us (Romans 8:26-27).

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#### 2. Why should we pray?

- a. Prayer enables our relationship with God to mature.
- b. Prayer unleashes the power of God in our life (James 5:13-16).
- c. Prayer gives spiritual comfort and peace.
- d. Prayer sets my will in line with God’s will (Matthew 6:9-10).
- e. Prayer enhances and enlarges our joy in Christ Jesus.

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