

\*A PRAYER WARRIOR: Knows who to pray to and why they are praying with a fervor that won't let go.

## \*Prayer with a Heavenly Purpose.

\*John 17:1: Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

- 1. V:1-3 Jesus connects the glory dots in the purpose of prayer.
  - **A.** V:1 Jesus is not seeking glory for glory's sake but to elevate His Father.

**Prayer Warriors see** their prayers as a child that runs to their good, good Father.

B. V:2 Jesus is praying so others may receive eternal life. (Role model)

The tandem relationship of Jesus and His Father working on our behalf.

C. V:3 Jesus understood the cross was a form of humiliation to the world, but it would now be an instrument of purifying creation and glorifying the Father.

**Knowing God is Eternal life.** It's not knowledge about God but a relationship of knowing Him as God. (Obedience)

Here's a thought: What you think is humiliation now may actually be a jewel in your crown later.

2. V:4-5 Jesus' deity is revealed. Isaiah 42:8 & 48:11 Father, glorify your Son is a crucial request.

**Isaiah 42:8, 48:11** Says God won't share His glory with anyone.

\*Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.

The Father and Son sharing glory mean they are both Yahweh/God!

The Purpose of the Gospel of John was to leave signs to future generations that Jesus is the Son of God.

## \*Prayer is to be taught, but when it is manifested, we experience its power.

\*John 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the Son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

1. V:6-8 Jesus spoke of the many names of God. His demonstration (manifestation) of God's names is better!

## "I AM"

The Bread: The sustainer of human life. John 6:35 The Light: The guide and insight to life. John 8:12 The Door: The only access to life. John 10:7

The Good Shepherd: The protector of life. John 10:11, 14

The Resurrection & Life: The guarantee of eternal life without the consequence of sin. John 11:25

The Way, Truth, and Life: The Direction and the absolutes within life. John 14:6

The True Vine: The sustainer of eternal life John 15:1

2. V:9-12, V:9, Why doesn't Jesus pray for the world?

1st. Jesus will not violate the will of those who are choosing to live under the world's influence.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Jesus is telling us that we don't have to be perfect to not be of this world.

**Jesus prayed about His disciples being saved or kept.** He was not asking them to be protected from physical harm or death but from spiritual death. Judas was the only apostle lost spiritually.

3. V:13-19 Jesus' prayer is to allow the truth to sanctify them.

Jesus understands truth alone will not sanctify (set apart a person) unless the truth is received.

## \*Prayers for future Generations.

\*John 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

1. V:20-23 Prayers for unity of Spirit.

**Unity is not a prayer for uniformity** that seeks to unite wheat and tares; They must not be connected. The same is true; the unity of institutions does not ensure the unity of the Spirit.

Our prayers must emphasize unity around the Word of Truth and Spirit.

2. V:24-26 Pray that a world that rejected and hated Jesus will see His love that willing died for us. Jesus is praying that the world would know God the Father.

**John 3:16** For God the Father so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.