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“Praying the Psalms” (1)

“...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16 NLT)

Praying for Direction

Psalm 25:4-5 – ⁴ “Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.”

Psalm 27:11 – “Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.”

Asking for Advice is a Hallmark of Humility

Psalm 69:32 – “When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.”

1 Kings 22:2-5 – ² “But in the third year Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. ³ And the king of Israel said to his servants, ‘Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we keep quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?’ ⁴ And he said to Jehoshaphat, ‘Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?’ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, ‘I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.’ ⁵ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, ‘Inquire first for the word of the LORD.’”

Hasty & Hazardous Headstrongness

Proverbs 19:2 – “Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.”

Joshua 9:14-16 – ¹⁴ “So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD. ¹⁵ And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them. ¹⁶ At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them.”

Trajectory & Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 – ⁵ “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (NLT)

Wait Training

Psalm 27:14 – “Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.” (NIV)

Hebrews 6:15 – “And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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