

Lesson 6 - Prayer

Ages 12 Upwards including Youth & Adults

In this lesson, we will be studying ten different kinds of prayer.

Eph 6:18: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (NIV)

In this scripture, Paul is asking the people to pray with all kinds of prayers.

These are recorded in the mnemonic: '**I N T E R C E D E S.**'

PART A

Provide scriptural examples and explanations for these different kinds of prayers.

- I - INSTANT
- N - NUISANCE (HARASSING, PERSISTENT, RECURRING, REPETITIVE)
- T - THANKSGIVING
- E - EARNEST (SINCERE, DESPERATE, SERIOUS)
- R - REVELATORY (PRAYING THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD)
- C - COOPERATIVE (AGREEMENT)
- E - EXPECTANT (PRAYER OF FAITH)
- D - DECLARATION (PROCLAMMATION, SPEAKING FORTH, DECREEEING)
- E - EXALTATION (PRAYER IN THE CONTEXT OF PRAISE)
- S - SPIRIT (PRAYING WITH THE SPIRIT, PRAYER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

I - INSTANT

Praying at the same time as the need arises. This is praying on the spot.

- Hezekiah prayed immediately after hearing Isaiah's prophetic declaration.

Refer Neh. 2:2-5

- The psalmist prayed in his distress.

Ps 118:5 "I called on the LORD in distress; the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place." (NKJ)

N - NUISANCE

This is the kind of prayer that harasses God. It is characterized by monotonous persistence.

Acts 12:5 - Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. (NKJ)

The church prayed persistently for Peter for more than 6 days. When Peter was miraculously released through the prayers of the church, he went to the house of Rhoda where prayers were in session.

Acts 12:

- **13: "And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.**
- **14: When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.**
- **15: But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."**
- **16: Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. (NKJ)**

The underlined verses indicate that although this was a faithless prayer session, God answered this prayer. Reason: THE PRAYER WAS PERSISTENT AND HARASSING.

- Jacob refused to let go until the Lord blessed him.

Gen 32:26 "And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"(NKJ)

Another example of a nuisance prayer is known as a 'P-U-S-H' prayer.

This means Pray Until Something Happens.

T - THANKSGIVING

This is a prayer where we give God thanks even before He answers.

- Jesus thanked the Father for hearing Him before Lazarus came out of the tomb.

John 11:41 "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me." (NKJ)

- ONLY when Jonah began to THANK God, his prayer got answered.

Jonah 2:9 "But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."(NKJ)

1. Jonah CONFESSED his error – **Jonah 1:12 [NIV]**

Result: He was thrown overboard – **Jonah 1:15**

2. He PRAYED – *Jonah 2:2*

Result: He sank into the depths of the sea. *Jonah 2:3*

3. He REPENTED – *Jonah 2:4*

Result: Seaweed was wrapped around his head – *Jonah 2:5*

Jonah's problem continued to get worse.

4. He began to thank God -

Jonah 2:9 "But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you...."

Result: *Jonah 2:10 "And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land."*

During his experience, Jonah offered "a song of thanksgiving" to God. This act of thanksgiving in his prayer made the fish sick, affecting his deliverance.

E - EARNEST

This prayer involves sincerity, depth and desperation. This may be demonstrated in some of the following ways:

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL e.g. SWEATING

Jesus cried out to God.

Luke 22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.(NKJ)

2. TEARS

This is crying out to God with deep desperation.

- *1 Sam 1:9-10*

9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.(NKJ)

3. CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

When we feel convicted by the Holy Spirit because of something we know we might have done wrong, we can offer an earnest prayer of repentance to God. When we do this, we confess our sins to God and repent.

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJ)

- *Dan 9:5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.(NKJ)*
- *Neh 9:33 However You are just in all that has befallen us; for You have dealt faithfully, but we have done wickedly.*

4. FASTING

Fasting is a form of an earnest prayer to God. We can replace meal times with studying the Word of God.

- **2 Sam 12:16**

David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.(NKJ)

5. LOUD VOICE

Sometimes when praying earnestly, we could be loud in our prayers.

- **Ezek 11:13**

Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?"(NKJ)

6. PERSEVERANCE IN ADVERSITY – e.g. SYROPHOENICAN WOMAN

She overcame the selfishness of the disciples as they did not want her to approach Jesus:

Matt 15:23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. (KJV)

She overcame prejudice: Matt 15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (KJV)

She worshiped even though she was rejected: *Matt 15:25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. (KJV)*

She overcame insult: *Matt 15:27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. (KJV)*

Jesus commended her FAITH - her earnest persistence.

R - REVELATORY - there are 2 aspects to this prayer: **PROPHETIC AND OBSERVATION.**

PROPHETIC

Prayer following the revelation of the will of God.

Ananias prayed for Paul after the revelation of the will of God. (Refer Acts 9:10-18)

OBSERVATION

This is a state of continual vigilance - watching for temptation points and devices of the enemy, and praying accordingly.

Matt 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."(NKJ)

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.(NKJ)

C - COOPERATIVE

This is the prayer of agreement.

Matt 18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.(NKJ)

Hezekiah was a righteous king. He waged war against idolatry. After his deeds of faithfulness, he was attacked by Sennacherib the Assyrian king, an enemy that was beyond his military capabilities. The Assyrian boasted of unbroken success, stripped him of his wealth, undermined his authority and tempted the people of Judah with better prospects. Hezekiah responds with the prayer of agreement.

2 Chr 32:20-21

20Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven.

21Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there. (NKJ)

God answers both Hezekiah's and Isaiah's prayers and destroyed the Assyrian camp.

E - EXPECTANT

This is believing that you will receive what you have prayed for. Expectant prayers are prayers of faith.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.(NKJ)

James 5:15

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. (NKJ)

This kind of prayer demands a demonstration of expectancy which may be seen in 3 areas:

1. ATTITUDE

1.1 BOLDNESS

David boldly confronted Goliath because he expected God to deliver him.

1.2 REJOICING IN TRIBULATION IE BEING HAPPY DURING BAD TIMES

Paul and Silas were praying with hope even though they were in prison.

Acts 16:25

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.(NKJ)

2. SPEECH

Positivity and thanksgiving demonstrate that you believe that your prayers will be answered. This means that whatever we say, we must confess and believe that our prayers will be answered.

3. SIGNS

There are physical signs that demonstrate expectancy.

Abraham accepted his name change from Abram to Abraham at a time when he had no children. Abram means exalted father and Abraham means father of multitudes.

Building a garage when you are praying for God to bless you with a car.

Carrying an umbrella, in the season of drought when you are praying for rain.

Elijah posted his servant to look, for he expected rain, when he prayed. Refer ***1 Kings 18:41-43***

All of the above are signs of prayers of expectancy.

D - DECLARATION

This is saying or declaring the solution before asking God or without asking God.

Mark 11:13-14

13And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. And when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it. (NKJ)

Mark 11:20-26

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.

24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

26 "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."(NKJ)

Peter marvelled that Jesus' declaration dried up the fig tree. Jesus taught declaration in the context of prayer (vs. 24, 25). Jesus reveals 3 conditions for anyone who wants to operate at this level:-

1. HAVE FAITH IN GOD.
2. DO NOT DOUBT BUT BELIEVE THAT THOSE THINGS YOU SAY WILL COME TO PASS.
3. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST ANYONE, FORGIVE.

If God gave the power of declaration to anyone walking in unforgiveness, many folk will find themselves in the sea.

We are a royal priesthood - king priests. The issuing of decrees is a kingly prerogative.

The following scriptures also validate a believer's authority to make declarations.

Matt 18:18

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever **you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**(NKJ)

Prov 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.(NKJ)

Job 22:28

You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.(NKJ)

EXAMPLES:

1. THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

Although her son was dead, she declared "it is well", because she believed that Elisha was a true man of God. *Refer II Ki 4:23*

2. THE APOSTLE PAUL

Paul declared blindness over Elymas the sorcerer for hindering him in his ministry to the proconsul. Declaration was believed to be the teaching of the Lord (vs 12). *Refer Acts 13:8-12*

3. THE APOSTLE PETER

Peter declared healing of the lame man. *Refer Acts 3:6-9*

E - EXALTATION

This is praise and worship unto God.

Jehoshaphat was a righteous king. He instituted righteous reforms in Judah. He demanded integrity in his judges. After these deeds of faithfulness, he was surrounded by enemies much greater than his military prowess. He sought the Lord and declared a fast throughout Judah. In the midst of the congregation, he declared God's dominion and the nation's dependence on Him. Following the prophetic promise of victory, he appointed singers to praise the Lord as they went into the battle field. In the atmosphere of praise God defeated the enemy - Jehoshaphat's prayer was answered.

This is recorded 2 Chr 20:21-22

Paul and Silas were delivered from prison following prayer with praise.

Refer Acts 16:25-26

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. (KJV)

S - SPIRIT

1. PRAYING WITH THE SPIRIT

1 Cor 14:14-15

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. (NKJ)

This kind of prayer entails praying in tongues - an exercise of the gift of the Spirit. This prayer does not involve the mind.

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYING

Rom 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.(NKJ)

Here the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

PART B

1. SUPPORT THE SCRIPTURE BELOW WITH EVIDENCE FROM SCRIPTURE.

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.(NKJ)

It is not prayer that avails much, but the state of the individual that determines the outcome of prayer.

David was a righteous man in God's eyes.

Listed below are the different kinds of prayers that David offered unto The Lord.

1.1 THE PRAYER OF DAVID

2 Sam 22:1 'Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. (NKJ)

When David was surrounded by his enemies, he offered 4 kinds of prayers:

EXALTATION PRAYER - *Sam 22:4-7*

4 'I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;

EXPECTANT PRAYER - *so shall I be saved from my enemies.*

5 'When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

6 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me.

INSTANT PRAYER - *7 'In my distress I called upon the LORD, and*

EARNEST PRAYER - *cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry entered His ears. (NKJ)*

David's prayer was followed by an unusual demonstration of power:-

- a) earthquake vs. 8
- b) rainstorm vs. 12,13
- c) thundering and lightning vs.14 and 15

2 Sam 22:20

He also brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me because He delighted in me.(NKJ)

In vs. 20 David reveals the reason for this flamboyant demonstration of power in his deliverance - God delivered him because God delighted in him. The Lord delighted in David because of his righteousness.

2 Sam 22:21-25

21 *"The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has recompensed me.*

22 *For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.*

23 *For all His judgments were before me; and as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.*

24 *I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.*

David's righteousness included:-

1) **CLEAN HANDS** - *according to the cleanness of my hands he has recompensed me.*

2) **CLEAN FEET** - *For I have kept the ways of the LORD*

3) **CLEAN HEART** - *I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.*

2 Sam 22:25 - 'Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes.'

1.2 THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

James 5:16 ... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJ)

God answered Jabez' prayer because he was more honourable than his brothers - not because of his pain or the fact that he prayed. The issue was his standing before God.

Refer: *1 Chr 4:9-10*

1.3 THE PRAYER OF SAMUEL

Samuel came to God.

1 Sam 2:18 - But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod. (NKJ)

The Word of God came to Samuel.

1 Sam 3:21 - Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD. (NKJ)

The Word of Samuel came to Israel.

1 Sam 3:19 - So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. (NKJ)

1 Sam 4:1 - And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. (NKJ)

1 Sam 2:26

And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men. (NKJ)

In the midst of an evil and adulterous generation, in the house of Eli, Samuel drew close to God. The perverse environment did not affect his relationship with God. He grew in favour both with God and men. He soon possessed the WORD OF THE LORD. None of HIS WORDS fell to the ground.

Refer 1 Sam 7:8-10

The children of Israel urged Samuel to intercede on their behalf because they recognized Samuel's righteous standing before God.

NOTICE SAMUEL'S CLEAN HANDS:

Refer 1 Sam 12:2-5

Samuel neither cheated nor used his position to oppress anyone. His righteousness was confirmed by the nation of Israel. It was Samuel's righteousness that influenced God to intervene when the nation was in crisis.

1 Sam 7:13

So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. (NKJ)

It must be noted that the prayers of David, Jabez and Samuel were answered because of their right standing with God and their righteous living.

2. WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is conformity to God's moral character - doing that which is right and just in God's eyes. It is "cleanness" in the eyes of God.

1 Jn 2:29 - If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. (NKJ)

Also refer to: Ezek 18:5-9

EXAMPLES OF RIGHT ACTIONS: (Found in mnemonic RIGHTEOUS)

A. REVERENTIAL SPEECH (CLEAN MOUTH)

Prov 16:13

Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. (KJV)

Reverential speech is righteous speech and it has the following characteristics:-

- SCRIPTURAL - Refer: *Phil 1:14 ; Col 3:16 ; Josh 1:8 ; Deut 11:19 ; Titus 2:8*
- PROPHETIC - Refer: *1 Pet 4:11*
- EXEMPLARY – Refer: *1 Tim 4:12*
 - EDIFYING – Refer: *Prov 10:11 ; James 4:11 ; Eph 4:29 ; Prov 10:21; Ps 15:1-3*
 - COURTEOUS – Refer: *Prov 10:32 ; Prov 15:28; Col 4:6; Eph 5:4; Phil 2:14*
 - HONEST – Refer: *Eph 4:25*

B. INTERNAL PURITY (CLEAN HEART)

Ps 24:4 - He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 - He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (NKJ)

Characterized by:-

- Blamelessness/Innocence
Refer: *Phil 1:10; Phil 2:15; 2 Sam 22:24; Ps 17:3; Num 16:15; 2 Cor 4:2*
- Right Thoughts - Refer: *Prov 12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right, but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.(NKJ)*
- Secret Acts Of Righteousness:
 - Jacob - Recorded in *Gen 31*
 - Joseph - Recorded in *Gen 39:8-9*
 - Nehemiah – Recorded in *Neh 5:14-15*

- Strong Personal Conviction

Refer: [1 Sam 24:5-6](#)

- Good Desires - [Prov 11:23](#)

C. GOOD WORKS (CLEAN HANDS)

- SERVING YOUR ENEMY- [Rom 12:20](#) - 'Therefore if your enemy is hungry, feed him.'
- REFUSING BRIBES - [Exod 23:8](#) "And you shall take no bribe"; [Ps 15:1-5](#)
- CARING FOR THE NEEDY - [Isa 58:7-8](#) [Isa 58:7-8](#): "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?"
[Ezek18:7](#): "but has given his bread to the hungry and covered the naked with clothing;"
- GIVING - [Prov 21:26](#) "but the righteous gives and does not spare."
- CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION - [Prov 12:10](#) "A righteous man regards the life of his animal,"

D. HUMILITY - [Luke 18:14](#) "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

E. TEMPERANCE - Refer: [Dan 1:8](#); [Rom 13:14](#); [1 Cor 9:27](#); [Titus 2:12](#)

F. EQUITY (FAIRNESS) (CLEAN EYES) - Refer: [2 Chr 19:6-7](#); [Prov 28:21-22](#); [Ezek 18:5-9](#); [John 7:24](#)

G. OBEDIENCE (CLEAN FEET) – Refer: [Luke 1:6](#); [Prov 13:6](#); [1 Cor 15:34](#); [Ps 18:20-22](#)

H. UNCOMPROMISING (CLEAN KNEES) – Refer: [Job 17:9](#); [II Ki 22:2](#); [Dan 3:18](#); [Acts 4:19-20](#)

I. SINCERITY (CLEAN LOINS) – Refer: [Lev 19:35-36](#); [Deut 25:15-16](#); [Prov 11:1](#); [2 Cor 1:12](#); [John 1:47](#); [1Thes 2:3-4](#)

J. BELIEVING GOD - [Gal 3:6](#) "Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

3. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS:

- Whatever conforms to the revealed will of God.
- Right action
- Whatever is right or just in the eyes of God.

THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS APPLY TO THE RIGHTEOUS:-

1. DELIVERANCE

- *Ps 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."*
- *Ps 37:40 "And the LORD shall help them and deliver them,"*
- *Prov 11:8 "The righteous is delivered from trouble"*

EVEN HIS POSTERITY WILL BE DELIVERED - *Prov 11:21*

e.g. ABIJAM - Refer: *1 Kings 15:3-5*

2. IMMOVABILITY (STABILITY/SECURITY) - Refer: *Ps 37:17; Prov 24:16; Ps 55:22; Prov 10:30; Prov 12:3; Prov 12:7*

3. KINGDOM OF GOD - Refer: *Matt 25:33-34; 1 Jn 2:29 "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him."*

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS FOR THOSE WHO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS. *Eph 5:5; Gal 5:21; Rev 22:14-15*

4. ANSWERED PRAYER - *James 5:16 "Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results."*

Ps 34:17 "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Ps 34:15; Prov 10:24; Prov 15:29

5. ILLUMINATION - *Prov 3:32 "For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, but His secret counsel is with the upright.*

6. OVERSIGHT - Refer: *Ps 34:15 "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry."*

7. SUCCESS/SATISFACTION – Refer: *Isa 33:15-16; Prov 11:28; Prov 10:3*

- *Ps 92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,*

- *Ps 37:19 "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied."*
- *Ps 37:25 "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread."*

8. UPGRADE

- *2 Sam 3:1 "... David grew stronger and stronger and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker."*
- *Job 17:9 "The righteous shall move onward and forward; those with pure hearts shall become stronger and stronger."*

9. NEPOTISM -

- *Ps 5:12 "For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield."*

10. EXULTATION (JOY) - Prov 29:6; Prov 10:28; Ps 118:15

- *Ps 64:10 "The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him..."*
- *Ps 97:11 "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."*
- *12 "Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."*