

LIFEGROUPS - Facilitator Notes

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Word: 1 Samuel 12: 23

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Q: In Samuel's address to Israel he stated that one thing he purposed and would stop doing was what?

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Purpose: Our purpose in prayer should be to pray 'according to His will'

Word: 1 John 5:4 "And this is the confidence we have in Him that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

Q: What guidelines can help us know God's will in our prayers?

A: It must line up with His word and His Principles.

Q: What and how should we pray when we are not sure of God's will for what we are praying?

A: Read *Romans 8: 26 & 27. "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

Q: What can we be confident in when we pray in tongues?

A: The Holy Spirit in us in praying according to God's will.

Q: Give an example of a prayer which is NOT in line with God's word or with His principles

A: (E.G.) Praying to win lotto, praying for another wife to replace the wife you have, etc.

Note: We need to learn to depend on the leading of the Holy Spirit for our Purpose in Prayer.

Read *Romans 8: 14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."*

Remember:

- Prayer is tapping into a 'spiritual dimension' so we need to appreciate the mysteries of this "spiritual dimension"
- Read *1 Cor 14: 2-4 "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church"*

Q: How can we build up our spirit man?

A: Praying in tongues

Can you give an example of a time when you were led by the Holy Spirit?

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