

# *How to Have an Effective Prayer Life*

Nehemiah 1:5-11

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- Nehemiah is an Old Testament Jew, praying under the Old Testament law economy. We must keep this in mind. But there are some wonderful lessons that we can learn and apply to our lives as we study Nehemiah's prayer life.

**If we desire to have an effective prayer life, we must pray:**

## **Earnestly - vs. 6**

- Just as Nehemiah was earnest, Paul taught the church that we are to be earnest in our prayer lives.
- *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."* **Ephesians 6:18**

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## **- vs. 7**

- When you talk to God, you can lay open your \_\_\_\_\_ before Him.
- *"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."* **Romans 10:1**

## Intelligently - vs. 8-9

- Just as Nehemiah knew God's Word to him and his people, we must know God's Word and God's promises to us today.
- Just as Moses was Nehemiah's spokesman for his day, \_\_\_\_\_ is our spokesman.
- *"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."*  
**Romans 11:13**
- *"Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me."*  
**1 Corinthians 4:16**
- A believer today should make a thorough \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's thirteen letters and understand the commandments and promises that God has given to us through Paul.

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## \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 10-11

- Does God want us to pray about the details of our lives?
- *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* **Philippians 4:6**
- Based on your redeemed position in Christ, you can go to God and talk to Him about every \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.