

## PERSONAL EVANGELISM: Video 5

### AN OUTLINE FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER

- **Prayer does not prepare us for our greatest work - it is our greatest work!**
- **Where there is no prayer there is no spiritual power; where there is no power, little is accomplished for God.**
- The following outline will help you to focus your thoughts and produce fruitful seasons of prayer. Use of a Prayer Journal recording your daily prayers will aid your concentration and enable you to keep a record of answers to specific prayers.

#### **1. THANKSGIVING**

*...enter into His gates with thanksgiving...(Psalm 100:4)*

- List all of the things you have to be thankful for today.

#### **2. PRAISE**

*...and into His courts with praise...(Psalm:4)*

- Praise God for His attributes - His holiness, goodness, glory, majesty, power, patience, grace, mercy and lovingkindness.

#### **3. CONFESSION**

- Keep short accounts with God. Confess all of your sins of the past 24 hours. (Study 1 John 1:5-2:17 for the importance of confession).
- Ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

#### **4. NEEDS**

- List the general and particular personal needs that you would like God to meet - be specific and keep note of God's answers.

#### **5. OTHERS**

- Pray for others. Keep a list of names in the front of your prayer journal - family, friends, church members, people to whom you are witnessing.
- Pray specifically for God to bring people across your path with whom you can share the Gospel.

#### **6. THE DAY AHEAD**

- Pray for God's grace and help in the day ahead. Pray for opportunities to tell others about Jesus Christ.

#### **7. REJOICE!**

*...the joy of the Lord is your strength...(Nehemiah 8:10)*

- Regardless of how you feel, **rejoice!** Remind yourself how much you have to be thankful for. Think of a hymn to sing for the day, or a favorite verse of Scripture to recite to yourself all day.