

***“Praying the Word is  
Wielding the Sword”***

**Eph 6:10-20**

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# Prayer & the Armor of God

- Prayer is connected to the whole of the armor of God in that it's the means by which we put the armor on.
- Prayer is also the means by which we wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

## John 15:7-8

*“7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”*

# The Conditions & Promise of John 15

- **Condition #1:** We must abide in Christ, that is, we must unite with and have communion with him by trusting him alone for life and salvation.
- **Condition #2:** His words must abide in us.
- **The Promise:** We may ask for whatever we wish and it will be done for us.

# Romans 12:1-2

*“<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

# A Key Question

*Must Christians always pray in the exact words of God in order to be effective in prayer?*

- 1.Level One: Praying in the exact words of God.
- 2.Level Two: Praying according to the will of God but not in his exact words.
- 3.Level Three: Praying according to the will of God but without words.

# Romans 8:26-28

*“<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”*