

Pastor Bill's  
LITTLE KNOWN BIBLE FACTS  
**Living in God's Will-Step 3 PRAYER**

Living and discovering God's will for our life is a step by step process that mirrors all of the cycles we find in the Scriptures beginning with the six days of creation making 7 steps. Today we are focusing on "step 3". You can find previous steps on our website (see below).

Once we acknowledge God as Creator and let His Word be our guide we recognize that He is God and we are not. This creates a worshipful setting that leads to PRAYER. We normally think of prayer as sharing our grocery-list of needs with God, hoping that He will accommodate our physical desires and relieve our stress and fears. This is not the type of prayer that the Hebrews or the disciples were familiar with. Prayer was a time of seeking God and listening for what He saw was our need. The High Priest would enter the Holy of Holys and the people would be gathered in the outer courts praising God for what they had experienced and recalling all of the miraculous things that God had done for them since the last time they gathered.

Prayer of this type reaches out to allow the holy Spirit of God to tell us what to pray for. The Bible tells us that we don't even know what to pray unless we are guided by God's Spirit. Our cycle continues in Chapter 1 of Acts verse 4-5 where Jesus tells them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the holy Ghost. Then verses 8-12 where they only gazed after Jesus when he ascended and God sent back two messengers to remind them of their instructions to go back to Jerusalem. What did they do there? They along with the women waited in anticipatory prayer v14.

How often do we listen for God to give us direction on what to pray for. He knows our needs before we ask. If we are focused on what we think, we probably will have little time to hear what God has for us.

So step 3 is asking God to guide and direct our prayers and listening for what to pray for. It takes patience and time and devotion to the Word of God, but if we seek Him we will find Him when we seek Him with all of our heart (Jeremiah 29:13) unselfishly and desiring to be an asset to the Kingdom of God.

For more information on the spiritual cycle, contact Pastor Bill or Linda Pulscher through our website at [www.ChristianMissionConnection.org](http://www.ChristianMissionConnection.org).