

DAY FIVE

How I use the Bible to pray for people.

PRAYER – Lord, help me to become so familiar with Your Word that when I pray I know how to use Your Word to guide my prayers. Thank You for providing such a wonderful means to help me in my praying. In Jesus Name, Amen.

WORD – Read Philippians 1:9-11. *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.”*

In this passage we see Paul’s prayer for the believers at Philippi. God’s Word is so awesome you can pray it. I can pray the same prayer for my friends where I live. For example if I have a friend named Tom. I can pray: “Lord I pray that your love may abound more and more in Tom. I pray that it he would have more insight and would be able to make right choices. Help Tom to stay pure. Fill him with the fruit of righteousness. I will glorify and praise you for what is done in Tom’s life. In Jesus name.” If I am praying for a person who is not a believer yet, I can use 2 Peter 3:9 and 2 Cor. 4:4. Let’s say her name is Donna. “Lord, I know you said that it is not your will that Donna perish but that Donna would come to repentance. Will you please draw her to yourself? Open her blind eyes so she can see the light of the Gospel. In Jesus Name, Amen.” The Bible is not magic but it does give you direction on how to pray for people. When you are so familiar with the Bible it is easy to use it in prayer. These are just a few example of how I use the Bible to pray for people.

CHALLENGE – Go through the Bible and look for some other prayers. Mark them and start to use them in your prayer time. Try even using the ones mentioned above to pray for your friends who have not yet come to Christ.