

On The Road To Emmaus

If we want our prayers to be specific they must be informed. Last time we looked at informing our prayers by knowing others. Today I want to suggest two more ways to inform our prayers.

If we want our prayers to be informed we must also be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God will prompt us to pray specifically for people or specific situations. We see this illustrated for us in Acts 13. We see the Holy Spirit instructed the Church to set aside Paul and Barnabas for mission work. The Church was obedient in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

We are not to be just sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit but rather rely on the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26 tells that the Spirit will help us in our weakness and intercede for us. We must also have the practice of asking the Holy Spirit to not only help us in our prayers but to intercede for us with groans and words we cannot express.

Just one more thing. If we want our prayers to be informed, we must know the Word of God. The Scriptures clearly tell us not only who to pray for but what to pray. One Example of this is in 1st Timothy 2:1-3 where it tells us to *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,"*

If our prayers are to be informed they will be marked by loving and knowing people. Our prayers will also be marked by sensitivity to and control of the Holy Spirit. The third mark of an informed prayer life is a knowledge of the Word of God and making our requests in accordance to the revealed Word of God.

What marks our prayers?

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