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Dimensions in Prayer _{Guide}

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." (Lamentations 3:40)

Prayer is:

- first and foremost a heart issue.
- verbal communication from man to God.
- is a force that touches all areas of life.

For the next hour, slowly pray your way through the practical dimensions listed in this guide. Look up each scripture and invite God to speak to you.





Vertical Dimension

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13

Before you can recover, you must first uncover any sin you have been hiding.

Don't merely read this guide; pray out loud about these questions and each issue.

Salvation:

- Have I ever turned from sin and placed my faith in Christ alone for my salvation? Yes or No
- Can I sin and get away with it? Yes or No
- Am I convicted and chastised when I sin? Yes or No
- Do I have the inner witness of God's Spirit that assures me I am a new creature in Christ? Yes or No
- If you are uncertain of your salvation, cry out and tell God you are at this moment trusting Jesus' shed blood for forgiveness of your sins.

God's Word and Prayer:

- Do I read the Bible every day? Yes or No
- How much time do I spend in the Word daily:
 - □ None
 - □ 5 minutes

□ Other

 \square 15 minutes

- Do I meditate on the Word? Yes or No
- Do I pray every day? Yes or No
- Do I pray and sing Scripture to the Lord? Yes or No
- Are my prayers:
 - empty words □ meaningful
 - \Box vain repetitions \Box out of duty
- How much time do I spend in heart-felt prayer every day?
- When was the last time I prayed for something only God could fulfill, and got it?
 - □ Hours □ Weeks

- Days □ Years
- When did I last receive a specific answer to prayer:
 - □ Hours Days
 - □ Weeks Years
- What specific prayer was answered?

Values:

- Do I ever sacrifice my honesty and purity in order to get ahead? Yes or No
- Am I in love with the world? (philosophy, associates, standards, media, dress, etc.) Yes or No

- Do I strongly desire to have many crowns to cast at Jesus' feet? Yes or No ٠
- Am I a consistent witness? Yes or No
- The last three people I verbally witnessed to are (by name): •
 - 1. _____ 2.

3.

- I sense a burden for and need to witness to the following individuals: •
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3. 4.



Corporate Dimension

What can I do today to minister to someone in need?

Who can I encourage in my church?_____

Do I need to seek an accountability partner? Yes or No Who can I approach for accountability?_____

How can I minister to my pastor and his family?

What testimony do I need to share with my group tonight?

What can I do to be a blessing to my prayer group?

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Psalm 32:1-2

Thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege of entering His presence because of Christ's finished work. Rejoice in the Lord!

- Do I find pleasure in yielding to every authority in my life (husband, ٠ parents, pastor, and employer)? Yes or No
- Am I a good example in my home? (1 Tim 4:12) Yes or No •
- MEN—Are you leading your home? Yes or No •
- Do I love my spouse like Christ loves the church? (Eph. 5:25) Yes or No .
- WIVES—Are submissive to your husband? (Eph. 5:22) Yes or No .
- Do I respect my spouse? (Eph. 5:21) Yes or No .
- CHILDREN—Do you honor your parents? (Eph. 6:1-3) Yes or No .

Children

Siblings

- Am I on proper terms with others? (Ro. 12:18)
 - ♦ Family
 - □ Spouse
 - Parents
 - □ Friends
 - □ Church
 - □ Coworkers
 - □ Enemies
- Do I really love people (family, fellow believers, unsaved, enemies)? Yes or No

Eternal Dimension

Priorities:

- The first four priorities in my daily life, by order of importance, are: •
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4.
- Are God, family, and serving others on my list? Yes or No ٠
- Is my value system: temporal or eternal? ٠
- Have I taken up my cross and followed Christ (Luk. 9:23) Yes or No .
- List three sacrifices I have made for Christ (family, time, financial, etc.) •
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- 3. What have I done in the last two weeks to meet the needs of my . Christian brothers and sisters?
- Am I willing to pay any price to please the Lord and fulfill His condi-٠ tions for revival (family, job, reputation, finances, etc.)? Yes or No

Soulwinning:

Am I laying up treasure in heaven? Yes or No •

- Do I have a pure heart? Yes or No •
- Am I self-centered? Yes or No
- Do I esteem others better than myself? Yes or No •
- Do I obey God instantly, completely, and with a proper attitude? Yes or No ٠
- Do I love what God loves and hate what God hates? Yes or No .
- Am I hurt by the things that hurt the Lord? Yes or No •
- Am I willing to give up all sin for God? Yes or No ٠

Sins of the Spirit:

Scriptures to read: (Ps. 66:18; Ps. 139:23-24)

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal every sin...
- Confess each sin specifically...
- Which of the following do I need to confess and forsake?
 - □ Anger
 - Bitterness
 - Concupiscence (over desire)
 - Covetousness
 - Deceit
 - Despiteful
 - Dishonest
 - Dishonoring parents
 - Doubt/unbelief
 - Effeminate
 - Envy
 - Evil thoughts
 - Fear
 - Foolishness
 - Haters of God Hatred
 - Hatred
 - Heresies (factions, disunity)
 - Hypocrisy



External Dimension

Sins of the Flesh:

The flesh can manifest itself in unrighteousness or self-righteousness. Listed below is a partial listing of sins of the flesh:

- Adultery
- □ Backbiting
- □ Blasphemy
- □ Boasting

- □ Covenant breaking
- □ Debate (quarrelling)
- □ Disobedient to parents
- □ Drunkenness

- □ Idolatry
- □ Inordinate affection (lust)
- □ Insecurity
- □ Jealousy
- □ Lover of money
- □ Lust
- □ Malignity (bad character)
- □ Pride
- □ Reviler
- □ Sedition (division)
- □ Unbelief
- □ Uncleanness
- Unethical
- Unforgiving
- □ Unmerciful
- □ Wickedness
- □ Worry



- □ Extortion
- □ Filthy communication
- Fornication
- □ Gossip
- □ Heresies (factions, disunity)
- □ Homosexuality
- □ Idolatry
- □ Implacable (truce breaking)
- □ Iniquity (law breaking)
- □ Inventor of evil things
- $\hfill\square$ Jesting
- □ Killing

- Lord's name in vain
- Lying
- □ Maliciousness
- □ Occult activity
- □ Pornography
- □ Reveling (rioting)
- Self abuse
- Strife
- Thievery
- □ Uncleanness
- □ Whisperers
- Witchcraft

Remember that God is *"faithful and just to forgive us our sins"* whenever we confess. Spend time now thanking God for His forgiveness and mercy. Sins confessed are sins forgiven. THANK HIM NOW!

Internal Dimension

- What motivates me the most?
 - ____Culture or ____Christ
 - Peers or Principles from the Word
 - ____ Material things or ____ Ministering to others
 - ____ Fear of man or ____ The fear of God
 - ____ Favor of men or ____ The favor of God
- What is more important?

_ Service or ____ Success ____ Ministering or ____ "the ministry"

□ Recreation

□ Prayer and study

- ____ Time or ____ Eternity
- ___ People or ____ "the program"
- What gets more of my free time:
 - Technology (computers, texting, etc.)
 - $\ \ \Box \quad T.V.$
 - □ Service
- Where do I invest my financial resources:
 - □ Hobbies □ Pets
 - □ Socializing □ Music
 - □ God's work
- Am I allowing Jesus to be the center of every area of my life? Yes or No If not, what areas is He not dominating?
- Do I love Jesus Christ with all my heart? Yes or No
- Am I obsessed with the Lord Jesus Christ? Yes or No

- Am I in the habit of thanking God daily? (Ps. 100:4) Yes or No
- Am I living "in faith," or just biding my time to see what happens next?

□ Pride

- Is unbelief my besetting sin? Yes or No
- What sins do I struggle with the most?
 - Unbelief
 - □ Sins of the flesh □ Sins of the spirit (attitudes)

Holy Spirit:

- Do I live in daily dependence upon the Spirit within? Yes or No
- Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in my life (Gal. 5:22-23):
 - □ Love
 - Peace

 Longsuffering
 - □ Gentleness
- □ Goodness

Faith

Meekness

□ Jov

- □ Temperance
- Am I *"filled"* (controlled by) with the Holy Spirit now? **Yes or No** If not, you can be filled NOW!
 - Confess the sin of not being filled (Eph. 5:18).
 - Ask God to fill you now (Lk. 11:13).
 - By faith, thank God for a fresh filling of the Spirit (Eph. 5:20).

Forgiveness:

• Am I harboring any unforgiveness in my heart? (Eph. 4:32) **Yes or No** If so, who is it against?_____

Will you release those debts right now? Yes or No



Horizontal Dimension

Scriptures to consider:

"Love one another" (Jn. 15:12) "Serve one another" (Gal. 5:13) "Forgiving one another" (Eph. 4:32) "Comfort one another" (1 Thes. 4:18) "Exhort one another" (Heb. 3:13) "Pray one for another" (Ja. 5:16)

- Do I show gratitude to others? Yes or No
- Do I esteem others better than myself? Yes or No
- Can I say I never exaggerate? Yes or No
- Do I ever lie, mislead, or misrepresent? Yes or No
- Why do I lie:
 - To gain a benefit
- To escape a punishment
 - To avoid exposure
- □ To appear better in the sight of men

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