



## Group Discussion and Application

1. Share the best advice you ever received on the subject of praying.
2. Thinking thru your own prayers and the prayer lists you maintain, for what kinds of things do we most often pray?
- 3.. Why is so much of our praying consumed with the physical/external man rather than the inner man? Why do we often fail to pray for the spiritual maturity of other believers as a primary focus in our prayers for others?
4. Consider each of the common needs of the external man listed below, and discuss how we might specifically pray for the inner man in the face of each of these conditions:
  - illness and failing health
  - financial strain
  - loss of a job
  - school exams
5. In our praying, how do we know when we are asking the right things and in the right way?
6. Paul was clear to tell others he was praying for their growth in Christ. What would it mean to you personally to have others tell you they are praying for your spiritual growth? Why don't we make this a common practice in the church today?
7. If Christ is continually and increasingly indwelling us as believers, what should that look like in practical terms?
8. How can we develop a greater appreciation of Christ's love for us?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Based on today's study, what changes do you need to make in your own personal prayer life?
2. List the names of some for whom you would like to pray for increasing spiritual maturity.



## Family Homework

1. As a family, begin praying thru the church directory.
2. How would you like your family to pray for your spiritual development?



# Powerful Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21

**1** The \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul's prayer.

**2** The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's prayer.

**3** The \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul's prayer.

**4** The \_\_\_\_\_ in Paul's prayer.