



The Prayer Studies

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Chapter One

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What About The People We Are Hurting?

We all start off with a great excitement about all our past, present, and future sins being forgiven. But, it is easy to see that those things we are currently doing, that are wrong, are hurting us, those around us, and God's plan. We are Christians; but, sometimes we don't act like a true Christian; what are we supposed to do about our mistakes, inconsistencies, sins, and failures?

Jesus Shows Us An Important Attitude

Two Possible Reactions To Sinning

Let's say you have just done something really bad, you feel very guilty about it, and you don't know where you stand in your relationship with your heavenly Father. Jesus tells us a parable (an earthly illustration that teaches spiritual principles) about two men who came to God in prayer. Both of them had done some things that were wrong; both of them needed God's help; but, only one of them got it.

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The Eternal Principle

Luke 18:14b (NIV) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” We must learn all the important aspects of this vital Biblical principle.

We need to see that no matter how many good things we think we have done, they don’t have any redeeming effect on any of those wrong, bad, or evil things we do to our self, others, and God’s plan; we *must* repent to Jesus; and, we *must* make it right with those we have hurt.

How To Handle Your Failures

As An Unsaved Person

John 3:3 (NIV) In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” In this case, the person would use The Lord’s Prayer like you did when *you* were born again. And then they would obey Romans 10:8-10; that would give them forgiveness from all their past, present, and future sins. That would give them a perfect record with God.

As A Child Of God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. As a child of God, you have a perfect record with God. And, you have Jesus and the Holy Spirit inside you empowering you. They are helping you go to your heavenly Father and admit that you sinned. Since you have direct access to God because of your perfect record, you can “do what it takes” to maintain your relationship with Him. If you repent (make a spiritual U-turn), all your benefits as a child of God remain intact.

How To NOT Handle Your Failures

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1 John 1:10 (NIV) If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives. When the Bible, our conscience, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or a Christian friend indicate to us that we have or are doing something wrong, bad, or evil, we need to *immediately* take the issue to God and see what He says.

Follow Jesus’ Teaching

Two Christian Sinners

For this study in Luke 18:9-14 about the Pharisee and the tax collector, let’s assume that both men were born again. Both of them were doing things that were wrong, things that were hurting them, hurting other people, and hurting the plan of their heavenly Father. But, their attitudes about those thoughts, feelings, words, and actions were totally different.

A Christian Sinner Who REMAINED A Sinner

The Pharisee had redefined the meaning of sin and had decided that he really wasn't doing anything wrong. Instead of following the truths of the Bible, he had forgiven himself, justified his actions, excused his behavior, surrounded himself with friends who were telling him it wasn't his fault, and decided that God was good with the way he was living.

A Christian Sinner Who REMAINED A Christian

The tax collector knew he was doing wrong and felt guilty about it; but, he didn't forgive himself, justify it, explain it away, try to get his friends to tell him it wasn't his fault, or turn away from God and the Bible. He believed the Bible and *its* definition of what sin was. He compared the Bible's definition with his life. And, he then allowed God to help him feel bad about what he had done to himself, other people, and God's plan. Then he repented of all he had done and said: **"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."** That's the kind of attitude and procedure that gets results.

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What About The People We Are Hurting?

Jesus, I have started off with a great excitement about all my past, present, and future sins being forgiven. But, it is easy for me to see that those things I am currently doing, that are wrong, are hurting me, those around me, and God's plan. I am Christian; but, sometimes I don't act like a true Christian. What am I supposed to do about my mistakes, inconsistencies, sins, and failures? I want to stop hurting myself, other people, and Your plan.

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Two Possible Reactions To Sinning

Jesus, there are times when I have done something really bad; I feel very guilty about it, and, I don't know where I stand in my relationship with my heavenly Father. As You provide me with a parable (an earthly illustration that teaches spiritual principles) about two men who came to God in prayer, help me understand it and be able to apply it to my own life. Since both of them had done some things that were wrong, both of them needed God's help. Assist me in understanding why only one of them got it.

The Problem

Luke 18:9-10 (NIV) To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. Jesus, help me understand that the Pharisee was thought to be a very godly person; and, the tax collector was thought to be a great sinner.

The Lost Relationship

Luke 18:11-12 (NIV) The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ Jesus, help me see that this person was looking to themselves and their good deeds to balance out what they did that was wrong, bad, or evil. Rather than feeling bad about their failures, sins, misdeeds, and mistakes and repenting, they thought they could cancel them by trying to be good. Help me not make this mistake.

The Maintained Relationship

Luke 18:13-14a (NIV) But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. Jesus, help me understand that this person, even though he was doing a lot of wrong, bad, and evil things, did what it took to be forgiven of all his sins.

The Eternal Principle

Luke 18:14b (NIV) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Jesus, teach me all the important aspects of this vital Biblical principle. Help me see that no matter how many good things I think I have done, they don’t have any redeeming effect on any of those wrong, bad, or evil things I do to myself, others, and Your plan; I *must* repent to You; and, I *must* make it right with those I have hurt.

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John 3:3 (NIV) In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” Jesus, I thank You that You helped me use The Lord’s Prayer when I was born again. Thank You for empowering me to obey Romans 10:8-10; that gave me forgiveness from all my past, present, and future sins. That gave me a perfect record with God. I thank You for working such a miracle in my life. Now, help me share this powerful procedure with those around me.

As A Child Of God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Jesus, as a child of God, I now have a perfect record with God. And, I have You and the Holy Spirit inside me empowering me. You are helping me go to my heavenly Father and admit that I sinned, every time I do something wrong, bad, or evil. Since You have made it possible for me to have direct access to God, because of my perfect record, I can “do what it takes” to maintain my relationship with Him. Help me always repent (make a spiritual U-turn), so that all my benefits, as a child of God, remain intact.

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Jesus, for this study in Luke 18:9-14 about the Pharisee and the tax collector, let me study it from the perspective that both men were born again. Like me, both of them were doing things that were wrong, things that were hurting them, hurting other people, and hurting the plan of their heavenly Father. But, their attitudes about those thoughts, feelings, words, and actions were totally different. Help me understand and change based on the vital principles that are being presented to me.

A Christian Sinner Who REMAINED A Sinner

Jesus, help me not be like the Pharisee, who had redefined the meaning of sin and had decided that he really wasn't doing anything wrong. Instead of him following the truths of the Bible, he had forgiven himself, justified his actions, excused his behavior, surrounded himself with friends who were telling him it wasn't his fault, and decided that God was good with the way he was living. Empower me to not take that approach to You, the Bible, and the work the Holy Spirit is doing in my conscience.

A Christian Sinner Who REMAINED A Christian

Jesus, help me be like the tax collector, who knew he was doing wrong and felt guilty about it. Help me be like him and not forgive myself, justify my deeds, explain them away, try to get my friends to tell me that it wasn't my fault, or turn away from God and the Bible. Help me do like him and believe the Bible and *its* definition of what sin is. Help me do like him and compare the Bible's definition with my life. And, then empower me do like him and allow God to help me feel bad about what I have done to myself, other people, and God's plan. Help me repent of all I have done and say: **"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."** Give me this the kind of attitude and procedure that gets results.

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Chapter Two

Attitudes That Work

Protection Through A Clean Record

Luke 18:10-14 (NIV) Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Praying The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 and obeying Romans 10:8-10 gave you a perfect record with God; but, it wasn't given to you so you could go right back out there and sin against yourself, other people, and God's plan. That perfect record was given to you so you would be able to understand the Bible, have Jesus and His power to fight against sin, and have *direct* access to your heavenly Father. That made it possible for you to get your sins taken care of without them reinfesting you and killing you (separating you from God).

What If You Didn't Have Protection Through A Clean Record?

IF every time you sinned, you died spiritually (were separated from God), you would lose your understanding of the Bible, Jesus and the Holy Spirit would leave your body, and you would lose your direct access to God. Plus, God would cease being your heavenly Father; and, you would cease being His child. Every time you sinned, you would have to go back and be born again, go back and get salvation and justification, and get back into God's family again.

Provisions For Eternal Life

But, with a perfect record with God, when you sin, if you take advantage of your new attitudes, take advantage of your understanding of the Bible, take advantage of your relationship with your heavenly Father, and take advantage of your power-relationship with Jesus, you will *be able* to repent (make a U-turn). This will cause you to *remain* a Christian and go **home justified before God**.

When Do You Need God's Help The Most?

A Lack Of Worthiness Doesn't Contaminate Your Perfect Record

You need God's help when you are doing fine. But, you need God's help *the most* when you have done something wrong. The problem is, when we need God's help *the most* we typically feel like we don't deserve to come to Him because we *sinned*!

Gen 3:8 (NIV) Then the man (Adam) and his wife (Eve) heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. We do like Adam and Eve did, when they disobeyed God. They hid themselves from God because they felt guilty; and, they *were* guilty. But, God's grace and mercy make our relationship with Him not have anything to do with us deserving His forgiveness.

Sin Doesn't Contaminate Your Perfect Record

God wasn't mad at Adam and Eve; He wasn't going to reject them; He was going to correct and punish them; but, they still needed God's help *the most* during that time and got it! If we hide from God, ignore Him, stay away from Him, or think He is mad at us, we fail to come to God at a time when we need Him *the most*. We need to feel bad about what we have done; but, we need to run to God so we can take advantage of our clean record.

Refusing To Repent Destroys Your Perfect Record

If we do like the Pharisee and reinterpret the Bible, if we make the rules, commandments, and teachings of Jesus mean something else, if we try to decide what is sin and what isn't, and if we try to decide how to go about getting God's forgiveness rather than doing what the Bible says, we will sin and fail to repent. We will think we are okay when God, the Bible, and our conscience are trying to tell us that we aren't. The reason Jesus told us the parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector was so we wouldn't get confused, misunderstand, and start believing false information. Jesus makes sure no one *accidentally, ignorantly* damages their perfect record.

Grace And Mercy

Getting Help You Don't Deserve

Grace is getting gifts of good things that you don't deserve. Mercy is *not* getting bad things that you *do* deserve. When you sin, even though you are a Christian, ignoring, avoiding, and running away from God is the worst thing you can do. Hiding from God is caused by some of our wrong opinions about our heavenly Father. We *can't* come to God because we think we deserve forgiveness. We *must* come to God at times when we feel so bad about what we did that we feel we don't deserve forgiveness. We *must not* wait until we have done something that we feel made us worthy. We need God's help at the moment of our greatest lack of worthiness.

Grace And Mercy Through Eternity Saving Discipline

It is important for you to understand that *even when* you *do* refuse to repent, God doesn't just dump you. Even though a person *can* damage their perfect record by refusing to "do what it takes" to repent, God uses a procedure to try to help them change their mind; it is called, discipline. It is hard for us to understand, sometimes, that there are things that are painful but can be good for us. Discipline is a form of grace and mercy that we may not understand or like at the moment.

Grace And Mercy Through Judgment

1 Cor 11:32 (NIV) When we are **JUDGED** by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. To be condemned with the world would mean we lost our relationship with God. When God's children sin and they refuse to repent, He disciplines them rather than cutting Himself off from them. Salvation and justification keep you as God's child so you can come to Him in your current condition and get healed. If refusing to repent *automatically* caused you to not have a perfect record with God, you couldn't come. Let's look at discipline and all the wonderful things grace and mercy have done and are doing for you.

Your Path Inside Grace And Mercy

Grace and mercy made it possible for you to come to Jesus and be saved and justified. Grace and mercy provided you with a perfect record with God. Grace and mercy keep you a Christian after you sin so you can come to God and repent. Grace and mercy empower you to go to those you sinned against and make it right. Grace and mercy will give you power, training, wonderful relationships, and the opportunity to work together with Jesus so you will sin less and less. And, grace and mercy will give you discipline rather than condemnation when you refuse to repent.

Grace And Mercy Through God's Wisdom

Being disciplined isn't fun or enjoyable; but, it saves us from the consequences of refusing to repent when we have done or are doing something wrong. There are times when we *do refuse* to repent; but, *if we really* don't want to separate ourselves from God, God will know.

God knows everything; God looks into our heart and can see when we are just being misinformed, distracted, lied to, confused, or driven by some temptation. He can see when *deep down* inside, we still want to remain with Him. When we are struggling with some issue or temptation, God knows it is just a matter of time for us to come to our senses. So, He doesn't let us go; He graciously and mercifully keeps our record perfect. Then He allows us to go through some *hardships* to wake us up.

Love-Discipline Comes As Hardships

Heb 12:5-7 (NIV) And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son." Endure **HARDSHIP** as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? This is your Perfect Father doing everything possible to help you keep heading in the right direction; don't resent it.

The Right Attitude

In the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee, we see the tax collector has the right attitude. The Pharisee had already "forgiven himself." So many people around us tell us to do this so we can get rid of the guilt. But, that is the worst thing you could do to yourself. When you feel bad about something you have done, it is your cue that you need to run to your heavenly Father for help.

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Feeling Guilty

If you lacked pain sensors in your body, you would never know when something was wrong. Pain is a very unpleasant experience; but, it warns you so you can take the appropriate action to save your body. God causes you to feel guilty about certain thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds so you will be able to make some important changes. Listen to this tax collector: **Luke 18:13 (NIV) But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’** He allowed himself to *feel* guilty and it helped him get healed.

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Jesus, **when I am JUDGED by the Lord, I am being disciplined so that I will not be condemned with the world (1 Cor 11:32).** Teach me that to **be condemned with the world** would mean I lost my relationship with God. Make it clear to me that when I sin and refuse to repent, God disciplines me rather than cutting Himself off from me. Help me understand that salvation and justification keep me as God's child so I can come to Him in my current condition and get healed. If refusing to repent *automatically* caused me to not have a perfect record with God, I couldn't come. Help me look at discipline and all the wonderful things grace and mercy have done and are doing for me.

Your Path Inside Grace And Mercy

Jesus, teach me that grace and mercy made it possible for me to come to You and be saved and justified. Grace and mercy provided me with a perfect record with God. Grace and mercy keep me a Christian after I sin so I can come to God and repent. Grace and mercy empower me to go to those I sinned against and make it right. Grace and mercy will give me power, training, wonderful relationships, and the opportunity to work together with You so I will sin less and less. And, grace and mercy will give me discipline rather than condemnation when I refuse to repent. Help me properly respond to that discipline and come to You and repent.

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Jesus, even though being disciplined isn't fun or enjoyable, help me realize that it saves me from the consequences of refusing to repent, when I have done or are doing something wrong. There are times when I *do refuse* to repent; but, help me see that *if I really* don't want to separate myself from God, God will know.

Jesus, show me that God knows everything, He looks into my heart and can see when I am just being misinformed, distracted, lied to, confused, or driven by some temptation. Help me understand that He can see when *deep down* inside, I still want to remain with Him. When I am struggling with some issue or temptation, help me realize that God knows it is just a matter of time for me to come to my senses. So, He doesn't let me go; He graciously and mercifully keeps my record perfect. Then He allows me to go through some *hardships* to wake me up.

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Jesus, help me not forget **that word of encouragement that addresses me as a son: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son."** Help me **endure HARDSHIP as discipline**; make it clear to me that **God is treating me as a son. For what son is not disciplined by his father (Heb 12:5-7)?** Teach me that my Perfect Father is doing everything to help me keep heading in the right direction; empower me to not resent it or resist it.

The Right Attitude

Jesus, in the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee, the tax collector has the right attitude. The Pharisee had already "forgiven himself." People around me tell me to do this so I can get rid of the guilt. But, help me understand that this is the worst thing I can do to myself. When I feel bad about something I have done, let it be my cue that I need to run to my heavenly Father for help. Teach me this **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE: Luke 18:14 (NIV) I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.** Help me humble myself and be willing to repent.

Feeling Guilty

Jesus, if I lacked pain sensors in my body, I wouldn't know when something was wrong. Pain is an unpleasant experience; but, it warns me to take action to save my body. Show me that in the same way, God causes me to feel guilty about certain thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds so I will make some important changes. Help me follow the example in **Luke 18:13 (NIV): But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’** Help me allow myself to FEEL guilty and it help me get healed.

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The Lord's Prayer

Let's go into The Lord's Prayer, not as someone who needs to be born again; but, as someone who IS born again but has sinned. Let's approach The Lord's Prayer as a person who accepts the fact that they have done wrong, bad, or evil. Let's see how The Lord's Prayer helps you get the grace and mercy of your heavenly Father. It is important to learn these principles so you can *immediately* come to your heavenly Father *every time* you get the impression that you need this prayer from the Bible, Jesus, the Holy Spirit speaking to your conscience, or a friend pointing something out to you.

Instructions From Jesus

Mat 6:9 This, then, is how you should pray: Jesus is giving you this prayer and telling you that this is how He wants you to pray to your Father, Who is in heaven. Assuming that you have the attitude of the tax collector in Jesus' parable, you are now ready to do what Jesus is telling you to do. **This, then, is how you should pray,** when you have done something wrong and you are allowing yourself to feel bad about it.

Our Father in heaven,

Is He Still My Father?

1. Are You Denying Or Confessing?

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE: 1 John 1:8-9 (NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2. Do You Have The Attitude Of The Pharisee Or The Tax Collector?

The Pharisee was claiming to be without sin; the tax collector was admitting his sin and confessing it to God. When you come to your Father in heaven with the attitude of the tax collector, **He is faithful and just and will forgive you your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness.** Can you see why you should do what the tax collector did and not what the Pharisee did?

3. Are You Just Trying To Not Get Caught?

All during our human lives we were able to make mistakes, do bad things, and hurt others while getting by with most of it because we didn't *get caught*. We could lie, cheat, steal, gossip, bully, and mislead people; and, as long as we didn't get caught by our parents, the authorities, or governmental officials, we were safe. You may still be maintaining that attitude; you may feel like as long as NO ONE knows about it you are safe. But now, we are dealing with God Who knows everything, sees everything, and is everywhere. We can't get by with even the smallest word or deed; He even knows all our thoughts and feelings.

4. Do You Want To Keep God As Your Father?

Let's look at 1 John 1:8-9 (NIV) again: **If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** You may be involved in something you can't get out of; you may be involved in something you are struggling with *wanting* to get out of; you may be involved in something you are having a hard time feeling like it is all that wrong; you may be involved in something you are trying to justify, explain away, forgive yourself for, or that your friends are telling you it is okay. But, if you will bring it before your heavenly Father and allow Him to decide what you should do, He will help you.

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Since we are humans, we make *a lot* of mistakes, do things we shouldn't, and sin against ourselves, others, and God. The Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience and helps us realize we have thought, felt, said, or done something wrong. This feeling of wrong is our warning that we need to take steps toward getting God's help. WE can't change the fact that we make a lot of mistakes; but, WE can allow ourselves to feel guilty so we will go to God. He will *gradually* change us and make us into people who are more yielded to His power. However, we have to know what we need to do WHEN we do turn to our heavenly Father in order to get His help.

Steps To Growth Through God's Power

The only way we are going to grow and change is to:

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The God Relationship

Rights And Privileges

Because you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, Lord, and King, you are a child of God and a citizen in His Kingdom. One of your rights and privileges is to come to God, as your Father, and ask Him to forgive you. And, you can join Jesus so He can help you change. The Lord's Prayer is your path to forgiveness *and* change. No matter how bad a word or deed you said or did, you not only *can*, you desperately *need* to come to God, as your Father, and start praying this prayer; ask Jesus, and He will help you pray it.

Right And Wrong Guilt

The way to know it is time to come to God as a wrong doer is when He causes you to feel guilty about something. If you feel strong guilt that tries to drive you away from God, then that is Satan and not your heavenly Father. If you feel large quantities of guilt about a whole lot of things you feel, think, say or do, that also is Satan and not God. God always only deals with one or two issues at a time. No matter what kind of guilt you feel or how many issues you feel guilty about, take them *all* to God; He will help you sort them out.

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Chapter Three

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus, teach me how to go into The Lord's Prayer, not as someone who needs to be born again; but, as someone who IS born again but has sinned. Teach me how to approach The Lord's Prayer as a person who accepts the fact that I have done wrong, bad, or evil. Show me how The Lord's Prayer helps me get the grace and mercy of my heavenly Father. Help me learn these principles *now*, so I can *immediately* come to my heavenly Father *every time* I get the impression I need this prayer from the Bible, You, the Holy Spirit speaking to my conscience, or a friend pointing something out to me.

Instructions From Jesus

Jesus, **this, then, is how I should pray (Mat 6:9):** You are giving me this prayer and telling me that this is how You want me to pray to my Father, Who is in heaven. Help me have the attitude of the tax collector in Your parable, so I will be ready, right now, to do what You are telling me to do. Teach me that **this, then, is how I should pray**, when I have done something wrong and I am allowing myself to feel bad about it.

Our Father in heaven,

Is He Still My Father?

1. Are You Denying Or Confessing?

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Jesus, help me look at 1 John 1:8-9 (NIV) again: **If I claim to be without sin, I deceive myself and the truth is NOT in me.** This indicates to God that I don't want to keep Him as my heavenly Father. But, **if I confess my sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive me my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness.** Help me understand that this is my way to let God know I want to keep Him as my heavenly Father.

Jesus, if I get involved in something I can't get out of, help me turn to You to get me out; if I get involved in something I am struggling with *wanting* to get out of, help me want to get out of it; if I get involved in something I am having a hard time feeling like it is all that wrong, help me see what is wrong with it; if I get involved in something I am trying to justify, explain away, forgive myself for, or that my friends are telling me it is okay, help me come to You and ask for Your help. Help me bring it before You and my heavenly Father. Help me allow Him to decide what I should do; let me be convinced that He will help me.

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Hallowed be Your name,

How To Show God Appreciation

1. Spend Time Thinking About Who He Is

“Hallowed be Your name” is a time of seeing how forgiving, understanding, loving, gracious, and merciful your heavenly Father is. It is a time of learning how to feel guilt about something you have done wrong and still *want* to come to Him and let Him help you with it. It’s a time to appreciate that He *never* sins against you; He has chosen to always be holy, generous, forgiving, loving, and sinless.

2. Tell Him How Much You Appreciate Him

This is a praise time for you to tell Him how much you appreciate His purity, grace, and mercy. He isn’t allowing you to get by with hurting yourself, others, and His reputation and plan; but, He isn’t condemning (separating Himself from you) or rejecting you either.

3. Come To Him And Allow Him To Show You His Greatness

When you have done something that you feel God shouldn't forgive you for; or, you have repeatedly failed in some area and feel God should give up on you, that is the time to learn to appreciate how patient, loving, and forgiving He *really* is. Bring your disappointments and frustrations about your failures to Him and realize just how wonderful He is. See that He keeps loving you even when you don't deserve it (grace and mercy).

4. Allow God's Greatness To Be A Part Of You

Mat 18:21-22 (NIV) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

5. See How It Feels When You Do It

Peter thought he was being very gracious when he forgave someone for a sin against him, if he forgave them seven times. But Jesus showed him a grace and mercy that was much greater than anything Peter had ever seen.

6. Appreciate The Difference Between God And Satan

There came a day in Peter's life where he denied that Jesus was his Lord. He not only denied Him once, he denied Him three times. The guilt he felt from that moment on was so intense that Peter thought Jesus would never forgive him or ever accept him as His friend. But, Satan was lying to Peter and telling him that Jesus would never accept such a sin. It was good that Peter felt guilty about what he had done; but, Satan was *adding* an intense guilt to Peter's healthy guilt from God.

7. Appreciate The Difference Between God And You

Now go back to Peter's discussion with Jesus in Matthew 18:21-22. It was about Peter thinking he should only forgive someone seven times for them sinning against him. Remember how Jesus said seventy-seven times? When it was Peter forgiving others, seventy-seven times it sounded like too much. But, when Peter had committed such a horrible sin, that seventy-seven times sounded wonderful; that is how big and how powerful God's grace and mercy are for you.

You will make a lot of mistakes, have a lot of failures, and hurt yourself, others, and God's plan many times; we all do. But, if you continue to *want* to stop doing these things, God will continue to forgive you. Jesus will keep training you and empowering you to sin less and less.

A Prayer Of Appreciation And Love

If you can appreciate to some degree these two gifts of grace and mercy, then say: "Hallowed be Your name."

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5. See How It Feels When You Do It

Jesus, like Peter, I think I am being very gracious when I forgive someone for a sin against me, if I forgive them seven times. But, show me a grace and mercy that is much greater than anything I have ever seen. And allow that grace and mercy to flow in me and then flow through me to other people.

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Chapter Five

Your kingdom come,

How To Get The Power Of The Kingdom

1. Develop Desires And Hates

When you do something that is really bad, or, when you make the same mistake more than once, if you really *want* to stop doing it, which you do, then you will be looking for a way to be set free, which you are. In Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the tax collector didn't accept his mistakes and sins; he *hated* the way he was living and the things he was doing. But, he didn't allow them to defeat him; he brought them to God and allowed Him to deal with them. He *desired* God's help; and, he *hated* his failures. What happened to him?

Luke 18:14 (NIV) I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

2. Pursue The Power Of Deliverance

You don't want to keep coming to God with the same problems and failures over and over again. Forgiveness is wonderful; but, being set free from the problem is even more wonderful. You want to, at some point, get the victory over the one or two issues God is causing you to feel guilty about.

3. Yielding To The Power Of Deliverance

We are now moving into the place where you can reach out to your heavenly Father and ask Him to put His Kingdom transformation and miracles into this situation. You already have God's Kingdom inside you through salvation. Kingdom attitudes, Kingdom character, and Kingdom power have entered into you. They are getting you ready for spending eternity in God's Kingdom. But, you need to allow this Kingdom to spread into each area of your life where you are having failures and problems. It is a process of *yielding* to those things you already have.

What To Do With God's Character And Attitudes

1. Realize You Have Them, Then Use Them

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If you could, would you force some people to do what you wanted? Well, God *can* do that to you; but, it is His attitudes and character to honor your God-given free will. Just because you pray this prayer and get all the things you pray for in it, doesn't mean they take over your life. Why? Because God's character and attitudes ARE to only make them available to you; and then, He allows you to decide whether or not you want to use them; and He allows you to decide how, when, how much, where, and why you use them. If you don't know this principle, they will lay dormant in your life; and, you will probably think you didn't get them.

3. Compare God's Character And Attitudes With The World

Each day, as you pray this prayer, you are giving God permission to put inside you more and more of the things His family and Kingdom stand for; *and*, He is giving you all these things you are asking for. But, you are used to things being done the way the world does them. You are expecting God to treat you the way the world treated you.

4. Appreciate God's Character And Attitudes

Just look at the world around you; the world in general and the individual people around you are struggling because of all the sin and evil they are doing to one another. This war has been taking place in your heart and life. You have felt bad things toward others and you have experienced bad things from other. You were and they are being driven, pushed, tempted, lured, baited, and addicted. That isn't the Kingdom you belong to now; things are completely different where you now live. You are IN the world; but, you don't *belong* to the world.

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Since God's character and attitudes are in you, if you believe they are there, you will realize that you can choose God's character and attitudes when you are tempted to react "the way you have always reacted." You may doubt they are in you when you feel the way you have "always" felt. You may doubt they are in you when you react the way you have "always" reacted.

If you understand that God's character and attitudes aren't going to force you to change, God will give you the *power* to stop, pray, and then yield to His power-character and power-attitudes. *they are there*; they are just *waiting* for you to *choose* to pause. You have God's power to wait until you get His character and attitudes to *cause* ideas and feeling to pop up in your mind and heart; choose them and *then* you are ready to react.

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Jesus, I now say: "Your Kingdom come" and I receive the power, healing, and love of God's Kingdom healing my heart and life. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that I will start getting the benefits that come from being my heavenly Father's child and being a member of His Kingdom. I confess and believe that His character and attitudes are waiting inside me to use.

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Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

A Lot Of Wills To Deal With

**God's Will, Your Will, Your Body's Will, Satan's Will,
And Other People's Wills**

There are five wills that you are having to deal with every day. And, in the fifth will, which is other people, there are a whole lot of wills trying to be exerted on you. This makes you feel the pressure from a lot of other, outside influences, and that can be overwhelming. However, the Bible condenses all these wills down to just one. God wants you to be able to separate yourself from all wills that are trying to hurt you. This will help you be free, be relaxed, not be overwhelmed, and be able to make your own decisions. So, let's reduce all these wills down to just one.

Two Wills Inside You

Rom 7:22-23 (NIV) For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. There are two wills inside you; there is your will and there is the will or desires of your body. If you don't realize this, it will be very confusing to you. It gets confusing when you find yourself *wanting* to do something and yet *not wanting* to do it at the same time. You can even find yourself doing things you don't want to do. How is that possible?

Your Two Wills Are Two Doors

For in my inner being I delight in God's law: Once you were born again, your inner being became your door into identifying with God. This inner being is actually the real you; it is a spirit being. And, as a spirit being, you have a mind, a heart, and a God-given free will. You never die; you have the ability to hear from God; and, you are the one making the final decisions of your life.

But I see another law at work in the members of my body: You live in a body; it is animalistic, has needs, has drives, has survival techniques, and is the door into being able to hear from Satan. The world makes sense to your body; eternity, God's Kingdom, and God's family make sense to your spirit.

Three Types Of Influences

Your spirit-will and your body-will make their decisions as to what you and your body want. As you are exposed to thoughts and feelings inside yourself, and as you are exposed to *all kinds* of voices outside you, there are actually only three issues you have to make a decision on. Are they neutral, are they good, or are they bad. If you can take *all* the influences that are coming at you and put them in these three categories, you won't be overwhelmed by all the opinions, "opportunities," and demands that are being made on your life.

Your Body's Decisions

Neutral, good, or bad are interpreted differently by your body. If you allow your body to influence your decisions, you will be thinking about *my* creature comforts, *my* physical pleasure, *my* future security, *my* financial resources, *my* sexual gratifications, and *my* companionship. Your body, the world, and the devil all think these things are *good*. You won't think about these things as it relates to right or wrong, good or bad, righteous or evil. You will see things from a self-centered perspective, not from how these things will affect others. You will *use* people and *love* money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, and accomplishments; this will be because you will see these *things* as good.

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There is an awareness that you are going to exist forever somewhere. There is a youthfulness that you feel no matter how old you get. This is because the spirit-you never ages. As you get older, your spirit goes right on dreaming about doing things your body can no longer do. Jesus put it this way: **"The spirit is willing, but the body is weak" (Mat 26:41b)."**

If you allow the spirit-you to influence your decisions, you will be thinking about life after death; you will have an eternal perspective. You will want to live this life with goals, plans, skills, wisdom, and success that set you up for eternal life, Kingdom living, and a great relationship with your heavenly Father. You will *use* money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, and accomplishments and *love* people; this will be because you see relationships as being good.

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John 10:10a (NIV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: The *motives* of the devil and the world are wrong, bad, and evil. The devil uses lies, temptations, deception, misleading, and pressure to **steal and kill and destroy** you. The world is trained and motivated by Satan's procedures and techniques. Your body is foolish enough to trust, look to, and want to get involved with the devil and the world. It sees what they offer and likes what it sees. But, what the world has to offer is like a baited trap that an animal is lured into. Bait has a good thing that is used to lure your body into wrong, bad, and evil traps.

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Praying For God's Will In Your Life And The Earth

If you are just wanting to get a victory in one certain area of your life, or, you are asking for God to join all of His will to all of your will for all of your heart and life, then say these words: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." He will know which type of help you want and answer your prayer. Now ask for God's will to be done in all the earth by saying: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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Chapter Six

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

A Lot Of Wills To Deal With

**God's Will, Your Will, Your Body's Will, Satan's Will,
And Other People's Wills**

Jesus, help me realize that there are five wills that I have to deal with every day. And, in the fifth will, which is other people, there are a whole lot of wills trying to be exerted on me. This makes me feel the pressure from a lot of other, outside influences, and that is often overwhelming. Help me through the Bible; let it condense all these wills down to just one. Help me be able to separate myself from all wills that are trying to hurt me. Let this help me be free, be relaxed, not be overwhelmed, and be able to make my own decisions. Show me how to reduce all these wills down to just one. Help me only trust my will to Your will and make them one.

Two Wills Inside You

Jesus, **in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members (Rom 7:22-23).**

Jesus, help me understand that there are two wills inside me; show me that there is my will and there is the will or desires of my body. Make it clear to me that if I don't realize this, it will be very confusing to me. It has been confusing when I find myself *wanting* to do something and yet *not wanting* to do it at the same time. I even find times when I do things I don't want to do. Teach me how this is possible.

Your Two Wills Are Two Doors

For in my inner being I delight in God's law: Jesus, help me understand that once I was born again, my inner being became my door into identifying with God. Help me realize that this inner being is actually the real me; I am a spirit being. And, as a spirit being, I have a mind, a heart, and a God-given free will. I never die; I have the ability to hear from God; and, I am the one making the final decisions of my life.

But I see another law at work in the members of my body: Jesus, make it clear to me that I live in a body; and, my body is animalistic, has needs, has drives, has survival techniques, and is the door into being able to hear from Satan. Show me that the world makes sense to my body; eternity, God's Kingdom, and God's family make sense to my spirit.

Three Types Of Influences

Jesus, teach me that my spirit-will and my body-will make their decisions as to what I and my body want. As I am exposed to thoughts and feelings inside myself, and as I am exposed to *all kinds* of voices outside me, teach me that there are actually only three issues I have to make a decision on. Help me be able to decide whether they are neutral, good, or bad. Help me take *all* the influences that are coming at me and put them in these three categories. Then let that procedure keep me from being overwhelmed by all the opinions, "opportunities," and demands that are being made on my life.

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Chapter Seven

Give us today our daily bread.

Daily Needs And Wants

It's My Life

Our daily, physical needs and *us* trying to *see to it* that they are taken care of is a huge area where we can be tempted to sin. Let's take a look at the Bible's explanation of what we are going through as we deal with the desires of our body.

It's My Responsibility

James 4:1-3 (NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You WANT something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you WANT. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

I HAD To Do It

Mat 6:25 (NIV) Therefore I (Jesus) tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

How do we get into places where we think things, feel things, say things, and do things that hurt us, those around us, and God's plan? One of the ways we get started sinning is when we get fearful that we aren't going to get our needs met. When we get involved in worrying, it can cause us to tell someone something that isn't true so we can close a deal. If we think we are in financial trouble, we can start cheating "a little," bending the rules "a little," taking something that doesn't belong to us, or "stealing" someone else's client. We do it because we are *worried* that *if we don't* we will go under.

I NEED To Do It

What if you are about to lose a client if you don't lie? What if you are about to lose your job if you don't do what you are told and cheat someone? What if you have an opportunity to steal someone else's client even though it would be "a little bit" unethical? What if you had a chance to start up a relationship with someone else's spouse? What if you were about to lose a friend, if you didn't do something for them that wasn't right?

The decisions of life aren't always easy to make. We *often* face a choice of pleasing God or pleasing ourselves or someone else. Sometimes it looks like we have to sin just to make it in life. Can't we just go ahead and sin and then go get God's forgiveness? That would be a sin you committed *on purpose*; there would be consequences for it.

Do You Love God?

Rom 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. If you do the right thing, this Scripture will come through for you. If you sin, God will probably forgive you; but, this Scripture won't come through for you. The hard thing is to *believe* that it will be better for us, if we don't go ahead and sin and then ask for forgiveness later. BUT, **God working for the good of those who love Him** will *obviously* bring much better results than we can by sinning.

Daily Needs And Wants Through God

How To Demonstrate Your Love

John 14:15 (NIV) If you love Me, you will obey what I command. The thing to keep in mind is, **God works for the good of those who love Him**. If you sin, then you are not obeying what Jesus commands. And, if you are not obeying what Jesus commands, then you don't love Him. And, if you don't love Him, then He won't work for your good. And, if He isn't working for your good, then you will end up with *much* less than the supernatural results God would have given you.

Pray For The Power To Demonstrate Your Love

At this point in this prayer, you are “doing what it takes” to change the methods of your life. Rather than doing some of those things listed in James 4:1-3, and some of those things that Jesus commands, you are learning how to come to God and ask Him for everything. He will give you *wisdom* for how to get your needs met without cheating, lying, misleading, or being immoral. He will give you *power* to resist temptations and challenges that seem impossible. He will work you *miracles* so that you get rewarded for doing the right thing.

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What if you want something that will hurt you down the road? What if you want it with all your heart, mind, and soul? What if it has become the main drive for everything you think about and plan for? Whether you get it or not, it will consume your time, efforts, preparations, money, and resources. It will dominate you, shape you, direct you, and turn you into that kind of person. But, that can never happen to the person who is coming to God for their daily needs.

Choosing A System

“What causes fights and quarrels among you?” Why are you having problems and difficulties with those sins, mistakes, and failures that you are having to bring before God? **“Don't they come from your DESIRES that battle within you?”** This is your body's system for getting what *it* wants; But, God has a system for your inner being, your spirit, so *you* can getting what *you* want.

It isn't just a matter of will and the power to fulfil that will. It also includes the system you *use* for getting what you want. If you yield to the will or desires of your body, you will *use* the system that James 4:1-3 describes. If you yield to the will of God, you will *use* the system of the Lord's Prayer; you will ask God for His supply for the meeting of your daily needs and wants.

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Take a good look at the thing you are failing at and see if you can see the system coming from your body. Can you see traits described in James 4:1-3 being used and causing you to make mistakes, sin, and fail at doing what God wants you to do? What if you want something that wouldn't be good for you in the long run? What if you are trying to get or accomplish something that would eventually take over your life? Let God heal you and take control over the things you want and need; pray this part of this prayer so you can use God's system.

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The Lord's Prayer For Sinning Christians Truth Pages Chapter Eight

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Forgive Us

Forgiven For Causing Pain And Suffering

Luke 11:4 (NIV) Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. In Luke, we can see that these debts include those things that are sins. You, like all the rest of us humans, have done things that have hurt people. In some cases you didn't mean to; in others you did. There have been times when you couldn't identify with other's situations and that caused you to say and do things that damaged them. There have been times when you were insensitive to their needs and problems. They tried to reach out to you and you couldn't or wouldn't help. God calls this behavior sin.

Forgiven So You Can Be Healed

Even though you are a Christian, you still hurt people because you are damaged yourself. God knows you are going to continue to hurt people until you have been healed in all the damaged areas of your heart. He knows that, if He doesn't help you, sin is going to keep on making you worse. No matter how hard you try, you are going to keep on mistreating more and more people. That is one of the reasons you made Jesus the Savior, Lord, and King of your life, so you could get Jesus' training, healing, and power.

General And Specific Forgiveness

General Forgiveness

Why should you be asking for forgiveness, if God has already forgiven you of all your past, present, and future sins through salvation. Why are you back here praying this part of the Lord's Prayer? This is because salvation gave you a perfect record so you could have direct access to your heavenly Father. This was a general forgiveness in an overall way.

Specific Forgiveness

This prayer is helping you look through eyes of love at a moment when you sinned, made mistakes, and failed at something that specifically hurt you, other people, and God's plan. He is making you feel guilty about it so you will identify with others. He not only wants you to have a clean record with Him, He wants you to start having a clean record with other people.

These sins against you, other people, and God's plan won't separate you from God. As long as you hate them and are looking to Him for forgiveness, He will see your *desire* and honor it by *keeping* your record perfect with Him. BUT, if you get to the place where you no longer care that you are hurting yourself, other people, and His plan, He will remove the perfection from your record.

Our Sins: Forgiven, But Needing Forgiveness

Salvation-Forgiveness

Salvation-forgiveness made your record clean and perfect through the grace and mercy of God. If you didn't have salvation-forgiveness, you would not be allowed to enter into God's presence as His child and as a citizen of His Kingdom. You wouldn't have any of the rights and privileges of His child or one of His citizens. You wouldn't be able to expect to come to God and get your relational behavior changed through sanctification-forgiveness.

Sanctification-Forgiveness

You are still sinning, making mistakes, and having failures that hurt you, others around you, and God. What you are still doing is wrong but is forgiven through salvation-forgiveness; but, your record with yourself and others is far from perfect. Your relational behavior needs changing through sanctification-forgiveness. It is a process where you make mistakes, sin, and fail in your relationship with yourself, others, and God and then "do what it takes" to make it right.

Inheriting Sonship

Rom 8:15-16 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. This is because of salvation-forgiveness; so, why do we need this relationship with our heavenly Father? Why should He allow us to be His child and a citizen of His Kingdom if we are still hurting ourselves, other people, and His plan? Because this relationship with Him is *the only way* we are going to *stop* hurting ourselves, other people, and His plan.

Inheriting Behavior Changes

Rom 8:17 (NIV) Now if we are children, then we are HEIRS--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

If you stop immorality, lying, cheating, misleading, gossiping, pride, selfishness, and other sins, you will lose some business opportunities, friendships, relationships, and financial benefits. This will cause a certain amount of suffering; but, if you are willing to allow your heavenly Father to help you, train you, and empower you, you will get *much* better business opportunities, friendships, relationships, and financial benefits through Him. If this is what you are willing to allow God to do to you, then your repentance will be real. You won't keep sinning, repenting, sinning, and repenting again and again.

Inheriting And Suffering

You can see from this Scripture in Romans 8:17 that we *inherit* special rights and privileges from our relationship with our Father. But, you can also see there is something about sharing in Jesus' sufferings. This guilt you are experiencing through the Holy Spirit is causing you to suffer when you do something wrong. This suffering won't change your behavior; but, it will bring you to this prayer; and, the prayer *will* change it.

A lot of the reasons we sin is because we don't want to suffer. We take the "easy" way out and lie to keep from getting into trouble. We cheat or mislead so we won't lose a job, miss a deal, or fail to get our needs met. We gossip so we won't feel inferior to someone else. We argue and fight so we won't be cheated or misunderstood. Rather than suffering while putting our trust in God, we take matters into our own hands. Rather than allowing Jesus to protect us, we make sure we don't suffer by protecting ourselves.

Our Sins: Feeling Their Effects

The GOOD Influence On Our Conscience

John 16:8 (NIV) When He [the Holy Spirit] comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. When God's Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience about something we did wrong, we feel guilty about it. We can attempt to get rid of that guilt by trying to forgive ourselves, trying to explain why we did it, trying to convince ourselves that it wasn't our fault, or trying to see if we can get our friends to help us feel better about what we did, OR we can allow God to show us how wrong, bad, or evil it was.

Getting Helped With Relationships

If we come to God and start praying this prayer, He will lead us into the painful aspects of how what we did hurt other people. We can shrink away from that process; or, we can allow Him to help us love and care for others. And that can involve us going back to a person we have hurt and making things right.

Being Empowered To Build Relationships

There are several things we can try to do, rather than going and making things right with a person we have hurt. We can promise God we will never do it again, if He won't require that we go back and make it right. We can try to do some good things to the person we hurt or do some things we think will impress God. We can try to ignore what we did and just pick back up with God, as if we didn't do anything wrong. We can try to use our good deeds to balance out our bad deeds; or, we can ask God to make it right for us so we don't have to do it. But, the only thing that will please God, is for us to go to those we hurt and *make it right*. Then we can come back to God and ask Him to forgive us for what we did.

Why Do We Have To Make Things Right?

If we don't go make it right, we won't see how much we hurt others, we will minimize every wrong, bad, or evil thing we do. We have to allow others to show us the wounds we caused. We have to WANT to stop hurting people the way we do. We have to feel their pain so we can see that they are just like us. Love is only possible, if we SEE things from other people's perspective.

What Do We Need To Do To Make Things Right?

When we go to make something right, we aren't just going there to apologize. If we only go to apologize or make things right, then we are only taking care of our spiritual needs. Instead, we are going to see how they are, what they are going through, how what we did affected them, and how we can better serve them. We want to walk away from that situation with a better understanding of the person. We want to establish a healed relationship, if at all possible. We want to open the doors for future times together, if we can. We want to see what we need to pray about that will help us and them in that relationship; this is an opportunity to be a blessing to them.

As We Also Have Forgiven

Missing Truth Causes Failure

John 8:32 (NIV) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. The reason you are sinning, making mistakes, and failing at some things is because of missing truths in your life. **2 Tim 2:15 (AKJV)** Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. You have been doing these studies and not only learning a lot of truths from the Bible, you have been praying and God has been setting you free through them. As you ask your heavenly Father to forgive you for this current situation, you have to forgive the one you hurt because they first hurt you. The Biblical truth that will set you free is, forgiving them will give you the power to be forgiven.

Preparation For Prayer

As we also HAVE forgiven our debtors. This part of this prayer is assuming that you have already asked your heavenly Father for His power to forgive those you are holding a grudge against. If that is not true, then you will need to ask for and receive the ability to forgive all who have sinned, hurt, damaged, and frustrated you. Once that is accomplished, you are ready to pray this part of this prayer.

A Prayer For Forgiveness

If you want forgiveness for yourself and have forgiven ALL others, say these words: “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

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Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Forgive Us

Forgiven For Causing Pain And Suffering

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation (Luke 11:4). Jesus, in Luke, I can see that these debts include those things that are sins. Help me see that I, like all the rest of humans, have done things that have hurt people. In some cases I didn’t mean to; in others I did. There have been times when I couldn’t identify with other’s situations and that caused me to say and do things that damaged them. There have been times when I was insensitive to their needs and problems. They tried to reach out to me and I couldn’t or wouldn’t help. Help me understand that God calls this behavior sin.

Forgiven So You Can Be Healed

Jesus, even though I am a Christian, I still hurt people because I am damaged myself. Teach me that God knows I am going to continue to hurt people until I have been healed in all the damaged areas of my heart. Help me understand that He knows that, if He doesn’t help me, sin is going to keep on making me worse. Show me that no matter how hard I try, I am going to keep on mistreating more and more people. That is one of the reasons I made You the Savior, Lord, and King of my life, so I could get Your training, healing, and power.

General And Specific Forgiveness

General Forgiveness

Jesus, why should I be asking for forgiveness, if God has already forgiven me of all my past, present, and future sins through salvation. Why am I back here praying this part of the Lord’s Prayer? Make it clear to me that this is because salvation gave me a perfect record so I could have direct access to my heavenly Father. Show me that this was a general forgiveness in an overall way.

Specific Forgiveness

Jesus, let this prayer help me look through eyes of love at a moment when I sinned, made mistakes, and failed at something that specifically hurt me, other people, and God's plan. I thank You that He is making me feel guilty about it so I will identify with others. Show me that He not only wants me to have a clean record with Him, He wants me to start having a clean record with other people. Make it clear to me that these sins against me, other people, and God's plan won't separate me from God. Also make it clear to me that as long as I hate them and am looking to Him for forgiveness, He will see my *desire* and honor it by *keeping* my record perfect with Him. Additionally make it clear to me that, if I get to the place where I no longer care that I am hurting myself, other people, and His plan, He will remove the perfection from my record.

Our Sins: Forgiven, But Needing Forgiveness

Salvation-Forgiveness

Jesus, teach me that salvation-forgiveness made my record clean and perfect through the grace and mercy of God. Show me that if I didn't have salvation-forgiveness, I would not be allowed to enter into God's presence as His child and as a citizen of His Kingdom. I wouldn't have any of the rights and privileges of His child or one of His citizens. I wouldn't be able to expect to come to God and get my relational behavior changed through sanctification-forgiveness.

Sanctification-Forgiveness

Jesus, I am still sinning, making mistakes, and having failures that hurt me, others around me, and God. Help me see that what I am still doing is wrong but is forgiven through salvation-forgiveness; but, my record with myself and others is far from perfect. Show me that my relational behavior needs changing through sanctification-forgiveness. Teach me that it is a process where I make mistakes, sin, and fail in my relationship with myself, others, and God and then "do what it takes" to make it right.

Inheriting Sonship

Jesus, I **did not receive a spirit that makes me a slave again to fear, but I have received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him I cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with my spirit that I am God's child (Rom 8:15-16).** Teach me that this is because of salvation-forgiveness; and teach me why I need this relationship with my heavenly Father. Teach me why He allows me to be His child and a citizen of His Kingdom when I am still hurting myself, other people, and His plan. Show me that this is because this relationship with Him is *the only way* I am going to *stop* hurting myself, other people, and His plan.

Inheriting Behavior Changes

Jesus, **now** that I am a **child**, **then** I am an **HEIR--heir of God and a co-heir with Christ, if indeed I share in His sufferings in order that I may also share in His glory (Rom 8:17).**

Jesus, empower me to stop immorality, lying, cheating, misleading, gossiping, pride, selfishness, and other sins. Help me be willing to lose some business opportunities, friendships, relationships, and financial benefits by going Your way. Even though this will cause me a certain amount of suffering, help me be willing to allow my heavenly Father to help me, train me, and empower me. Help me realize that I will get *much* better business opportunities, friendships, relationships, and financial benefits through Him. Empower me to allow God to do this to me so my repentance will be real. Let this keep me from sinning, repenting, sinning, and repenting again and again.

Inheriting And Suffering

Jesus, let me see from this Scripture in Romans 8:17 that I *inherit* special rights and privileges from my relationship with my Father. But, help me also see that there is something about sharing in Jesus' sufferings. Show me that this guilt I am experiencing through the Holy Spirit is causing me to suffer when I do something wrong. Teach me that this suffering won't change my behavior; but, it will bring me to this prayer; and, the prayer *will* change it.

Teach me that a lot of the reasons I sin is because I don't want to suffer. I take what I think is the "easy" way out and lie to keep from getting into trouble. I cheat or mislead so I won't lose a job, miss a deal, or fail to get my needs met. I gossip so I won't feel inferior to someone else. I argue and fight so I won't be cheated or misunderstood. Rather than suffering while putting my trust in God, I take matters into my own hands. Rather than allowing You to protect me, I make sure I don't suffer by protecting myself; heal me of this unwillingness to suffer for Your ways.

Our Sins: Feeling Their Effects

The GOOD Influence On Our Conscience

Jesus, since **the Holy Spirit** has come, **He will convict me of GUILT in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).** When God's Holy Spirit speaks to MY conscience about something I did wrong, I feel guilty about it. Help me not attempt to get rid of that guilt by trying to forgive myself, trying to explain why I did it, trying to convince myself that it wasn't my fault, or trying to see if I can get my friends to help me feel better about what I did. Help me allow God to show me how wrong, bad, or evil it was.

Getting Helped With Relationships

Jesus, help me be willing to come to God and start praying this prayer. Help me be willing to allow Him to lead me into the painful aspects of how what I did hurt other people. Help me not shrink away from that process. Empower me allow Him to help me love and care for others. And even though it can involve me going back to a person I have hurt and making things right, help me do it.

Being Empowered To Build Relationships

Jesus, there are several things I can try to do, rather than going and making things right with a person I have hurt. Set me free from things like me promising God I will never to it again, if He won't require that I go back and make it right. Set me free from trying to do some good things to the person I hurt or doing some things I think will impress God. Help me not try to ignore what I did and just try to pick back up with God, as if I didn't do anything wrong. Help me not try to use my good deeds to balance out my bad deeds. Help me not ask God to make it right for me so I don't have to do it. Teach me that the only thing that will please God, is for me to go to those I hurt and *make it right*. Then I can come back to God and ask Him to forgive me for what I did.

Why Do We Have To Make Things Right?

Jesus, teach me that if I don't go make it right, I won't see how much I hurt others, I will minimize every wrong, bad, or evil thing I do. Help me allow others to show me the wounds I have caused. Help me *want* to stop hurting people the way I do. Help me feel their pain so I can see that they are just like me. Teach me that love is only possible, if I *see* things from other people's perspective.

What Do We Need To Do To Make Things Right?

Jesus, teach me that when I go to make something right, I am not just going there to apologize. If I only go to apologize or make things right, then I am only taking care of my spiritual needs. Instead, empower me to go to see how they are, what they are going through, how what I did affected them, and how I can better serve them. Help me want to walk away from that situation with a better understanding of the person. Help me establish a healed relationship, if at all possible. Help me open the doors for future times together, if I can. Let me see what I need to pray about that will help me and them in that relationship; show me that this is an opportunity to be a blessing to them.

As We Also Have Forgiven

Missing Truth Causes Failure

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (John 8:32). Jesus, make it clear to me that the reason I am sinning, making mistakes, and failing at some of these things is because of missing truths in my life. **2 Tim 2:15 (AKJV)** tells me to **study to show myself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** I have been doing these studies and not only learning a lot of truths from the Bible, I have been praying and God has been setting me free through them. As I ask my heavenly Father to forgive me for this current situation, help me understand that I have to forgive the one I hurt because they first hurt me. Show me the Biblical truth that forgiving them will give me the power to be forgiven.

Preparation For Prayer

Jesus, empower me to forgive so I can be forgiven **as I also HAVE forgiven my debtors.** Let this part of this prayer be true of me; it is assuming that I have already asked my heavenly Father for His power to forgive those I am holding a grudge against. If that is ever not true of me, then help me remember to ask for and receive the ability to forgive all who have sinned, hurt, damaged, and frustrated me. Show me that once that is accomplished, I am ready to pray this part of this prayer.

A Prayer For Forgiveness

Jesus, I want forgiveness for myself; I have forgiven ALL others, and now say these words: “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

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And lead us not into temptation,

Lead

God Didn’t Do It

Why would we need to pray and ask God to not lead us into temptation. The Bible makes it clear in **James 1:13-14 (NIV):** **When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.**

Praying The Prayer

There are two ways to learn life-lessons from God. The best way is for us to give God permission to teach us the things we need to know and empower us to use them; this is done by praying and asking Him to **lead us not into temptation**. Then all we have to do is look for the **way out**; and, we will escape. **1 Cor 10:13 (NIV)** No temptation has seized you except **what is common to man**. And God is faithful; He will not let you **be tempted beyond what you can bear**. But **WHEN** you are tempted, He will also provide **a way out** so that you can stand up under it.

NOT Praying The Prayer

But, some of us are pretty hard-headed; we have to learn some things the hard way. And, since we have a God-given free will, God will allow us to yield to Satan's temptation and get damaged in the process. It isn't a sin to be tempted; we sin when we *yield* to the temptation. We sin when we don't pray for the power to *see* the **way out**, pray for the power to *take* the **way out**, and then *use* that power to go through the **way out**. **Lead us not into temptation** won't work unless we constantly *see, take, and use* the power to go through the **way out**. It is a moment-by-moment and issue-by-issue decision to take advantage of the **way out**.

Yielding To God

God doesn't want us to learn things the hard way; He wants us to have a teachable attitude (poor in spirit: Matthew 5:3) so He can just tell us things and us trust Him. He wants us to take His new training information and start praying and asking for the power to be able to get it into our lives. But, there are those of us who just can't learn certain things the easy way. So, what happens to a Christian who sins against the wonderful guidance of our heavenly Father?

Since we have *already* gone into temptation by yielding to it, it seems like it is too late for us to pray to not be led into it. The big question is, now that we are already involved in yielding to Satan's temptation, how are we going to get out? We have already asked for and have received God's forgiveness when we prayed: "**Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**" BUT, now we need God's power to get out of the situation and His power to never get in that situation again. So, let's look at how to get out; then we will look at how to stay out.

Take The Steps On The Road Back

1. Stop Going Into Self-Deception By Denying

1 John 1:8 (NIV) If we **claim to be without sin**, we **DECEIVE** ourselves and the truth is not in us. First, we have to admit we made mistakes. If we try to justify them, explain them away, forgive ourselves, get our friends to help us feel better about them, or ignore them, **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us**; we will lose our perfect record with God. We *must* allow the Holy Spirit to point out what we did wrong and allow Him to make us feel bad about them.

2. Repent Of Each Individual Sin

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and WILL forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Next, we have to lay out what our mistakes were and what kind of results they brought into our life. We can't just admit we did "something" wrong; we have to **confess our sins**. We have to admit each and every thing we did wrong. We have to bring up every sin, one at a time, and tell God we are sorry we sinned *That sin* against ourselves, other people, and Him.

3. Stop Denying And Calling God A Liar

1 John 1:10 (NIV) If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives. Next, we must admit we aren't the one who decides what truth is. We took what the Bible was telling us, what the Holy Spirit was telling our conscience, and what some of our Christian friends warned us about and rejected them as being *lies*. Then we decided to go with our own "truth." We decided we knew what was best for us and accepted it as truth. Now we need to admit we rejected the truth of God's directions and replaced them with the LIE of our own opinions.

Sanctification-Forgiveness

CHRISTIANS Being Forgiven

What 1 John 1:8-10 is dealing with is *trying* to get our relationship with God repaired. When we go our own way by justifying ourselves, explaining our sins away, forgiving ourselves, getting our friends to help us feel better about them, or ignoring them, we damage our relationship with God. He still loves us, is still our heavenly Father, and is still giving us all the rights and privileges of being His child, provided that we listen to 1 John 1:8-10 and stop doing what 1 John 1:8 and 10 say; and, we start doing what 1 John 1:9 says. This is how to *get out* of a sin situation.

CHRISTIANS Losing Their Perfect Record

Those who are exposed to 1 John 1:8-10 and repent, will maintain their perfect record with God. Those who are exposed to it and refuse to repent, will lose their perfect record. They stop understanding the Bible, they stop being a child of God and a citizen of His Kingdom, they stop having direct access to God, and they stop being considered perfect by God. They **deceive** themselves **and the truth is not in** them. They **make God out to be a liar and His word has no place in their lives**. This is a person who refuses to *get out* of a sin situation.

Prayer For Power

1. Don't Yield In The First Place

Now, let's look at how to *stay out* of a sin situation. From now on, you need to pray to *always* do what God is directing you to do. You need to be able to keep from learning the hard way; you need to be able to not resist the guidance of the Bible, the Holy Spirit speaking to your conscience, and Christian friend's warnings. You need to be able to follow the leadership that Jesus is giving you, as He talks to you through the Bible, your conscience, your thoughts and feelings, and other Christians. What you need in order to *stay out* of a sin situation is the *power* to stay out; that comes through prayer.

2. Practice Until It Is Automatic

When the Bible and Jesus warn you about something, immediately go to the Lord's Prayer. Through it you will be able to pray those things that will *empower* you to resist temptation; it will *empower* you to be able to yield to God's power.

3. Pray This Prayer

If you are ready to start being set free from yielding to these and other temptations to hurt yourself, those around you, and God's plan, then pray this portion of this prayer. Say: "Lead us not into temptation."

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And lead us not into temptation,

Lead

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Jesus, show me why I need to pray and ask God to not lead me into temptation. Let the Bible make it clear to me in **James 1:13-14 (NIV)** that **when I am tempted, I should not say, "God is tempting me."** For **God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but I am tempted when, by my own evil desire, I am dragged away and enticed.**

Praying The Prayer

Jesus, teach me that there are two ways for me to learn life-lessons from God. The best way is for me to give God permission to teach me the things I need to know and empower me to use them. Show me that this is done by me praying and asking Him to **lead me not into temptation.** Then all I have to do is look for the **way out**; and, I will escape. Teach me that there is **no temptation** that **has seized me except what is common to man.** And **God is faithful; He will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear.** But **WHEN I am tempted, He will also provide a way out so that I can stand up under it (1 Cor 10:13).** Empower me to look for, find, and take that way out.

NOT Praying The Prayer

Jesus, I am pretty hard-headed; sometimes I have to learn some things the hard way. And, since I have a God-given free will, God will allow me to yield to Satan's temptation and get damaged in the process. Teach me that it isn't a sin to be tempted; I sin when I yield to the temptation. Help me understand that I sin when I don't pray for the power to *look* for the **way out**, pray for the power to *see* the **way out**, pray for the power to *take* the **way out**, and then *use* that power to go through the **way out**. Show me that praying, **lead me not into temptation** won't work unless I constantly *look, see, take, and use* the power to go through the **way out**. Empower me to practice this on a moment-by-moment and issue-by-issue basis so that I always take advantage of every **way out**.

Yielding To God

Jesus, make it clear to me that God doesn't want me to learn things the hard way; give me a teachable attitude (poor in spirit: Matthew 5:3) so He can just tell me things and me trust Him. Help me take His new training information and start praying and asking for the power to be able to get it into my life. Help me stop being one of those who just can't learn certain things the easy way. So, Jesus, teach me what happens to me as a Christian who sins against the wonderful guidance of my heavenly Father.

Jesus, since I have *already* gone into temptation by yielding to it, it seems like it is too late for me to pray to not be led into it. My big question is, now that I am already involved in yielding to Satan's temptation, how am I going to get out? I now confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that I have already asked for and have received God's forgiveness when I prayed: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." But, now I need God's power to get out of this situation and His power to never get in this kind of situation ever again. So, help me look at how to get out; then help me look at how to stay out.

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1. Stop Going Into Self-Deception By Denying

Jesus, **if I claim to be without sin, I DECEIVE myself and the truth is not in me (1 John 1:8)**. First, help me admit I made mistakes. Help me not try to justify them, explain them away, forgive myself, get my friends to help me feel better about them, or ignore them. Teach me that if I do, I **deceive myself and the truth is not in me**; I will lose my perfect record with God. Empower me to allow the Holy Spirit to point out what I did wrong and allow Him to make me feel bad about them.

2. Repent Of Each Individual Sin

Jesus, teach me that **if I confess my sins, He (God) is faithful and just and WILL forgive me my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).** Help me lay out what my mistakes are and what kind of results they brought into my life. Teach me that I can't just admit I did "something" wrong; I have to **confess my sins.** Help me admit each and every thing I did wrong. Empower me to bring up every sin, one at a time, and tell God I am sorry I sinned *that sin* against myself, other people, and Him. Help me stop right here and list them all out and repent of them.

3. Stop Denying And Calling God A Liar

Jesus, **if I claim I have not sinned, I make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in my life (1 John 1:10).** Help me admit I am not the one who decides what truth is. Show me that I took what the Bible was telling me, what the Holy Spirit was telling my conscience, and what some of my Christian friends warned me about and rejected them as being *lies*. Then I decided to go with my own "truth." I decided I knew what was best for me and accepted it as truth. I now admit that I rejected the truths of God's directions and replaced them with the *lie* of my own opinions; forgive me for doing that.

Sanctification-Forgiveness

CHRISTIANS Being Forgiven

Jesus, teach me that 1 John 1:8-10 is *trying* to get my relationship with God repaired. Help me see that when I go my own way by justifying myself, explaining my sins away, forgiving myself, getting my friends to help me feel better about them, or ignoring them, I damage my relationship with God. Make it clear to me that He still loves me, is still my heavenly Father, and is still giving me all the rights and privileges of being His child, provided that I listen to 1 John 1:8-10 and stop doing what 1 John 1:8 and 10 say; and, I start doing what 1 John 1:9 says. Use these verses to *get me out* of this sin situation.

CHRISTIANS Losing Their Perfect Record

Jesus, help me be one of those who is exposed to 1 John 1:8-10 and repent. Show me that, that is the way to maintain my perfect record with God. Help me *not* be one of those who is exposed to it and refuses to repent. Show me that if I do, I will lose my perfect record. I will stop understanding the Bible, I will stop being a child of God and a citizen of His Kingdom, I will stop having direct access to God, and I will stop being considered perfect by God. I will **deceive myself and the truth is not in me. I make God out to be a liar and His word has no place in my life.** I would be a person who refuses to *get out* of a sin situation.

Prayer For Power

1. Don't Yield In The First Place

Jesus, help me look at how to *stay out* of a sin situation. I now pray that from now on I will *always* do what God is directing me to do. I ask You to keep me from learning the hard way; I ask You to make me able to not resist the guidance of the Bible, not resist the Holy Spirit speaking to my conscience, and not resist Christian friend's warnings. I ask You to make me be able to follow the leadership that You are giving me, as You talk to me through the Bible, through my conscience, through my thoughts and feelings, and through other Christians. Empower me to *stay out* of sin situations. Help me believe that this comes through prayer.

2. Practice Until It Is Automatic

Jesus, when the Bible and You warn me about something, help me to immediately go to The Lord's Prayer. Teach me that through it I will be able to pray those things that will *empower* me to resist temptation; it will *empower* me to be able to yield to God's power.

3. Pray This Prayer

Jesus, I am ready to start being set free from yielding to these and other temptations to hurt myself, those around me, and God's plan. I now pray this portion of this prayer and say: "Lead us not into temptation."

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But deliver us from the evil one.

Satan

1. Know Where Bad Thoughts And Feelings Come From

Most of the pressure you are experiencing to do wrong, unloving things to the people around you come from the evil one, Satan. Not only that, most of the bad things that happen to you come from him. The bad "luck," difficult circumstances, and temptations to do wrong things typically come from him. The big issue with how your life will go from now on and your success or failure will all be dependent on *who* you listen to.

2. Have Eyes And Ears For Jesus

Mark 4:9 (NIV) Then Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” In Genesis 3:1-7 we see Eve listening to Satan; she talked to him, reasoned with him, and finally yielded her life to him. When you see or hear something you shouldn’t be looking at or listening to, you have a choice; will you continue to look or listen? When you are thinking something you shouldn’t, you have a choice; will you continue to think about it or focus your thoughts on Jesus and His Word?

Resisting Satan

1. Realize That Being Tempted Is Normal

When you start thinking about something you get warned by God about, will you keep planning how you can do it without getting caught; or, will you immediately go to The Lord’s Prayer and get the power to resist? Being delivered from the evil one isn’t a matter of keeping him from being able to talk to you in your thoughts and feelings; it is a matter of being empowered to resist and win against him, when he does.

2. Realize That Not Taking The Way Out Is Sin

1 Cor 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But **WHEN** you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

3. Realize That Hearing From Jesus Is Normal

Your way out is to always stay inside Jesus and allow Him to always remain inside you. This is done with your ears, eyes, thoughts, and feelings; those things you look at, those things you listen to, those things you think about, and those things you allow yourself to feel will decide whether you stay inside Jesus and Him remain inside you, and whether you win or lose against Satan.

4. Accept That Jesus Is Your Way Out

John 15:5 (NIV) I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. The way to remain in Jesus and Jesus to remain in you is to keep your eyes, ears, thoughts, and feelings focused on the things of Jesus and away from the things of the world. Jesus has given you the power to focus on whatever you want. That means that if Satan says something, you have the “right” to listen; but, it also means that you have the *power* to stop listening and focus in on what Jesus has been saying to you.

Free To Choose

Free To Choose Satan

John 8:36 (NIV) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. You have always had a God-given free will; but, Satan didn’t honor it from the moment you committed your first sin. You had it; but, Satan didn’t give you opportunities to exercise it. He drove you, lured you, enticed you, tempted you, addicted you, and created habits in you; you became a *slave* to sin.

Free To Choose Jesus

Now that you have been born again, Jesus allows you to think for yourself. Satan is allowed to tempt you, your body is allowed to remind you of your past, and the world is allowed to invite you back; But, you now have the power to choose Jesus' ways of living. Jesus set you free; but, not from being presented with alternate choices. He knows it doesn't do any good for you to have a free will, if you don't have choices. You now have the freedom to start your life over again; but, you should start it over with Jesus being your guide and your power.

To Think Or To Pray

1. Don't Just Consult Yourself

The way you ended up with the problems, circumstances, relationships, and habits was, they came from you consulting your own self. You analyzed everything; you decided who you would listen to, what you agreed with, what you wanted to learn, what you wanted to be, and how you were going to live your life. BUT, in the process of making all these decisions, Satan, people, circumstances, the world system, and your body *demand*ed certain things of you. If you were going to survive, you had to yield to things you really didn't want to. Now you are given back your freedom to start thinking for yourself again.

2. Let Jesus Join Your Decisions

Here is your assignment: **James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** Each decision you make, all during your day, is dependent on whether you try to decide what to do with your mind or you try to decide by asking Jesus what HE wants you to do. You can think your way through the day or you can submit yourself to Jesus by praying your way through each day; you are now free to make that choice.

Keep in mind that you making your own decisions by yourself is how you got into your past sins; and, that is also the way you got into this current situation. You are free to just consult yourself; but, you have the freedom and the power to invite Jesus into all your decisions. Moment by moment and issue by issue you decide to pray about it or think it through on your own. Jesus has all knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom. If you pray and include Him in your decisions, you get all that information and power made available to you.

3. A Prayer To Include Jesus

If this is your heart's desire to remain in Jesus and Jesus to remain in you, then go ahead and pray these words. Say: "Deliver us from the evil one."

Congratulations

New Power And Training

You have just asked for and received your heavenly Father's forgiveness for these current sins you have committed. You have been given 1 John 1:8-10 to help you repent of each sin you committed. You have been given the power to find the **way out** of the situation you are in. You have been given the power to look for, see, and use the **way out** of any new temptations that come your way. And, you have God now answering your prayers as you start your day. Be looking for the good things that God will be sending your way, as you continue to pray The Lord's Prayer *daily*.

Noticing Supernatural Circumstances

1. Notice The Bad Being Forced Into Good

Being a Christian doesn't keep all bad things from happening to you. But, it does allow the miracles of God to come your way as God solves them (Romans 8:28). It also empowers you to stay in peace and trust in God by knowing that somehow, someday God is going to come through with a miracle.

2. Be Looking For The Good

At first it will be harder for you to feel peace and trust. But the more you start noticing the miracles, the more you will be able to believe that He will *always* come through with another miracle. As you experience more and more miracles from God *and* begin noticing these miracles, you will start saying: "He always has and He always will come through for me."

3. DON'T SIN!

If you will allow these miracles to build your peace and trust in God. It will help you face really scary, challenging, "impossible" things that look like you are going to have to sin in order to handle them. BUT, if you will believe and trust God, He will help you **know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)**. Do it God's way and it will get the Romans 8:28 results every time.

The Lord's Prayer For Sinning Christians Prayer Pages

Chapter Ten

But deliver us from the evil one.

Satan

1. Know Where Bad Thoughts And Feelings Come From

Jesus, make it clear to me that most of the pressure I am experiencing to do wrong, unloving things to the people around me come from the evil one, Satan. Also, help me understand that, most of the bad things that happen to me come from him. Show me that the bad “luck,” difficult circumstances, and temptations to do wrong things typically come from Satan. Help me with the big issue of how my life will go from now on; show me that my success or failure will all be dependent on *who* I listen to. Help me only listen to You.

2. Have Eyes And Ears For Jesus

Jesus You said, “**He who has ears to hear, let him hear (Mark 4:9).**” Give me ears to hear Your voice. In Genesis 3:1-7 I see Eve listening to Satan; she talked to him, reasoned with him, and finally yielded her life to him. Help me realize that when I see or hear something I shouldn't be looking at or listening to, I have a choice. Empower me to turn my head and eyes or move my ears away from it. When I am thinking something, I shouldn't, I have a choice. Empower me to not continue to think about it; help me focus my thoughts on You and Your Word.

Resisting Satan

1. Realize That Being Tempted Is Normal

Jesus, when I start thinking about something I am being warned by God about, empower me to not keep planning how I can do it without getting caught. Empower me to immediately go to The Lord's Prayer and get the power to resist. Teach me that being delivered from the evil one isn't a matter of keeping him from being able to talk to me in my thoughts and feelings; it is a matter of me being empowered to resist and win against him, when he does.

2. Realize That Not Taking The Way Out Is Sin

Jesus, **no temptation has seized me except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear. But WHEN I am tempted, He will also provide me a way out so that I can stand up under it (1 Cor 10:13).** Help me always look for, find, and take Your way out.

3. Realize That Hearing From Jesus Is Normal

Jesus, teach me that my way out is to always stay inside You and allow You to always remain inside me. Teach me that this is done with my ears, eyes, thoughts, and feelings. The things I look at, the things I listen to, the things I think about, and the things I allow myself to feel will decide whether I stay inside You and You remain inside me, and whether I win or lose against Satan.

4. Accept That Jesus Is Your Way Out

Jesus, You are **the vine**; I am **the branch**. **If I remain in You and You in me, I will bear much fruit; apart from You I can do nothing.** Teach me that the way for me to remain in You and You to remain in me is to keep my eyes, ears, thoughts, and feelings focused on Your things and away from the things of the world. Make it clear to me that You have given me the power to focus on whatever I want. That means that if Satan says something, I have the “right” to listen; but, it also means that I have the *power* to stop listening and focus in on what You have been saying to me.

Free To Choose

Free To Choose Satan

Jesus, show me that **if You, the Son set me free, I will be free indeed (John 8:36).** Help me see that I have always had a God-given free will; but, Satan didn’t honor it from the moment I committed my first sin. I had it; but, Satan didn’t give me opportunities to exercise it. He drove me, lured me, enticed me, tempted me, addicted me, and created habits in me; I became a *slave* to sin.

Free To Choose Jesus

Jesus, teach me that since I have been born again, You allow me to think for myself. Satan is allowed to tempt me, my body is allowed to remind me of my past, and the world is allowed to invite me back; But, I now have the power to choose Your ways of living. You set me free; but, not from being presented with alternate choices. You know it doesn’t do any good for me to have a free will, if I don’t have choices. You have given me the freedom to start my life over again; help me start it over with You being my guide and my power.

To Think Or To Pray

1. Don't Just Consult Yourself

Jesus, show me that the way I ended up with the problems, circumstances, relationships, and habits was, they came from me consulting my own self. I analyzed everything; I decided who I would listen to, what I agreed with, what I wanted to learn, what I wanted to be, and how I was going to live my life. But, in the process of making all these decisions, Satan, people, circumstances, the world system, and my body *demand*ed certain things of me. If I was going to survive, I had to yield to things I really didn't want to. Now You have given me back my freedom to start thinking for myself again. Help me use this opportunity to decide to listen to You.

2. Let Jesus Join Your Decisions

Jesus, help me realize that this is my assignment: I am to **submit myself, then, to God**. Then I am to **resist the devil, and he will flee from me (James 4:7)**. Show me that each decision I make, all during my day, is dependent on whether I try to decide what to do with my mind or I try to decide by asking You what *You* want me to do. I can think my way through the day; or, I can submit myself to You by praying my way through each day; I am now free to make that choice.

Help me keep in mind that me making my own decisions by myself is how I got into my past sins; and, that is also the way I got into this current situation. I am free to just consult myself; but, I have the freedom and the power to invite You into all my decisions. Teach me that moment by moment and issue by issue I decide to pray about it or think it through on my own. Make it clear to me that You have all knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom. If I pray and include You in my decisions, I get all that information and power made available to me.

3. A Prayer To Include Jesus

Jesus, this is my heart's desire; I want to remain in You and You to remain in me. So I now pray these words: "Deliver us from the evil one."

Congratulations

New Power And Training

Jesus, help me realize that I have just asked for and received my heavenly Father's forgiveness for these current sins I have committed. I have been given 1 John 1:8-10 to help me repent of each sin I committed. I have been given the power to find the **way out** of the situation I am in. I have been given the power to look for, see, and use the **way out** of any new temptations that come my way. And, I have God now answering my prayers as I start my day. Help me be looking for the good things that God will be sending my way, as I continue to pray The Lord's Prayer *daily*.

Noticing Supernatural Circumstances

1. Notice The Bad Being Forced Into Good

Jesus, help me realize that being a Christian doesn't keep all bad things from happening to me. But, it does allow the miracles of God to come my way as God solves them (Romans 8:28). Help me see that it also empowers me to stay in peace and trust in God by knowing that somehow, someway He is going to come through with a miracle.

2. Be Looking For The Good

Jesus, even though at first it will be harder for me to feel peace and trust. Help me see that the more I start noticing the miracles, the more I will be able to believe that He will *always* come through with another miracle. Show me that as I experience more and more miracles from God *and* begin noticing these miracles, I will start saying: "He always has and He always will come through for me."

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Jesus, empower me to allow these miracles to build my peace and trust in God. Let it help me face really scary, challenging, "impossible" things that look like I am going to have to sin in order to handle them. Empower me to believe and trust God; make it clear to me that He will help me **know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)**. Empower and train me to do it God's way so I will get the Romans 8:28 results every time.