

3. HAVE A CLEAN CONSCIENCE AND A PURE HEART – PS 51:10

- If you are at peace, you can proceed to number 4.
- If you, however, have anything against yourself, anyone else or the Lord – [examples: grudges, unforgiveness, spreading gossip, disobedience, not trusting the Lord, etc] make it right (forgive, repent, acquittal and change your behaviour) otherwise your prayers will be ineffective and hindered. Isa 59:2; Rom 11:22; Gal 5:4.

4. BRING YOUR THOUGHTS INTO BODIENESS TO CHRIST

- 2 Cor 10:5 *“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”* This is a CONSCIOUS CHOICE.
- We do not blank out or shut down (whereby we can give and opening to occultism), we choose to bring our minds into submission to Christ alone.

5. RESIST AND REBUKE SATAN’S ONSLAUGHTS BY SUBMITTING TO THE LIVING GOD

- Jude 1:9 *“But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”*
- James 4:7 *“Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you”*
- Satan wants to block your prayers.

6. APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE IN TIME OF NEED – HEB 4:16

- Bring specific requests before the Lord, if you want to pray for a specific situation or person.
- Otherwise, be before the Lord and ask Him to reveal what or who He wants you to pray about.

7. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT OR IN UNDERSTANDING - 1 COR 14:15

- Pray either in your own language or in tongues (if you do not know what to pray, praying in tongues is highly effective – since you pray exactly according to the will of God).

8. BECOME STILL AND FOCUSED ON THE LORD – JOHN 10:27

- After sincere prayer, become quiet and just be in His presence.
- Be sensitive and in tune with the Holy Spirit. He can reveal things and speak to you in many different ways, amongst which you can see or hear something in a vision (this can be like a movie clip, a colour, an item etc), experience a feeling, idea or smell, become aware of a deeper emotion etc.
- Be attentive in your inner man/spirit, because that is where the action is with intercession.

9. LEARN TO LISTEN

- Thank the Lord for whatever He shared with you, give Him all thanks and praise.
- Share what you feel the Lord is showing you by telling / writing down what you

saw, felt, thought – NO MATTER HOW SILLY IT MAY SEEM TO YOU. It is so easy to dismiss something, because we feel people may laugh or think we are crazy. Often times what you see might not make any sense to you, but could mean the world to the person hearing the message. Remember that God is speaking to you about another person’s crisis. His will for them, encouraging them etc.

- When saying what you feel you saw or heard, you have to give the person time to process what you said and they have to respond by either praying about it or maybe, just maybe saying, “oh thank You Lord, I was not sure if I should choose A or B and now You have shown clearly that this one is the right choice” – you may be surprised.
- Despite our best efforts, we will not always get it right and are sure to miss it often times. As with anything else, the more you do it, the better you will learn to discern.
- Mistakes will be made, but rather they be made between fellow intercessors, where it is safe, where we can learn to hear His voice and grow together.

10. LEARN TO DISCERN – GET YOUR WORD CONFIRMED

- This is a VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT, since we can think our own thoughts, hear Satan, who always wants to mislead us or actually hear from the precious Holy Spirit of the Living God.
- We must get to know the Word of God, so as to enable us to test what we receive

against it – the Lord will not encourage anyone to sin or to do anything which is contrary to His character and principles.

- We also share with fellow believers, who will learn to distinguish and help us and we try and try again, if we struggle at first.
- If something is truly from God, He will confirm it by whatever means. If you receive something that sounds like a life change, the person will most probably already be drawn to, interested in or involved in what you said. The Lord confirms His will and purposes to us, as His children.

11. PRAY AND STAY IN WORSHIP AND INTIMACY WITH THE LORD

- Pray that the word will be fruitful in people's lives and that the Lord will guide them on what to do with such word.
- Be prepared to learn and adapt – no one person has all the knowledge and we can all learn from each other.

12. ON RECEIVING A WORD FROM SOMONE

- Thank the person and acknowledge their efforts.
- Bring this word into the light of the truth of God's Word and principles.
- Test the word in your own spirit and ask the Lord and fellow Christians you trust to see if they agree with this word.
- Be careful to just take anything from anyone – be cautious, but open for the Lord to speak to you.

- If this is confirmed as something for you, take it seriously and do what you need to do or sometimes you need to put the prophecy on the shelf, it could be meant for much later in life or it could be that a sincere person just made a mistake and it means nothing.
- Treat it with respect and be filled with the Spirit when deciding on what to do with a word received.

13. IN CLOSING

- This was a very short guideline on hearing the voice of the Lord and there still remains a lot to be said – be open to learn more and share with others as we grow together.
- IMPORTANT: Because I have not heard the voice of the Lord it DOES NOT MAKE ME A PROPHET, it only means I received GRACE to MOVE IN THE PROPHETIC and all HONOUR, GLORY and PRAISE, NOW AND FOREVERMORE BELONGS TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.



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***BECOME STILL AND WAIT ON GOD
TO HEAR HIS HEART FOR OTHERS***

INTERCESSION

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Come with a sincere heart that is after God and remember the biggest ability He wants from You is availability. This is a very basic guideline to get us on the right track.

1. BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD – PS 46:10

- Become quiet and focused – be in a space of quiet and peace (if at all possible).
- Acknowledge that you need Christ and that you love Him (worship/ prayer/ praise).
- Realise that you can do nothing without the living Christ Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

2. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE US – 1 JOHN 1:9

- Confess known sin and repent therefrom.
- Ask the Lord to show you unknown or unconfessed sin – confess and repent.
- Do not overthink and go look for things. In His mercy, He will show you when you are sincerely seeking intimacy with Him – the important thing is to be at peace with the Lord Jesus Christ.