

WORLD CHANGING PRAYERS

HOW TO MAKE “THE BIG ASK”

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“Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.”
(Psalms 2:8)

I. Introduction

A. World changers are people who not only think different, love differently, obey God differently than most; world changers are Christians who also _____ differently.

They pray bold “God-sized” prayers that others might be too _____ or insecure to pray. They are people who are willing to raise the ceiling and go to another _____ in what they boldly ask God for in every area of their lives.

B. Definition of a “God-sized” prayer

1. Prayers that take off all of the limitations in our heart and mind of what we can think or imagine God being _____ to do. *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”* (Eph. 3:20)
2. Whereas a “man sized” prayer is asking for God to aid us in something we have the possibility of doing ourselves, a “God-sized” prayer is asking God to intervene and do something that is utterly _____ for man to do for or by himself.

C. Why praying bold “God-sized” prayers is so important

1. In order to receive all that God has already prepared and planned to bless us with in our lives. **There are two reasons we don't receive all that God has for us:**
 - a. We don't _____.
 - b. We ask too _____ and for things that are for our glory not God's. *“You do not have because you do not ask. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”* (Js. 4:2-3)
2. So that we can see God use our lives to their full _____.
 - *“God does nothing in the world except in answer to believing prayer.”* -John Wesley
 - *“Your impact for God will be most influenced by the size of your prayers and the depth of your obedience.”*Every miracle, victory, exploit, and blessing we will celebrate in heaven began as a bold prayer of faith by someone here on earth.
3. Bold prayers of faith _____ God.
 - *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”* (Heb. 11:6)
 - *“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are those who wait (look expectantly) for him. People of Zion... weep no more. How graciously he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.”* (Isaiah 30:18-19)
4. Bold prayers of faith bring glory to Jesus. *“But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”* (Jn. 15:7)

II. How to pray bold “God-sized” prayers

“Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth

to him in pain. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and you would keep me from evil, that it might not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested.” (1 Chron. 4:10-13)

- A. Decide to become a person whose life is defined by your _____ not by your past or your problems.
- B. Pray not only prayers to God but prayers that come _____ God as the result of cultivating an awareness of the unlimited abundance of God and the sense of His voice and presence.
- “Jabez called on the God of Israel...”
 - “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” (Ps. 46:10)
- C. Supersize your _____, learning to pray far beyond your own needs. Some pray survival prayers, some pray success prayers, world changers pray prayers of _____.
- Success is what you achieve and accomplish. Significance is about what _____ achieves through you.
- “Bless me indeed.... expand my territory (influence/impact)
 - “I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Gen. 12:2-3)
- D. Be specific, go from vague generalities to meaningful _____.
- Some pray tactical prayers; God wants us to pray strategic prayers, prayers that seek to articulate specifically ways that God could get the most glory in this situation.
- E. Pray _____. Learn to move from wishing prayers to believing prayers; from one day prayers to this day prayers, from someday prayers to “suddenly prayers.”
- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Heb. 11:1)
 - “Against hope Abraham in hope believed (moved from hope to a point of faith) and so became the father of many nations...
 - “He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed-the God who gives life to the dead (calls hopeful that which appears hopeless) and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.” (Rom. 4:18, 17)

Our expectation determines our visitation!

God doesn't answer prayers because we deserve Him to or because we want Him to, God answers prayers because we _____ Him to. “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mk. 11:23)

(Answers: I. pray, timid, level, able, impossible, ask, small, potential, please II. prayers, from, prayers, significance, God, specifics, expectantly, expect)

QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION

What area of your life do you especially want to ask God to help you go to a higher level of praying bold “God sized” prayers in? _____ World Changing

Dear Lord, I choose today to begin to go to another level of praying bold God-sized prayers in all areas of my life. I declare that from this day forth, I will be defined not by my past or my problems but by my prayers of faith. Beginning today I will pray out of an awareness that your love, ability, grace, and willingness to bless my life and others through my life is unlimited. I will listen for Your Spirit to guide me in praying what is on your heart. From this day forth I will supersize my prayers, not only to bless my life with all I need but dare to believe that you will pour through my life to bless others in ways I never thought possible. I will pray specific prayers aimed to bring you maximum glory and I will pray expectantly. What I've asked for Lord, I ask and believe that you do it today. I call forth that which I cannot see, but you promised to do as already done. I give you thanks today Lord that what I have asked for you have already done. In Jesus' Name!