

PRIORITIES FOR PRAYING

LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE PAUL

Priority of Turning Promises into Prayer *Extended Notes for September 14, 2014*

READ Rom. 14:17-18

God offers us spiritual blessings to be obtained through faith and prayer

READ Rom. 15:1-6

READ Rom. 15:7-8

READ Lev. 26:11-13

READ Rom. 15:9-12

READ Rom. 15:13

Paul's secret formula: arguing with God!

A.W. Pink's formula for claiming the promises of God:

"First, they are to be sought in prayer, as is evident from Paul's example."

Step one: _____!

Second, they can only be attained as the heart is occupied with 'the God of hope,' that is the promising God, for the things we are to hope for are revealed in His promises.

Step two: become _____ with God's promises

Third, these blessings come to us 'in believing,' in faith's laying hold of the things promised. Many seek, though vainly, to reverse the order. They will not believe God until they feel they have joy and peace, which is like requiring flowers before the bulb has been set in the ground. There is no genuine joy and peace except 'in believing,' and in exact proportion to our faith will be joy and peace." – A.W. Pink

Step three: _____ God's promises for yourself

****Prayer Action Point for the Week****

Start a “holy argument” with God based on His _____.

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Questions for Reflection:

1. What promises in the bible do you find most inspiring and encouraging?
2. Do you think its presumptuous/arrogant to claim anything from God? Why or why not?
3. Is there a “holy argument” that you feel like you need to begin with God? What promises are you claiming?