



# VICTORY THROUGH PRAYER! By Gary Lanier

# Symbols to help you with your Kingdom Life Bible Study:

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

Truths That Never Change concerning:

- The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright.
- 2. The Birthright given to every Child of God.
- 3. The work of God & Christ in the Earthlife of every Child of God.



Truths about Everyday Living while here on Earth



Truths about the abundant results of applying your Birthright to your *Earthlife*.

## **VICTORY Through PRAYER!**

#### **Purpose:**

- To know that God is in the Prosperity business... and Satan is in the Poverty business.
- As you stay near the Lord in prayer, and desire to abide in His words, you will see victory after victory.

## **Key Verse:**

### **Acts 12:5 (NKJV)**

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## Overview

In Acts 12 Peter had been put in prison and the outcome did not look good. If ever he was to prosper in this situation, it would have to be from the hand of God. Using the acronym on the word P-R-A-Y-E-R, let us see how the Apostle Peter experienced God's victory, and how it can be applied to the Christian's life as part of God's Victorious Prosperity package.

## P – PRAYER TIME

#### Read Acts 12:5

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

When you spend <u>time</u> with God, you experience what God has already given you!

- What kind of prayer was the church offering to God?
- What is your definition of constant prayer?

## R – REST TIME

#### Read Acts 12:6

And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

No matter what your situation may be, you can find rest through prayer.

- What made it possible for Peter to sleep during this time?
- What does Matthew 11:28 say about receiving rest?

#### **Matthew 11:28**

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- How do we communicate to our Heavenly Father?
- How do we come to the Father?

## A – ANNOUNCEMENT & ANSWER TIME

#### Acts 12:7-8

7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."

"God hears and answers the prayers of His Children.

- Name a few things the angel announced to Peter.
- What are some ways God has answered your prayers?

## Y – YOUR TIME

#### Acts 12:9-10

9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

When God makes an announcement, it is your time to respond!

- Did Peter understand all the details of what was happening? How did Peter respond?
- When God is dealing with you, what is He really asking you to do?

## E – EXCITEMENT TIME

#### **Acts 12:11**

And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people."

When you lovingly obey God, His joy will be evident!

- What three things did Peter say that caused him to be excited?
- Have you had a crisis that ended up in joy and excitement?

## R – REPORT TIME

#### Acts 12:17

But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

\*\* Part of God's prosperity is answered prayer.

As they are answered, it's time to report the good news!

- What was the report Peter told his friends?
- What is the value in reporting how God answers prayer?

## Kingdom Life Conclusion:

God is in the Prosperity business, and Satan is in the Poverty business. As you stay near the Lord in prayer, and desire to abide in His words, you will reap victory after victory. You will have **Prayer Time** to Him, **Rest Time** with Him, and then it will be **Announcement & Answer Time**. **Your Time** will come to respond to what He says. As you lovingly obey, the **Excitement Time** will kick in, and your **Report Time** will be the wonderful things that God has done for you.

## Let us always pray constantly, knowing FATHER KNOWS BEST!



