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Prayer and Humility

Genesis 18:25-27; Luke 18:9-14; 1 John 5:14-15

AIM: To discern how to pray and the results of effective prayer.

KEY VERSE: “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” - Luke 18:14

CONCEPTS:

Genesis 18:25-27

1. Effective, bold prayer aligns with God's character.(v.25)
2. When humility and right relationship with God are present, prayer yields favorable results. (vv.26-27)

Luke 18:9-14:

3. Self-righteous prayers focus on comparison—elevating one's own goodness while diminishing others. (vv. 9-12)
4. God is not impressed by outward religion but delights in a humble heart.(vv. 13-14)

1 John 5:14-15:

5. Confidently approach God—praying according to Scripture and the Holy Spirit—assured that He will answer.(vv. 14-15)