## **Fasting prayers partner**

Fasting is the key to powerful and effective prayer!

**I.)** To be successful in prayer, we must humble ourselves. II CH 7:14-15 PS 149:4 For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with salvation.

- A.) Fasting should be a time of humbling ourselves before the Lord, not a time of showing off our "Holiness". Matt. 6:16
  - 1.) Jesus' parable of the two men. Luke 18:9-14
  - 2.) The people of Nineveh Jonah 3:1-10
- B.) Fasting is a holy and personal time between you and your Heavenly Father. Matt 6:17-18
- II.) fasting prepares us for battle by helping us focus our thoughts on Spiritual things. Hebrews 3:1
- A.) With our spirit in control over our flesh, we can defeat the strongest enemies of God. Matt. 17:14-21
- III.) Fasting keeps us alert and ready to resist the enemy. RO 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

A.) In persecution: 1PE 5:8-11

**B.**) In temptation: JAS 4:7-10

C.) Jesus the perfect example: MT 4:1-11