

### 3. Attitudes of a Leader

God always hears our prayers. Prayer releases the Father's pleasure in the majesty of His awesome power. It is a done-deal!

*(John 11:41b-43 NKJV) Jesus said: "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. {42} And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." {43} Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"*

#### Contrast: Two Paths Of Prayer



*(Luke 18:35-38 NKJV) "Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. {36} And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. {37} So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. {38} And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*(Matthew 8:1-3 NKJV) "When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. {2} And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." {3} Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed."*

*(Acts 16:23-26 NKJV) "And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. {24} Having received such a charge, he put them into the*

*inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. {25} But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. {26} Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed."*

Often we come crying out begging God for help:  
**"Jesus, have mercy on me..."**

The Lord says: "I already have - I saved you. Did I not also give you my Word? I provided all the mercy you need when they nailed Me to the cross. Start thanking me in worship and praise. Expect me to move on your behalf!"



## You can beg God for your need, or you can worship Him for the increase.

Here is the principle: God will meet the need of the beggar, but how much more will He open doors of opportunity for a worshiper?

### Ask Yourself:

- ✍ Do I fully believe God is Who He said He is?
- ✍ How do I come to the altar - as a beggar or as a worshiper?

## Leadership Principle #7

### You can beg in streets of self-pity... or worship on streets paved with gold.

(You can plead for your need... or worship Him in faith, expecting the increase!)

#### A Leader's Confession of Faith

*"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that I ask or think, according to the power that works in me, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV)*



### Ask Yourself:

- ✍ Do I rule my attitudes... or do my attitudes rule me?
- ✍ Are my prayers characterized by the joy of an expectation for abundant life?  
(Remember, the people who follow you will look to you for their example. They will imitate the Christ in you.)
- ✍ What kind of Christ is in me... a Christ of faith and power, or a Christ of lack and weakness?  
(Having an understanding of the Christ in you will help you to know how to be a leader in Christ.)

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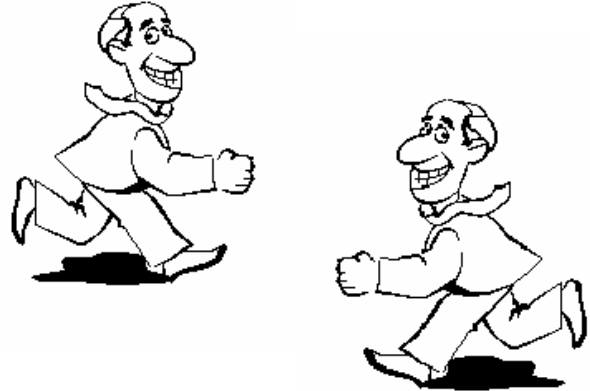
## Contrast: Two Perceptions while Praying


**"I will dance before the Father."** or **"I will tremble before the trouble."**  
(releasing my pain to His power) (doubting He will answer my prayer)

*(Psalms 149:2-3 NKJV) "Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. {3} Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp."*

Praise-filled prayer releases the pain, as you take pleasure in the majesty of His awesome presence. It is a done-deal! Dance to Him!

**Leadership Principle #8**  
**Difficulties are inevitable, misery is optional. Don't just stand there. Start dancing!**



**Spiritual Mathematics:**  
**Three Parts of Prayer**  **Worship + Praise + Thanksgiving**  
**= Assurance of the Anticipated Result**

## "Thank You Father"

These three words are the sacrifice within the prayer. They cause the hand of God to move into action on behalf of the praying person.

*(Psalms 116:17 NKJV) "I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD."*

*(Psalms 107:22 NKJV) "Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing."*

**Instruction for prayer: Pray with thanksgiving.**

*(Philippians 4:6 NKJV) "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"*

**Assurance of prayer: Thankful prayers will give you peace until your deliverance arrives.**

*(Philippians 4:7 NKJV) "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

**Duration for prayer: Continue to pray, watch carefully, and keep thanking God as long as it takes.**

*(Colossians 4:2 NKJV) "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;"*

Cause and Effect

**Cause: "Thank You Father" - Effect: "My pleasure!"**

### **Leadership Principle #9**

**Stretch your heart out to Him**

*in worship,*

*praise*

*and thanksgiving ...*

**He will stretch His hand out to you**

*In provision,*

*protection,*

*promotion*

*and peace.*

#### **Review – Leadership Principles (Sessions 1-3)**

- #1. People will follow at a distance for only a season. Close relationships are lasting and fruitful forever. Reach out to your people and be part of them.
- #2. Never forget that you are simply a child of God, even when the people think you are more. The battle is the Lord's.
- #3. It is delivery boys and girls who kill the giants.
- #4. Link your faith to your relationship with the Father.
- #5. Be a big picture person.
- #6. Don't just do something, stand there!
- #7. You can beg in streets of self-pity... or worship on streets paved with gold.
- #8. Difficulties are inevitable, misery is optional. Don't just stand there, start dancing!
- #9. Stretch out your heart to Him. He will stretch out His hand to you.

***Think about it!***

**Lord Jesus, we bless you and praise you for your Word, Amen**