

JFN Empower – Module 4 P1
From Devotion to Warfare

Lesson 1: Devotion and the Lord's Prayer:

Introduction:

Eph. 4: 11-13. *'11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.'* NLT

Welcome to JFN-Empower, our in-house training program consisting of 8 modules! Our aim is to equip every disciple of Jesus to do God's work and build up His church!

JFN Empower is an in-house training program and equipment for believers who are serious about serving God and fulfilling their purpose on earth. 1. Grounded (Joining JFN, Baptism and Children's Consecration) 2. The Power of Freedom (Encounter Saturday): Salvation, Deliverance, Restoration (7 places of bloodshed and 5 confessions), and Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Rivers of living water [tongues] – surrender, sacrifice, seek), short G12 Vision introduction. 3. Discovering My Eternal Identity. 4. From Devotion to Warfare. 5. The Joy of Serving (Volunteer Training). 6. Fulfilling My Purpose through the G12 Vision. 7. The Power of Inviting. 8. Deeper: His Rightful Place.

Our goal for JFN Empower is to issue a JFN Empower certificate to all graduates who pass after completing two years of learning, testing, and practicals. While equipping and empowering our members is an ongoing process, our aim is to teach these basic modules to help you fulfil your calling and bring glory to God! Our first graduation ceremony will take place by the end of 2028! Don't miss out!

The Meaning and Power of Devotion

Titus 2: 11-13. *'11 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. 12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.'* NLT

Col. 4: 2. *'Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving.'* AMP

Disciples of Jesus are called to live devoted lives to God. This devotion includes prayer, worship, studying God's Word, fasting and other spiritual disciplines. Without a life of devotion, it is impossible to have a relationship with God and to know His will for your life. A vibrant devotional life becomes the foundation for true intercession and spiritual warfare. Scripture shows that standing in the gap for others and resisting the schemes of the enemy are not mechanical activities but spiritual assignments entrusted to those who walk closely with God (Ezekiel 22:30; Ephesians 6:10–18). Only disciples who cultivate a personal, intimate relationship with the Father through prayer, worship, and the Word are equipped to pray with authority and engage in spiritual battle with discernment. Our private devotion fuels our spiritual effectiveness because it is in God's presence that we receive strength, insight, and the Holy Spirit's leading for intercession and warfare (Psalm 91:1; James 4:7–8).

- The Greek word for devotion is 'Proskartereo' (Strong's 4342, as in Col. 4: 2). The word devotion means to persevere, to continue steadfastly strengthening ourselves in Him, to wait on Him, and to cling to Him. Devotion also means loyalty, faithfulness, commitment, and affection, all of which refer to worshipping God! The context in which it is used also includes our obedience and commitment to God!
- True disciples of Jesus consistently prioritize their devotional life through careful planning. Although our relationship with God is always active and ongoing, we should still set aside specific times and places each day to meet Him and spend time with Him. (Read Matt. 6:6-9)
- God is inviting us to cultivate a deeper relationship with Him so that we can draw close to Him, grow strong in faith, and walk in purpose and authority.
- Jesus had a powerful devotional life and often withdrew from His disciples to spend time with His Father. They were intrigued by His devotion and worship, so they asked Him to teach them how to pray and cultivate the same kind of spiritual life.

The Lord's Prayer

Matt. 6:9-13. '9 *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'* NKJV

In Greek, the word for prayer is "proseuchomai," which signifies having a conversation with God, making requests to Him, and anticipating dialogue and answers as we meditate on His word (His Rightful Place, 2026:84). The key to effective prayer is partnering with the Holy Spirit and using the Lord's Prayer as our guide.

It is important to identify the key aspects of the Lord's Prayer that provide guidance on what and how we should pray.

Six Important Aspects or subtitles of the Lord's Prayer

- ****Praise and Worship**** - *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."* The first aspect of our prayer can be understood as Praise and Worship, which includes thanksgiving. Worship serves as a powerful way to begin our prayer time with God. It is a moment when we can connect with Him, express our gratitude, praise Him, and confess our love. There is so much for which to be thankful, to praise Him for, and to love Him! We must learn how to praise and worship and get good at it! One way to become an excellent worshipper is to study the Psalms.
- ****Intercession and Alignment with God's Will**** — *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* This part of the Lord's prayer gives us an opportunity to align our hearts with God's will and purposes. It is also a chance to be positioned as intercessors, standing in the gap for His kingdom — His reign and rule — to be established in our own lives and in the lives of our friends, families, colleagues, and communities. Scripture reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that the enemy has blinded the minds of unbelievers. Therefore, we have a responsibility to intercede — to stand between God and people in prayer. Intercession is not reserved for a select few who feel specially called to it; it is the calling and responsibility of every disciple of Jesus Christ.
- ****Receiving God's Provision**** *"Give us this day our daily bread."* This is a prayer opportunity to express our needs to God and seek His will or guidance for us. Jesus taught that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Receiving our daily bread also signifies receiving God's word, direction, and understanding His will.
- ****Introspection and Self-Examination**** — *"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation"* (Matthew 6:12–13). We must guard against justifying our words, actions, and behaviour. Instead, we are called to examine ourselves honestly before God and evaluate our lives in His presence, as David prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart" (Psalm 139:23–24). As we do this, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin (John 16:8), enabling us to confess and repent (1 John 1:9). We should also ask the Lord to strengthen us in areas of weakness, so that we do not continue repeating the same mistakes (2 Corinthians 12:9). "Lead us not into temptation" (Matthew 6:13) is a prayer for divine help — asking God to guard and strengthen us against the schemes of the tempter (Ephesians 6:11).
- ****Spiritual Warfare**** — *"But deliver us from the evil one"* (Matthew 6:13). Deliver us from his schemes, temptations, and tactics. The enemy comes to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10). This subtitle of the Lord's Prayer clearly addresses the reality of spiritual warfare.

Paul reminds us that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4). He also instructs us to be strong in the Lord and to put on the full armor of God so that we may remain standing (Ephesians 6:10–11). Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, and spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12). The spiritual realm is real. We must understand the nature of spiritual warfare and be ready to engage in it as the Holy Spirit leads us. The spiritual realm is real, and Scripture teaches that we must remain watchful and steadfast in faith (1 Peter 5:8–9). We must therefore understand the nature of spiritual warfare and be prepared to engage in it as the Holy Spirit leads us.

- ****Alignment with Our Earthly Purpose**** — *“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory”* (Matthew 6:13). This is a powerful reminder that we are on earth to advance God’s Kingdom, operating in His power and authority, so that all glory may be given to His Name (1 Corinthians 10:31). We are not called to build our own kingdoms or to rely on our own strength, creativity, resources, and talents in order to gain success in the eyes of the world or glory for ourselves (Proverbs 16:18). Rather, we are disciples of Jesus Christ, created and called for His purpose and for His glory (Colossians 1:16).

Questions to Ponder

1. According to Ephesians 4:11–13 (NLT), why is it important for Christians to be equipped and empowered?
2. What is the meaning of a devotional life? Do you believe your devotion to God is sufficient? If not, what steps can you take to improve it?
3. Are you able to pray the Lord’s Prayer from memory?
4. What does the Greek word *proseuchomai* mean?
5. Name and briefly describe six subthemes or aspects of the Lord’s Prayer.