



BATTLE PLAN FOR PRAYER

CHAPTERS 13 & 14

Chapter 13: Vertical: The Cross of Christ

Knowing about God vs Knowing Him Personally

If you think you are going to Heaven because

YOU'RE a good person

YOU walked up an isle

YOU prayed a prayer

YOU were dedicated or baptized

YOU joined a church

A relationship with God must begin with repentance and faith in the cross of Jesus Christ

Bill Bright 4 Spiritual Laws

1. God Loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.
John 3:16- God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that if anyone believes in Him they will not die but have eternal life.
John 10:10- "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."
2. Man is sinful and separated from God; therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.
Romans 3:23- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 6:23- The wages of sin is death.
The bridge Illustration: Holy God, Sinful Man, Jesus bridges the gap.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.
He died in our place. (Romans 5:8)
He Rose from the Dead. (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
He is the only way to God. (John 14:6)
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.
We must receive Christ. (John 1:12)
We Receive Christ through Faith. (Ephesians 2:8,9)
When we receive Christ we experience a new birth. (John 3:1-8)
We receive Christ through personal invitation. (Revelation 3:20)

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Seven Indicators of Salvation:

- A lifestyle of obedience to God
- A confession of Jesus as the Christ, God's Son
- A lifestyle of repentance of sin
- Genuine love for other believers
- The discipline of God your Father
- The presence of God's Holy Spirit
- Faith in Jesus alone for salvation (and not yourself)

Chapter 14- Vertical: Repentance vs Pride

Which attitude best describes how you approach God in prayer?

HUMBLY

PRIDEFULLY

Who in the Bible Demonstrated Humility?

David, Paul, Joshua, Esther, Daniel....

Who didn't? What happened?

What does being Clothed with Humility look like?

- Others centered
- More thankful
- More respectful
- More cooperative
- Harder to offend
- Listen to advice, council, and rebuke