

Outline
“Reverent Submission”
Prayer Without Compromise!

Objective: Understanding that total devotion to prayer is what is needed to lead a successful Christ like life!

Introduction

- **Ecclesiastes 7:8 “The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.”**
- **I stand before you as 2006 is coming to an end knowing that I am better because of Christ than I was at the beginning of 2006 and as I sit here at the beginning of 2007 I know I will be better at the end of 2007 because of him as well...**
- **Sure I will have challenges and opposition but I have learned the meaning of Joy is to totally rely on God**
- **So I sit here excited about trusting him more with my life and relying on his word more so that I may come to know Christ that much more intimately.**
- **That’s what 2007 is all about becoming more intimate with God and his word through prayer—if you want to be successful and experience true joy devoted prayer will be your vehicle...**

I. “Reverent Submission” Hebrews 5:7

a. During the days of your life what does God hear?

B. Be concerned about what he hears and therefore speak appropriately because he is the only one who can save.

D. We are heard because of the respect we have for him!

II. “Train in submission is to train in prayer” 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

A. to Train—is to follow a set of instructions or drills—so train as if you are after the reward

B. to train—means you have intentions, prayer expresses what you intend, if you don’t train you are purposeless

C. Training helps you not to lose by disqualification...

III. Praying brings maturity Read Hebrews 6:1-2

- **Go forward not backwards**
- **Why would you go back to something you’ve already overcome**
- **Go to Hebrews 10:1-2**
- **Understand that if you go back to be just an observer of the Law—or a really good person, that has nothing to do with being a Godly spirit that practices the word of God through prayer and petition**
- **The Law left us to rely on ourselves—not God**
- **The law leaves us to aspire to be good but does not inspire us to be great**
- **However when we engage the spirit through prayer we are compelled to worship which brings us closer to God and our created purpose**
- **Go to Hebrews 11:14-16**
- **When you engage and endure in prayer you seek your rightful place—ultimately the promise will be found (Your LIFE)**
- **Don’t Compromise what you are looking for when you stay focused you will receive what you seek (ref to Matthew 6:33)**
- **Because You have identified yourself as a Child of God—you are no longer a foreigner**

- **Go to Hebrews 12:7-8 “we must Endure”**
- **Praying allows you to know the heart of God where you learn the difference between discipline and judgment**
- **Remember what is says in 12:3 “Consider him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not lose heart.”**
- **Don’t do as Esau and give away your inheritance because you chose to compromise instead of pray—because like Esau when you realize what you’ve done tears and pity won’t be enough to restore what you have given away (ref. 12:16-17)**

IV. Conclusion: read 1 Peter 5:8-11

- **Your faith calls you to commune with the one who protects you from the evil one—pray fervently
If not you will be devoured...**