

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”

- 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

God’s cure for

The lust of the flesh—FASTING

The pride of life—PRAYER

The lust of the eyes—GIVING

Let’s Pray for . . .

Divine Visitation

Divine Revelation

Divine Direction

Household Salvation

Household Blessing

Outpouring of God’s Spirit

Divine Favor

ACTION POINTS FOR TODAY

- Participate in one of the weekly PRAYER times
- FAST one 24 hour period this week
- GIVE an offering toward the new sanctuary
- GIVE God a full tithe of your income this week

You can listen to this message online at www.graceassembly.org or watch it on YouTube or Vimeo

What Happens When We Pray

Giving, Praying, Fasting—Part 4

Sunday, October 6, 2013

The Giving, Praying, Fasting Challenge

Sep 15 through Dec 8

GIVING CHALLENGE

A full TITHE of your income to God each week
The equivalent of one full week’s wage to the cost of the new sanctuary before or by December 8

PRAYER CHALLENGE

Give one hour each of PRAYER for the church by participating in one of five Corporate Prayer gatherings

FASTING CHALLENGE

Do one 24 hour FAST each week

BIG IDEA OF THIS SERIES

In Acts 10, Cornelius experiences a number of supernatural blessings.....

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Why did these things happen to Cornelius?

He was praying

v.2 *“He prayed to God always...”*

He was giving

v.2 *“gave alms generously to the people”*

He was fasting

v.30 *“I was fasting til the ninth hour . . .”*

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

“Cornelius ... a devout man and one who feared God ... and prayed to God always.”

- Acts 10:2

“Your prayers and your alms have come up as a memorial to God.”

- Acts 10:4

“The next day Peter went up on the house top to pray.”

- Acts 10:9

Prayer was a big part of what happened to Cornelius in Acts 10

How were they praying? How should we pray?

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” **Matthew 6:9-13**

The Lord’s Prayer shows us what happens when we pray . . .

“Our father who are in heaven – hallowed be thy name” v.9

We experience deep _____ with the Holy Spirit.

“For your pleasure they are and were created. . .”

- Revelation 4:11

“Come close to God and He will come close to you.”

James 4:8 Amplified

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me”

- Revelation 3:20 Amplified

“Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all His goodness.”

- Psalm 34:9 The Message

“Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” V.10

**When We Pray We Experience _____
of God in Human Affairs**

“Give us this day our daily bread” v.11

When We Pray We Receive God’s _____

“Don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.”

- Luke 12:32 NLT

“We have not because we ask not . . .”

- James 4:3 NKJV

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.”

- Philippians 4:6 NLT

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors” v.12

When we pray our _____ are cleaned

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” **1 John 1:9** NKJV

“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” v.13

When we pray we experience _____ over Satan.

“...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

- Matthew 16:18-19 NKJV

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.”

- Ephesians 6:12 NKJV