

# Sermon Notes

## May 4, 2008

### “HOW TO PRAY MOST EFFECTIVELY (II Chronicles 20:1-30)

**Introduction:** We learned last week there is a difference in praying and {COMMITTING}. Today, we will learn there is much more to prayer than {JUST SAYING WORDS}. The Holy Spirit has left a {MODEL} for us to follow in praying effectively (Romans 15:4).

**I. SET ASIDE {TIME} TO SPEND WITH GOD!**

\*II Chronicles 20:3      \*Psalm 55:17      \*Matthew 7:7-8

**II. ADD {FASTING} TO YOUR PRAYERS!**

\*II Chronicles 20:3      \*Matthew 17:21      \*Matthew 6:16-18      \*Jeremiah 29:13

**III. WELCOME OTHER {PRAYER PARTNERS}!**

\*II Chronicles 20:4      \*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12      \*II Chronicles 7:14      \*Galatians 6:2

**IV. PRAY {SPECIFICALLY}!**

\*II Chronicles 20:4      \*James 4:2c      \*Acts 12:5

**V. COME TO THE {HOUSE} OF THE LORD AND PRAY!**

\*II Chronicles 20:5      \*Matthew 18:18-20      \*Psalm 133:1-3      \*James 5:16

**VI. FOCUS UPON {GOD} WHEN YOU PRAY!**

\*II Chronicles 20:6      \*Matthew 6:9-13      \*Isaiah 26:3-4      \*II Chronicles 20:12

**VII. AFFIRM YOUR {RELATIONSHIP} WITH GOD!**

\*II Chronicles 20:7      \*Luke 11:2      \*I Kings 18:36-38

**VIII. UTILIZE {SCRIPTURES} IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

\*II Chronicles 20:8-11      \*John 15:7      \*John 10:35b

**IX. {EXPECT} GOD TO ACT!**

\*II Chronicles 20:13-17      \*Hebrews 11:1      \*Hebrews 11:6      \*I John 5:14-15

**X. {CONFESS} YOUR FAITH THRU PRAISE AND GRATITUDE!**

\*II Chronicles 20:21-24      \*Mark 11:22-23      \*Matthew 9:29

**Conclusion:** This mighty answer to prayer encouraged believers and {CONVICTED} the unsaved! God's people did {NOT} fail to “bless their God” (II Chronicles 20:26-29).