

My heart cannot at the same time be a place of **thieves** and a place of **prayer**.

"Jesus said to them, 'It is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers'." Matthew 21:13

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widow's houses and for a pretense you make long prayers, therefore you will receive the greater condemnation."
Matthew 23:14

Paul's writings on prayer are in the same setting of the quality of the Christian's life.

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

"I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling." 1 Timothy 2:8

Unconfessed sin hinders our prayers.

◆ James 4:1-3

◆ 1 Peter 3:7-12

Jesus' prayer was heard because of his **piety**.

"In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his piety." Hebrews 5:7

◆ Jesus' life was without **blemish** and **spotless**.

◆ Power in prayer comes through **holy hands**.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why do you think we often make prayer such a complicated thing?
- 2) What are some difficulties you experience in your prayer life?
- 3) In what way does the quality of the Christian's life relate to power in prayer?
- 4) "Not all Christians are in the same place of power in prayer and none of us are in an equal place all the time." Discuss.

5) What importance does the cleansing of the blood of Christ and forgiveness have with regard to power in prayer?

6) Read 1 Timothy 2:8. Discuss the concept of “holy hands.” Then read James 4:1-3.

7) Will we always receive exactly what we pray for? If we do not receive exactly what we pray for, does it necessarily mean there is sin in our lives? Discuss.

8) Discuss the effects of unconfessed sin on power in prayer.

9) According to Hebrews 5:7, why were Jesus’ prayers heard by His Heavenly Father? What is this saying to us?



Redeeming Notes

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1 Timothy 2:8

I. The Proper Setting

Prayer is a very **simple** thing.

Prayer is **speaking** and being **heard** by a Person.

II. The Ground of Prayer

Power in prayer is related to the **quality** of the Christian’s life.

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:44

Whether or not we **forgive** others, makes a difference in our prayers.

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12

Power in prayer rests upon our **lives** and our **attitudes**.