

## Maturity in Prayer

**Make a commitment to become mature in prayer**

**1 Corinthians 13:11**

**When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.**

**There are things associated with immaturity that we need to undo. This immaturity will manifest in our prayers.**

	<b>Immature</b>	<b>Mature</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Only pray about things relating to yourself</b>	<p><b>Carry the Lord's burdens</b> Gal 4:19 NLT Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.</p> <p>This is not something you can manufacture. Paul positioned himself as their spiritual parent. How do you see the city in relation to you? How do you see your church in relation to you? Prayer is easier when you are releasing a burden.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Only pray anxiety based prayers</b>	<p><b>Pray faith based prayers</b> Mix requests with thanksgiving Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication <u>with thanksgiving</u> let your requests be made known to God. <u>7</u>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>Faith is acknowledging that its already happened in the spirit. Therefore, its natural to give thanks at that point.</p> <p><b>Mark 11:24</b> 24Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Ps 5:3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. James 1:6</p>

		<p>But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.</p> <p>You can only have confidence when you know its Gods will. Sometimes we ask for things that are already ours.</p>
3	<p><b>Operate in the ministry accusation</b> Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.</p>	<p><b>Operate in the ministry of intercession</b> Romans 8:34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.</p> <p>If you want the Holy Spirit to pray through you, he will be praying in line with Jesus' heart.</p>
4	<p><b>Use vain words and repetitions</b> Matthew 6:7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.</p> <p>What do you think causes God to hear you?</p>	<p><b>Have no need to impress God</b> God responds to faith and brokenness Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.</p>
5	<p><b>Preach your prayers explaining to God what he already knows. Praying from a place of pride and self-righteousness</b></p>	<p><b>Pray from a place of brokenness that acknowledges the otherness of God</b> Luke 18:9-14 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <a href="#">10</a>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <a href="#">11</a>"The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <a href="#">12</a>'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' <a href="#">13</a>"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' <a href="#">14</a>"I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than</p>

		<p>the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”</p> <p>Watch your source of confidence</p> <p>Make sure you don't get into the flesh. Trust in His promises not your eloquence or zeal.</p> <p>Matt 6:7 So what causes God to hear? He responds to faith and brokenness.</p> <p>Do it for the audience of one. Mt 6:6</p>
6	Your revelation is limited to one aspect of God	<p>You recognize God's manifold nature</p> <p>Ephesians 3:10</p> <p>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,</p> <p>The Danger of a Single Story</p>
7	You only pray one type of prayer (maybe petition)	<p>You embrace all kinds of prayer and know when to use them (supplication, decrees, thanksgivings etc)</p> <p>Ephesians 6:18</p> <p>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.</p>