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# Lifelines Outreach

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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by making disciples in the greater Nashville area.

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I know God wants to answer our prayers. The Bible says that God gives good gifts to all those who ask. He promises in the Bible that we must meet certain conditions for these promises to become realities in our lives. All prayer proceeds from our desire to know God. Many times, we don't have to even ask for things because God just wants to be with us. One of the joys of prayer is that we can just go to God and rest in God. There is such a peace in just resting in the presence of God.

However, God expects us to pray in certain ways:

- Pray with a clean heart. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18 (KJV)
- Pray in faith. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7 (KJV)
- Pray in the will of God. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." 1 John 5:14 (KJV)
- Pray abiding in him and abiding in his word. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:4-5 (KJV)
- Pray for God's glory. "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:2-3 (KJV)
- Pray with intensity. "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Luke 11:9-10 (KJV) The verb means a continually asking, continually seeking, and continually knocking.
- Pray in the Name and the authority of Jesus. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24 (KJV)
- Pray in the Holy Spirit. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 6:18 (KJV)
- "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thes. 5:17 (KJV)

There are many good books on prayer that I've read. I am just going to recommend three but many are excellent. *With Christ In The School of Prayer*—Andrew Murray, *Ministry of Intercession*—Andrew Murray, and *Practicing His Presence* by Brother Lawrence and Frank Laubach. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. I could not do it without you! Remember to read your Bible and pray every day. —Richard Gay

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## **The Timothy Initiative**

2 Timothy 2:2 – The things which you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men, who will also be qualified to teach others.

## **Testimony**

Give your testimony up to 3 minutes – focus on the big picture without a lot of detail but keep it interesting, e.g., “I found myself in an alley in Atlanta”; “I was raised in a two room shack.”

## **Remember the 3 parts to your story:**

- Your life before receiving Jesus Christ
- Your salvation experience
- Your life after salvation; describe how Jesus Christ has changed/transformed you

Then, don't ask for permission, move right into God's story using the seven verses.

Simply open your Bible and let God's word speak for itself. If you don't have a Bible, quote them from memory.

Invite your friend to read a verse aloud and then have him explain the verse to you. Take him through all the verses listed above. If your friend interprets a passage incorrectly, don't argue or offer your interpretation, but politely ask him to read it again, and then explain it a second time. Misinterpretation should not be much of a problem if you use the Bible verses listed above.

Even if your friend mentions that he doesn't believe in or agree with the Bible, it is best not to argue. You can state that you simply want him to understand what the Bible says about eternity. Isn't it wonderful to know that it's not our responsibility to convict? (John 16:8) Conviction is God's job. All we can do is share. Once we have shared, we have done God's will. Witnessing for Christ is a no-lose activity.

## **New American Standard Version**

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:3

In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.

Romans 10:9-11

“That if you confess ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.’”

2 Corinthians 5:15 And He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

## **Closing Questions**

- According to what we just read or heard, would you say we are sinners?
- Are you willing to turn from your sin and accept God's forgiveness, from your sin?
- Do you believe by faith that Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead?
- Are you ready now to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life? We do that by praying (give them the option to say their own prayer).