



“Take with you words (prayer petitions) and return to the Lord; Say to Him, “Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so that we may offer to You the sacrifice of praise.”
Hosea 14:2

Words are keys to life. Words are containers that define and give meaning to the measure of life we experience. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat its fruits.” Proverb 18:21). Words mean things!

It is with words we approach God. Be careful then to measure those words. “As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut! Don’t be a fool who doesn’t realize that mindless offerings to God are evil. And don’t make rash promises to God... so let your words be few.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1 – 2 NLT).

Since your words reveal your heart’s true condition (Matthew 12:34 – 39), filling your heart and thus your prayer petitions with God’s Word will accomplish two things... First, it will change you. Secondly, it will release faith in your heart, thus assuring you of the answer to the petitions you’ve desired of Him. “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.” (1 John 5:14 – 15).

Today, don’t rush into prayer. Meditate the Word; prepare your prayer before hand; then approach the Lord with a confident assurance of His hearing you!

“But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak...” James 1:19

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