

## POINTS TO PONDER

- Did you know that Muslims pray? They bow five times a day and they pray. Buddhists pray, and all kinds of people pray. Yet they aren't getting their prayers answered.
- Just because you start it with "Father" and end it with, "In the name of Jesus," doesn't mean that it's true prayer. Many of us aren't praying, we're complaining.
- You should not be praying the same thing over and over and over and reciting the same words. God wants you to talk to Him out of your heart. Prayer is talking directly to God.
- Some people think, *If I'll just pray for a long period of time, then this will somehow or another do something great.* No; just communicate from your heart. Live in an atmosphere of praise and prayer.
- Jesus prayed short prayers: He said, "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39), talked to another person and said, "Come out!" (Luke 4:35), and He talked to a plant and said, "You're dead!" (Mark 11:12-14).
- When you're ministering healing to somebody else, God wants that person healed more than you want them healed. You do not have to beg God. You do not have to call the prayer chain and get hundreds of people to put pressure on Him.
- Most New Testament intercessors take these Old Testament examples and say, "Oh God, we know that You're angry at this nation, we know that there's wrath; turn from Your fierce wrath, repent of Your evil, don't destroy us, pour out Your spirit." They're praying like an Old Testament intercessor.
- The power of Jesus is now inside of you and me and it's up to us to release it. We need to honor Him by not begging Him as if Jesus hasn't already accomplished this intercession for us.
- You don't have to beg or plead. God wants you well.
- If you acknowledge Jesus's intercession, if you receive and start using the authority God has given you, you can start seeing God flow through you to minister healing to other people.
- Quit being a beggar. Start being a son or a daughter, take your authority and command what Jesus has already provided to come into manifestation. If you start praying that way, you'll get better results than if you do all of these religious things.