As we walk in **Worship,** following the Lord's **Word,** He will make a **Witness Impact** through us in this world. In the **Work** He gives us to do and in the **War** we face, we can discover the sufficiency of Jesus Christ not only for ourselves, but also for those we walk with and those we meet on the journey...
If we PRAY!

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TRUE PRAYER

Worship-Word-Witness-Work-War

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Five Truths in Prayer That Balance Our Walk With God

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Make an impact that makes a difference

PRAY!

- **Work of Ministry**

Every believer is gifted with spiritual gifts. Pray to discover and use those grace gifts as the Lord desires. Pray for the ministry God has given you (a received ministry). Pray for your church and ministries. Guard against self-made, self-achieved "ministry" and against strife with one another in ministry (Romans 12:3-8, Colossians 4:17, James 3:13-18).

- **Work of Missions**

Pray for your involvement in local and world missions and for others involved in world missions (Matthew 28:17-20, Romans 15:30, 2 Corinthians 1:10-11).

- **Work of Maintenance**

Pray for daily needs (physical and material), your job, your finances and all that is involved in the day to day maintenance of what God has entrusted to you (Ephesians 4:28, 6:5-9, Colossians 3:22-25, 4:1, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15).

5. WAR

We live on a fallen earth. There is a war going on all around us. Some are warring against God; all of us face our struggles with the world, the flesh and the devil. Jesus has overcome all and as we surrender to Him we enter into His victory (Matthew 6:12-13).

- **War with the "flesh"**

Paul said, "I die daily," and "I am crucified with Christ." The cross is the only place that fits our "flesh." It will not get any better. As you die to the "flesh" or "self" you are free to let Christ live His life in you and through you (Galatians 2:20. 5:16-17, 22-24, 1 Peter 2:11, Philippians 1:21).

- **War with the world**

Paul said, "The world has been crucified to me and I to the world" and he urged us to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Galatians 6:14, Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:15-17).

- **War with the devil**

Our submission to Christ is our victory over the devil. James 4:7 says "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (1 Peter 5:6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20).

3. WITNESS IMPACT

Every person makes an impact for good or for evil. God wants us to make an impact that makes a difference. He does that by placing Himself, the "treasure" in earthen vessels, jars of clay, and then placing us so that the life of Jesus can be revealed (2 Corinthians 4:7, Matthew 6:10).

- **Your impact/witness at home**

Pray for your witness to your own family and pray for the witness of your family to those around them. Ask the Lord to make an impact through each one (Luke 8:39, Acts 16:14-15, 25-34).

- **Your witness and your church's impact in the neighborhood, at work and in your community.**

Pray for your neighbors, your work associates and the leaders of your community (Luke 8:39, Acts 2:46-47, 5:14, 42, 6:7).

- **Your world impact and witness and your church's impact beyond your hometown.**

Pray for how God may want to use your witness beyond your current hometown (Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:8, 2:5-11, 8:4, 9:31, 10:34-35, 11:18, 13:2-4, 19:26).

4. WORK

Work is God's will for our daily lives. His priority is always to follow Him and His Word in our work and He wants us to pray for the work He gives us to do. There are three areas of our work (Matthew 6:10-11).

TRUE PRAYER

Basics in Prayer That Balance our Walk With God

True Prayer is talking with the Father as we walk and work together. It is not a ritual. It is a part of our relationship with Him. True Prayer is the breath of our walk, the place where He refreshes us, calls us to ever-deeper levels of surrender, and helps us deal with our moments of unbelief and stubbornness. It is where He brings us to a greater knowledge of the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. True Prayer begins with true worship. True worship is the fountainhead for all else that we pray...for all else we say and do. Let this guide in True Prayer bring you to a more worship-filled prayer life. It will mean a more worship-filled walk and the experience of worship-filled work with your Father.

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How Should I Pray?

That is a good question many are asking. **True Prayer** is the answer, at least to some extent. There are five areas—five truths—that can help guide us and balance our walk with God in prayer. They can help us follow Jesus on a moment-by-moment basis. These five truths give us tracks on which to run. All that is left is for each of us to set aside **some time** and **a place** each day. These five truths will guide you in praying over your **personal life,** your **family,** your **church** and the **world** in which you live and work.

When Jesus gave the disciples what we commonly call "the Lord's Prayer," He was not giving them primarily a prayer to be repeated, but a pattern to be followed. There are five summary truths addressed in this "Disciple's Prayer."

Worship is first–"*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.*" Then we must recognize the place of the **Word** as it reveals His Kingdom and His will—"*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done…*" Our **Witness** is central to our walk, to bringing news of His Kingdom to others, and to fulfilling His will in our lives and in the lives of others. Then, there is the **Work** of our daily lives involved in His Kingdom and His will. That includes seeking Him for the "daily bread" needed to carry out His will. In all of this we face the ***War***–"*forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*" We are ever worshipers declaring, "*for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*" Let's see how to be true worshipers who walk in **TRUE PRAYER.**

1. WORSHIP

Worship is walking in the fear of the Lord, obeying His Word, withholding nothing from Him. It is a moment-by-moment surrender of all I am to all He is. It is the oxygen of our prayer life and of our walk with Him. (Matthew 6:9)

- **Surrender**

Surrender to Jesus as Lord this day (Romans 12:1-2). Honor and praise Him as your God. Give thanks to Him (Psalm 100; Romans 1:20-21).

- **Sin & Self**

Deal with any unconfessed sin-restitution and die to self this day (1 John 1:9, Luke 9:23-25).

- **Spirit**

Yield to the fullness and control of the Holy Spirit expecting Him to empower you to do His will His way (Ephesians 5:18-21, Galatians 5:22-24).

2. WORD

God's Word is a lamp to our feet—everywhere we go. We must be open to learn from Him in every area of life, especially in how to pray. A disciple is a learner all life long (Matthew 6:10).

- **Say the Word**

In humility, seek the Lord and His will in the Word. Let your thoughts and opinions in every area be the thoughts and opinions of God. Read, Memorize, Meditate, Speak the Word (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:9-18, 38, 72-74, 97-105, 127-130, 160-176, John 17:17, Ephesians 6:19-20, Colossians 4:2-6).

- **Obey the Word**

Live what the Word says (Matthew 7:24-25, 28:18-20, 1 Peter 1:22-25, 2:1-2).

- **Pray the Word**

Pray the Scriptures back to the Lord. Let Him lead you in prayer as you meet with Him in the Word (Nehemiah prayed the Word in 1:8-11, as did Daniel in 9:2-19).