

**WEEK 10: THE FIVE-AND-FIVE PRINCIPLE—
FIVE YOU CAN WIN
BY PRAYER**

**DAY 1: THE FIVE-AND-FIVE
PRINCIPLE**

Read Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1,3-4,8.

Look at your left hand. Use the fingers to count five people you know right now who will **not** permit you to talk about Jesus with them. These people are cold. Maybe they make fun of your life in Christ. You have a strong wish to share your new life with them so they may also enjoy it. But they will not listen to your talk about Jesus Christ.

What can you do? PRAY FOR THEM!

Look at your right hand. Use those fingers to count five people you know right now who **will** permit you to talk about Jesus with them. They may not be ready to let Christ control their lives. They are curious about the changes they see in your life.

What can you do? WITNESS TO THEM!

You will have fewer friends who are not Christians as you grow in your Christian life. People who recently became saved have more friends who are not saved than they will ever have again. It

is **important** for you to do everything you can do now to share Christ with those people.

Your Bible study next week will focus on **witnessing**. But the power of **prayer** is more important than witnessing. It can work with people who **will** and people who **will not** let you share Christ with them. A successful Christian said, "You can do **more** than pray, **after** you have prayed. BUT YOU CAN DO NOTHING MORE THAN PRAY—UNTIL YOU HAVE PRAYED."

Look now at Philippians 4:6. Put the word **anxious** in place of careful if you are using the **King James Version**. This verse tells us there is one thing we can do instead of **worrying**. What can **you** do?

Does this verse put any **limits** on things you can pray about?

You **as a Christian can talk to God about everything**. What is prayer? Prayer is **letting Christ use His power to work where there is a need**—in your life or in other people's lives. The answer to your prayer does not depend on your power in prayer. It depends on His power to work and take care of the need. This is the reason praying for people you know who are not Christians is **asking Christ to work in their lives no matter what their attitude is about your witnessing**.

Read 1 Timothy 2:1. Paul told us in this verse that prayer needs to be made **for whom?** _____

Praying **for all people** may seem to be too much. Paul

explained in 1 Timothy 2:3-4 **two reasons why** God wants us to pray.

1. _____
2. _____

God wants everyone to be saved. He wants everyone to know the truth. You should pay attention to how God wants these things to happen. Paul said in 1 Timothy 2:8 one more thing that **God wants**. What is it?

The talk about **lifting up hands** in 1 Timothy 2:8 reminds us that this was the **normal way for people to pray** in Paul's lifetime. You, too, may stand with your hands lifted up towards heaven. Or, you may kneel, be seated, or even be busy in some regular activity while you are praying.

The **position** of praying is not important. The **habit** of praying is important. You have learned by experience that the **habit of prayer** and the **habit of Bible study** go together. Do you remember a memory verse telling you that God's Holy Spirit talks to you through the words written in your Bible?

_____ (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

Your new verse to learn this week is **Philippians 4:6**. It is the first one you were asked to read today. Do more than only memorize it. Do it.

Use the chart to become ready to use the **Five-and-Five Principle** in your life as a Christian. Carefully list in the left column the names of **five people** who **will not** permit you to talk with them about Jesus Christ. Prayerfully list in the right column the names of **five people** who **will** let you talk with them about new life in Jesus Christ.

THESE FRIENDS WILL
NOT LET ME SHARE
CHRIST WITH THEM

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

THESE FRIENDS ARE
OPEN TO MY SHARING
CHRIST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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DAY 2: A LITTLE FAITH IS ENOUGH

Read Matthew 17:20; 21:21-22; James 1:5-8; John 6:37.

You have been asked during this time in the SURVIVAL KIT to use your hand in two different ways. Yesterday you looked at your fingers. You were asked to think of **five people on one hand** and then **five more people on the other hand**. What two groups of people are you supposed to remember on your two hands?

You were asked to remember on your left hand **five people who will not let you share Christ with them**. You were asked to remember on your right hand **five people who will let you share Christ**. The first group you can **pray for**. The second group you can **both pray for and witness to**. Your hands can remind you how the **Five-and-Five Principle** works in your life as a Christian.

The other way you have used your hand as a reminder was back in the beginning of the SURVIVAL KIT. Remember and list the meaning of the numbers 1-2-3-4-5 as they go on your hand to help you remember **five things** you have studied.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5-And-_____

You should have written

1 BODY

2 NATURES

3 THINGS ABOUT SALVATION

4 KINDS OF AUTHORITY

5-AND-5 PRINCIPLE

Maybe you need to study again that part of your SURVIVAL KIT if you had any problems remembering these **five things**. Read the beginning of your SURVIVAL KIT again. Which one thing above must **work closely together** with the others?

You have remembered that **I BODY** in Christ, the church, has a special relationship to the other things you have learned. What about the hand itself? What does it help you remember? What is more important to your Christian life than any of the other things you have learned?

CHRIST, LIVING IN ME AND CONTROLLING EVERYTHING is what you should remember when you look at your hand and fingers together. What verse reminds you that these things may seem foolish to other people even though they are important to you?

(1 Cor. 2:14).

Now read Matthew 21:21-22 and James 1:5-8. Do the verses you read cause you to feel discouraged or depressed as you think about praying for the salvation of your friends? They might. Write here the fear you feel about praying for other people.

Maybe you wrote some words like this: **"If my faith isn't strong enough, God will not answer my prayers. Prayer is**

not for me. I'm honest to admit that I have weak faith."

Read another Bible verse (John 6:37, NLV). "I will never turn away anyone who comes to Me." Jesus said this about people. **How much faith** do you need to have for Jesus to answer your prayers? Jesus said that faith as small as a mustard seed is enough. Read Matthew 17:20. Do you have enough faith to pray and talk to Jesus about your needs? That is enough. He has promised that He **will not turn away** anyone who trusts Him.

Jesus will help you with **doubts** if you have enough faith to tell Him about them. Don't feel your faith is so weak it will do no good to pray. **PRAYER IS LETTING JESUS' POWER WORK WHERE THERE IS A NEED—IN YOUR LIFE OR OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.**

Is your faith in Jesus **enough** to **ask** Him to use His power to show Himself to your **Five-and-Five** people? Then, it is enough. The best faith is when a person admits his limits. He leaves everything to Jesus. Don't be afraid you will limit Jesus' power by your faith. Pray.

The only way you will learn about the power of praying in reaching people to become saved is to **pray** for them. Think today of each of the people on your five-and-five list from yesterday. Give them to Jesus one at a time. Pray about a specific thing in each life. Invite Jesus to touch that need with His power. Then wait and see what happens. God has His own time for answering. And **answer He will!**

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DAY 3: THREE PARTS OF
PRAYER**

Read Matthew 7:7-11.

The title of today's study should sound familiar (**Three Parts of Prayer**). You have also learned about **three parts of**

They are these: _____

The three parts of **salvation** are **past, present, and future**. These are not the same as the three things we will study about **prayer**. All of these are part of your **present fellowship with God**. What memory verse tells you that it will be **useful** or will **profit** you to have an **everyday fellowship with God by Bible study**?

_____ (2 Tim. 3:16).

What memory verse tells you that you can and should have **constant communication with God by prayer**?

_____ (Phil. 4:6).

Now read Matthew 7:7-8. We often describe praying as **talking with God**. These verses from Matthew explain praying as **three things**. You can see **three parts of prayer** in the three words that are used. Write a list of these three actions. Then write how God answers each action.

ACTION	ANSWER
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Did you think it was easy to find the right answers in Matthew 7:7-8. You should find it easy to memorize these verses. It is a little long. It is also easy because it uses the same words again and again. Start learning it now.

Think about the three words used to discuss prayer in Matthew

7:7-8.

Asking means requesting something you already know about. "Lord Jesus, I ask you to bring my friend to **know your love.**" You already know about Christ's love. You now want your friend who is not a Christian to know about Jesus' love, too.

Looking (seeking) means asking for an answer you do **not** know about. "Lord Jesus, show me what I can do to show your love to my friend. I don't know what to do now."

Knocking means asking Christ to take care of something you cannot do. "Lord Jesus, serious sin problems in my friend's life have caused him not to want to hear about You. Please cause his heart to become open to You. Please show him how You can help him."

Read Matthew 7:9-11. These verses compare several things. Which **comparison** is the most important?

The most important comparison in Matthew 7:9-11 is not about bread or stone, fish or snake. The most important is the comparing of **earthly fathers** who know how to take care of their children to the **Heavenly Father**. What do these verses tell you about God's answering when you **ask, seek, and knock**?

Do you agree with this sentence explaining what Matthew 7:9-11 says? "If **human fathers** give what their children ask for,

then the **Heavenly Father** will give even more." When you are thinking about the **Five-and-Five Principle**, what are you asking your Father to give you?

You are asking your Heavenly Father to give you **salvation for five people whom you can only pray for. They will not let you share Christ** with them. Think about the three parts of prayer. What can you **ask, seek, knock** for today in your prayer for those five people?

1. NAME: _____ ASK: _____

SEEK: _____ KNOCK: _____

2. NAME: _____ ASK: _____

SEEK: _____ KNOCK: _____

3. NAME: _____ ASK: _____

SEEK: _____ KNOCK: _____

4. NAME: _____ ASK: _____

SEEK: _____ KNOCK: _____

5. NAME: _____ ASK: _____

SEEK: _____ KNOCK: _____

Your **Heavenly Father** will answer your prayers. **WATCH AND WAIT!**

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**DAY 4: PRAYER IS
IMPORTANT**

Read Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; 22:39-41.

Paul knew that **prayer is important**. Write here a verse Paul wrote that proves Paul knew prayer is important.

_____ (Phil. 4:6).

The Lord Jesus also knew that **prayer is important**. Write here a verse Jesus said that proves He knew prayer is important.

_____ (Matt. 7:7-8)

Now read Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; and Luke 22:39-41. These verses tell us **where** Jesus went to pray. You should be able to list three places.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What time of day did Jesus choose for prayer time? You should be able to write two prayer times.

1. _____
2. _____

Jesus prayed **on the mountain in a place where He could be alone** and **on the Mount of Olives**. He prayed **at night** and **at early morning**. **Why**, in your opinion, did Jesus choose these times and places for prayer?

Luke 22:41 might help you with the answer. Jesus walked away about as far as a stone can be thrown from His disciples (Luke 22:41). He chose **times and places when He could be alone with God** the Father. **Which verses** show you that **prayer was a lifetime habit** for Jesus?

Did you see these words (“**as He had been doing**”) in Luke 22:39 (NLV)? **How long** did Jesus sometimes pray? **Which verse** tells you that?

Luke 6:12 tells you that sometimes Jesus prayed all night. Think what this means. Jesus was always talking to God. Sometimes He needed time to get away from the pressure and to pray. The Lord Jesus felt it was necessary to have a habit of praying. What **about you**? Would **you** profit from this habit?

Look at your left hand. Think about the **Five-and-Five Principle**. What do you think would happen if you spent the same time in **prayer** for them that you would like to spend witnessing or studying the Bible with them?

Growing in Christ means having your priorities (what is important to you) in right order. You did many things before you became saved that are now **low priority (not important to you)**. You may need to make a careful decision to have time for prayer time because old habits are hard to break. When and where do you—or will you—pray for your not-yet Christian friends? This is important? You may need to **think about it today** and to **change it before tomorrow!**

What could you take out (cancel or change) in your schedule that would give you a special time and place to pray for those five people who cannot be reached any other way?

How much time will it require to tell Christ all the things about the five people? You need to **ask, seek, and knock** for them in

your praying.

Will you **add** these five people to your regular Quiet Time? Or, will you have a **different time** for this?

What will be the best **place** for you to have special prayer for your friends?

What **time of day** will you pray for them?

Then in God's time you will see **prayer only** will change your friends. Is this serious to you? You will become happy to see them become curious about your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You will know **personally** the great power there is in prayer. **PRAYER IS IMPORTANT.**



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DAY 5: PRAYER BRINGS
POWER TO WIN**

Read John 14:13-14; Matthew 28:18-20.

Are you already using the **Five-and-Five Principle** in your life? Are you praying for five people who will **not** let you talk to them about Christ? Are you **asking, seeking, knocking** in your prayers as you tell Christ about the needs your five friends have? Write here the verse that tells you about these three parts to your praying.

(Matt. 7:7-8).

Jesus also taught people some other important things about praying. Read what Jesus said in John 14:13-14. Each verse tells you to ask for things in a special way when you pray. The teaching is given two times:

You are to ask **in the name of** _____ .
You make your requests in the name of Jesus whose power can make you become free to work? _____

God the Father, who is **all-powerful**, will have **glory from Christ the Son** when you pray in Jesus' name. Now read Matthew 28:18-20. These verses tell us **how much power** comes when we pray in Jesus name. How much is it?

“All power . . . in heaven and on earth.” That is amazing! That means all that power is for you when you pray **in Jesus' name**.

Hint: Matthew 28:18-20 is your memory verse for next week. It is also the longest verse to memorize since the beginning of the SURVIVAL KIT. You might want to start working on it now.

Now look at your hand. You have been using your hands to remember **five people you can win by prayer and five you can win by witnessing**. You have also been using your hands and fingers to remember the things you have been learning in the SURVIVAL KIT. Write below what should be written on the **hand**, the **thumb**, and on **each finger**. Do your best!

Check yourself to be sure you remembered everything correctly. Now think again about the five people who **will not** let you

witness to them and the five people who **will** let you.

Learn a lesson from the Five-and-Five Principle. Have you decided it is easier to pray for people who will let you witness than for people who will not let you witness? Maybe you think that the five people you can only pray for will be the last to become saved because they are harder to reach.

ARE THEY? You must not accept the idea that five are harder than the other five! What you think is hard or easy is fully different to God. Your decisions about who is hard or easy will hurt your prayer life. You are asking the One with all power **on earth and heaven** to touch their lives when you pray **in the name of Jesus** for your friends.

Saul of Tarsus was a powerful enemy of Christians a long time ago. No one could witness to him. He was full of hate. He enjoyed causing trouble and pain to the Christians. But the power of Christ used a disciple's death to cause Saul to become saved.

Do not think your prayers are weak for the five people who are hard and reject Christ. Never doubt He is able to do what you ask when you ask the Lord to enter a life through **asking, seeking, and knocking**. In **His name** is all the power in the universe.

