**PRAYING TOGETHER AS A MARRIED COUPLE**

# Less than 5% of couples pray together on a regular basis. Even the liberal Huffington Post reports that “Couples Who Pray Together Really Do Stay Together, Study Finds” (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/couples-who-pray-together\_n\_679130)

Richard Burr writes in his book *Developing Your Secret Closet Of Prayer:* “In my 25 years of ministry…I have never heard of a marriage that ended in divorce if the husband and wife prayed together regularly.” Thus, we can pray this short prayer and expect Him to lead us:

The Bible emphasizes that we should pray together. Matthew wants us to know that praying together is highly valued and honored by God: your prayers will be answered:

*"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* (Mat 18:19-20)

If you trust and believe, you can pray and expect that He will make your marriage a Godly one!

*“Lord we thank you that you are making our marriage the Godly marriage you want”*

**DISCIPLESHIP 101-1: PRAYER (weeks 1 & 2)**

**THE LAW OF PRAYER:**

**EXPECTING AND RECEIVNG IN PRAYER**

**PRAYER:**

- An ongoing conversation with God.

- Reflects true worship of a Sovereign Creator

- Makes known to God our needs and desires.

- Signifies our dependence on Him.

- Shows we know that we need to commune with Him.

- A lifestyle that we choose to live.

- Should really be scheduled

**THE LAW OF PRAYER:**

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”* (1 John 5:14-15)

**IF You say it/ask it +**

**You believe and trust that God will do it +**

**Its God’s will**

**THEN**

**It will happen in God’s way in God’s time.**

*“Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, … If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”* (Matt 21:21)

*“... truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”* (Matt 18:19)

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*  (Luke 11:9-10)

**PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

*“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”* (John 14:13)

*“Ask (in my name) and you will receive that your joy may be full.”* (John 16:24).

Jesus is applying His notary stamp on the prayer when you pray in the Name of Jesus. Jesus is authorizing the prayer when we pray in His name. We will get a positive response when we pray His purpose, plan and will – not ours.

**PRAY BELIEVING AND EXPECTING TO RECIEVE**

Scripture teaches us to “ask and expect to receive”, not “wishing and hoping that God will grant”.

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**PRAY THE ANSWER, NOT THE REQUEST**

God is omnipresent; He is in the past, present and future. Your prayer has already been answered in the future, you just haven’t reached the time yet.

Therefore, thank him for answering the prayer. If your prayer is His purpose, plan and will, it will happen in His way in His time! As always, pray in the name of Jesus.

*“Lord I thank You that we are (getting us) out of debt”*

*“Lord I thank You that You are making me the person of God*

*You want me to be”*

*“Lord I thank You that You are transforming me*

*by renewing my mind”*

*“Lord I thank You that I am healed”*

*“Lord I thank You that You are revealing the truth”*

*“Lord I thank You that You are giving me clarity”*

*“Lord I thank You that You are giving me wisdom and discernment regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”*

If your situation is not specifically addressed in the word, you can pray believing and expecting for revelation and wisdom and it will be given you.

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt.”* (James 1:5)

“*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.* (Eph 1:17)