**FOCUS ON PRAYER: “Praying Scripture”**

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**Series Key Verse:**

***17****pray continually,****18****give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Praying Scripture:** Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses inspire our thoughts and become our prayer.

**Benefit:** pray Scripture as we read through the Bible forces us to pray God’s Will vs our own.

## **HOW To Pray Scripturally:**

## **Search** **A Bible Index For Key Words.**

* **Identify Applicable Passages & Examine The Context.**

## Answer Q’s: Who written too? What is being said? Why being said?

**Exegesis** is the exposition or explanation of a text based on a careful, objective analysis… exegesis literally means “to lead out of.” That means that the interpreter is led to his conclusions by following the text.

**Eisegesis:** the interpretation of a passage based on a subjective, non-analytical reading. The word eisegesis literally means “to lead into,” which means the interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants.

* **Personal Prayer Inward for Inner Self-Examination.**

***23****Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.* ***24****See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.* Psalm 139:23-24

[see also 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 & Proverbs 3:1-5)

## **Pray “Prayers” Found In Scripture… From Your Heart.**

* **New Discouraged Believer:** Ephesians 1:16-19
* **Believer Who Is Going Thru A Hard Time:** Ephesians 3:14-21
* **Prayer For Your Church Leaders / Pastors:** Philippians 1:8-11
* **Prayer For One Another in Church:**

Colossians 1:9-14 & 1 Thessalonians 3:10-13

* **Prayer For Your Spouse:**Hebrews 13:18-21
* **Prayer & Praise To God:**

***8****Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’who was, and is, and is to come.”… They lay their crowns before the throne and say:* ***11****“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”* Revelation 4:8, 11

(see also Revelation 5:9-10 Revelation 5:12-13)

Praying through Scripture can be a helpful way to ensure our prayers are shaped by God’s Word. Try using one of the above techniques the next time you are in God’s Word.