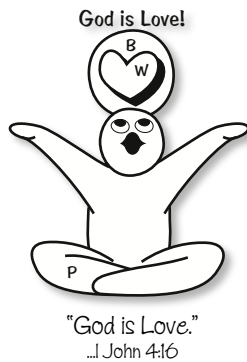


The essence of productivity is the application of knowledge, in the form of principles. Prayer is no exception to this formula for success. The technology of 'Productive Prayer' involves the application of five basic principles which will cause us to deeply believe in the reality of what we are praying for. Consequently, we fulfill this important Promise from God: "Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them." (Mark 11:24)

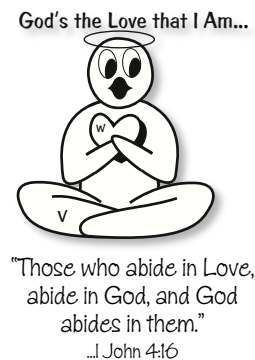
## First, I Remember the Word of God



### Remembrance - The act of 'knowing again.'

Whenever we pray, we must first turn away from existing conditions, and then remember a greater good that exists as a possibility for us. The greater the good we can conceive, the more powerful our prayer will be. Since the greatest good that exists is God, we must strive to remember the highest concept of God that we can. Such concepts are revealed to us through the written Word of God, and when we speak these concepts aloud they awaken a *remembrance* of the 'Word of God within us,' which is our own 'good intentions.' This first principle of prayer helps us to clarify our intentions, and to insure that they are consistent with the 'Promises of God.'

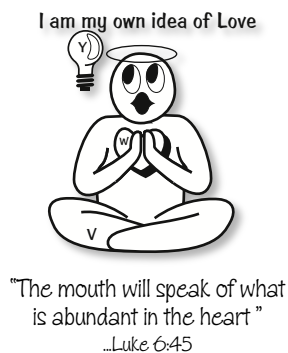
## Then, I Identify Myself with the Word of God



### Identification - The act of considering as similar or identical.

The principle of *identification* utilizes the power of Love, which draws us into an 'awareness of oneness' with the object of our identification. With this principle we identify ourselves with the concept of God that we have remembered and declared in the first step of prayer. This will produce a *realization* that we have been created in the image and likeness of God. This exalted state of being was expressed by Jesus when he said that "I and my Father are One!" (John 10:30) As we enter into this state of supreme identity we can pray in faith from the mountain top of Self-Realization, instead of from the 'valley of despair.'

## Next, I Affirm My Intentions Based on the Word



### Affirmation - A Declaration of Truth. (Latin - *affirmare*, to strengthen)

We use the principle of *affirmation*, to declare what we have *realized* to be true about the nature of the 'Word of God within us.' In other words, we affirm the good intentions of our heart, keeping in mind that our affirmations will activate our intentions to produce the fruit of Spirit in our lives. Consequently, this is where we begin to personalize our prayers so that the Word of God will *uniquely* benefit our own expression of life in a way that will make the world a better place to be. As we positively *affirm* what is true about God and ourselves, we set this Truth into vibration in our lives, and into the lives of others.

\* These Principles were loosely derived from a highly effective form of prayer developed by Dr. Ernest Holmes. This particular type of 'affirmative prayer' is often referred to as 'Spiritual Mind Treatment,' and is widely taught and practiced throughout the spiritual organization, which he founded.

## Now, I Release My False Beliefs with Forgiveness

I love my neighbors as myself.



"When you pray, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them so your Father might forgive you."  
...Mark 11:25

**Release** - To unfasten, free or let go of. (Latin *-relaxare*, to relax)

Throughout our lives we have accepted many false beliefs and opinions which must now be released in order to reveal a greater Truth about ourselves. These old *'error beliefs'* continue to exist as *'hidden fears'* which are difficult to identify and release because they have been deeply suppressed in our flesh, and are often projected as *'accusations of wrongdoing'* onto others. Consequently, the fastest way to clear the path for the revelation of newness in our lives is by *forgiving* those whom we are tempted to criticize or condemn. Through acts of forgiveness we are able to release the *'mental blocks'* and *'emotional conflicts'* that would otherwise obstruct the highest expression of the good intentions in our heart. Furthermore, the practice of forgiveness will ultimately lead us into the experience of gratitude, which is the fulfillment of our prayers.

## Finally, I Accept My Good with Gratitude

I am grateful  
God is gracious.



"It's your Father's good pleasure to give me the Kingdom."  
...Luke 12:32

**Acceptance** - To willingly receive, or agree to.

The Bible tells us that we will receive whatever we pray for if we *believe* that we have received it. (Mark 11:24) There is not a more powerful way to fulfill this Promise from God than to give thanks for what we are praying for, before we have received it. Consequently, the very best way to accept the fruit of our prayers into our lives is to always pray in a mood of gratitude and thanksgiving for the graciousness of God. Additionally, gratitude is the *'anointing of increase.'* Consequently, whatever we *accept* with gratitude, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, it will find a way to increase in our lives.

## A Productive Prayer for Abundance

**Remembrance**  
(John 10:10)

It is written, *"I am come that all might have life, and have it more abundantly."* Therefore, I *know* that the nature of God is an *abundant* expression of Life.

**Identification**

Because I know that I am one with the Life that is God, I therefore know that I am one with Its infinitely abundant expression.

**Affirmation**

And so I affirm that the abundant nature of God is now flowing fully and freely through the faith of my being, and into expression in my life in the form of money, goods, services, ideas, opportunities, and whatever else might be required in order for me to know Life, and to know it more abundantly.

**Release**  
(Forgiveness)

I now release any thought, belief, idea, attitude or suggestion that I might hold which does not conform with the Truth that I have spoken here. Furthermore, I am willing to forgive whoever I need to forgive, in order to reveal a more abundant expression of life.

**Acceptance**  
(Gratitude)

With an open, gracious and joyous heart, I now accept the overflowing abundance of all that is good into my life, right here and right now! Amen!