

Psalm 81:8-10  
"Finding Victory in  
Prayer"

Wed Night  
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1. Introduction

- a. See verses 1-3 singing, joyful shout, playing musical instrument  
- worship God in song
- b. All failures are prayer failures  
- John R Rice
- c. God's word shall not pass away  
- Mt 5:18
- d. God delights in listening to His People
- e. Ps 34:6 Lord heard poor man's cry for help
- f. Come boldly to throne of grace  
(Heb 4:16)

2. Prepare Our Hearts for Prayer

- a. Not tolerate sin in our hearts  
- honest with God, confess sin  
is my life  
- Ps 66:18 regard iniquity? God won't hear me  
- Is 59:1-2, 21 God can save, but sin separates
- b. Sin hinders fellowship
- c. Must confess all sins  
- 1 Jn 1:9 present tense true every day  
- Mk 1:28 by prayer & fasting  
\* using food time in prayer  
- Act 14:23 prayed with fasting ordaining elders in every church

3. Prepare Our Actions

- a. Heart source of our actions
- b. Conditions - sanctified lives  
- living holy lives  
- Jms 5:16 effective fervent prayer  
- Rom 8:29 conformed to Jesus likeness
- c. Living obedient lives  
- 1 Jn 3:22 obey (keep) God's commands
- d. Abiding (continuing) life  
- Jn 15:7 Jesus words stay (remain) in YOU  
- 1 Pet 3:7 heirs together of God's grace

#### 4. Prepare in Faith

- a. Believe God - Christian faith
- b. Heavenly Father wants to bless  
- His people  
- Jms 1:17 every good & perfect gift comes down from Father of light  
- Mk 9:23 all things possible to him who believes
- c. Faith pleases God  
- Heb 11:6 without faith impossible to please God  
- Mt 7:7 knock - seek - ask - find

#### 5. Prepare with Biblical Motives

##### a. Pure motives

- Jms 4:3-5 improper motives
- Mt 6:9-13 Lord's Prayer  
\* God's will be done

##### b. Patterned motive

- 1 Jn 5:14 ask anything in God's will, God hears us
- Pattern in prayer - the way Jesus prayed on earth

##### c. God's desire

- Ps 81:13 God's people listen to God  
\* Israel would walk in God's ways
- Ps 81:16 God would feed & satisfy them

##### d. William Carey's prayer support

- his sister Polly  
\* prayed always for her brother  
\* she was bedridden for 52 yrs