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6 Keys to Effective Prayer
[Ephesians 6:13-18](#)
(for Wednesday, 07/11/18)

Matthew 6:9-13 – The Lord’s Prayer

Key #1: Preparation

- a. Definition: To make or get ready for something that will happen in the future.
- b. Scriptural Authority: 2 Tim 2:15
- c. Before you can pray effectively you must prepare by studying the word
- d. There is an acrostic that we can easily remember to use as we prepare for prayer that will aid us in our preparation and that is the word ACTS, like the book of Acts.
ADORATION, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, SUPPLICATION.

A = Adoration

C – Confession, Psalm 66:18

T – Thanksgiving--2 Peter 1:3 (KJV) , Philip. 4:6 (KJV)

S –Supplication--James 4:3

Matthew 21:22 (KJV),

Key #2: Resolution

- a. To agree with a suggested course of action or statement of opinion.
- b. Isa 53:1
- c. Matthew 21:22 (KJV)
- d. For prayer to be effective, we must agree with God’s suggested course of action or statement of opinion that we have learned by preparing. In other words, **as we prayerfully study God’s Word and He speaks to us through that Word causing the Logos (written Word of God) to become Rhema (the revealed Word of God) to us, we agree with the truth of that revelation to us and not only do we agree with it, we act upon it in obedience to God’s revelation to us.**

Key #3: Aspiration

- a. To have a strong desire or hope to do or have something. Ps 84:2 , Psalm 42:1 (KJV)
 - b. Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)
- Lament. 3:22-26**

Key #4: A Yielded Spirit

- a. To give up the control of or responsibility. 1 Pet 5:6-
John 15:5 (KJV)
John 15:7 (KJV)
- b. We must then surrender to God’s plan of action
Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)
Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)
Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Key #5: Expectation

- a. To think or believe (something) will happen. Romans 4:15-25 (KJV), Romans 4:3 (KJV), Galatians 3:6 (KJV), James 2:23 (KJV)

b. We must expect God to work, **not be surprised when He does. If God says it that settles it – we ought to believe it.**

Key #6: Response

a. To say or do something as a reaction to something that has been said or done.

1). Gen 6:22

2). Exod 40:16

3). Isa 30:21

We are given example after example in Scripture of God's faithfulness to His Word. When are we going to take God at His Word and begin to trust His Word with our actions in obedience to His Word --- His every Word?

b. **We must respond with thanksgiving and worship**

2 Samuel 22:4 (KJV)

Psalms 18:3 (KJV)

Rev. 4:11 (KJV)

Rev. 5:9 (KJV)