

# Scripture Praying: Step 4 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”  
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

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## Step Four \_\_\_\_\_

### Basic Definition

The Act of \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriation

Action Focus: Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_

Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Voices from the Past:*

“Though the Bible be crowded with golden promises from cover to cover, yet will they be inoperative until we turn them into prayer.”

—F. B. Meyer

## SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Biblical Basis

### *Scripture:*

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)

“Does not my word burn like fire?” says the LORD. “Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes a rock to pieces?”  
Jeremiah 23:29 (NLT)

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.  
Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?... In God (I will praise *His* word), In the LORD (I will praise *His* word).  
Psalm 56:4, 10 (NKJV)

God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received *a command* to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.  
Numbers 23:19-20 (NKJV)

### Summary Definition of SCRIPTURE PRAYING...

A time to \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Voices from the Past:**

“Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request, ‘Do as thou hast said!’ The Creator will not cheat the creature who depends upon this truth, and far more the heavenly Father will not break His Word to His own child.”

—Charles Spurgeon

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Prayer Application

Employ \_\_\_\_\_ Word.

***Voices from the Past:***

“The only thing that matters in our warfare is to throw all the energies of our being into the faithful use of this precious blade—the sword of God’s Word!”

—Amy Carmichael

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: A Life Application

Claim a \_\_\_\_\_ promise.

***Voices from the Past:***

“If there is progress in understanding prayer in depth, it is by the study of the Bible.”

—Donald Demaray

“Prayerful study of the Bible is indispensable for powerful prayer.”

—Andrew Murray



## Where to Next?

SCRIPTURE PRAYING...

### **Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!**

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary  
Step 4 in World-Changing Prayer

1. When bringing Scripture into your devotional hour, ask God to bless His Word to your spiritual body, just as He blesses natural food to your physical body.
2. Examine a passage from either the Gospels, the Epistles, Psalms or Proverbs. Look carefully for specific ways to apply each verse to prayer.
3. As you study a verse (or verses), ask yourself what petition this passage prompts you to make, or what promise this passage contains that stands directly behind a specific petition.
4. Develop actual prayers based on the thoughts and phrases included in a verse (or verses) of Scripture and offer those prayers confidently to the Lord.

