

## Giving to God “For Keeps” Hand Out – Lesson #2

### 1. Selfless Prayer

Someone prayed at break of day, When someone needed prayer.  
Someone’s prayer was lifted high, And lifted someone’s care.  
Someone stopped at early dawn, To greet with prayer the day;  
Someone else with burdens bowed, Felt these had gone away.  
Someone thought to pray a prayer, Knew not another’s need,  
But heaven heard the prayer he prayed, And answered with full speed.  
Someone stopped to know the truth, Christ’s healing power to know;  
And someone else thereby was healed, Of grim disease and woe.  
Someone paused to pray a prayer – A selfless prayer rose high,  
And someone else shared in the prayer; To him came his supply.  
So when unselfishly we pray, Our prayers are wafted high,  
And others though unknown, in want, Are healed and helped thereby.

### 2. The Most Effective Prayer

How can I pray and always be assured, when I pray, that it is God’s will for my prayer to be answered?

The most effective prayer is the clearest realization that we already have that which we seek.

Certainly we must understand Truth in order to pray in this fashion and again, we must have faith in order to see with spiritual eyes the manifestation of that which has not yet appeared in manifestation.

Getting the clear realization of an answer to prayer should be a simple matter. The person who can enter spiritual consciousness may well know that the answer to his prayer already exists there and that he has but to make a mental demand or claim for it in order to see it come into visibility.

When you pray for some good, do not take the attitude that it may not be God’s will for you to have it. Remember that God’s will is always good will.

\*\*\*What shall we think of the person who prays for health but fails to get health as the answer to his prayer? But one thing: his failure to pray aright.

### 3. Impersonal Prayer

Those who have personal problems find they have to get out of personal consciousness before they can get results. We define personal consciousness as a consciousness in which we look upon persons as having power to do us harm.

Impersonal prayer will lift you to the realization that you have no enemies, no personal problems, no difficulties. This is the purpose of prayer.

We enter the realization where God instead of our personal thought is at work. Our prayer is answered, because our personal consciousness ceases to act as a barrier to God.

### 4. Giving to God "For Keeps"

When you turn your burden or problem over to God, He does not expect to give it back to you. ... You must give it to Him "for keeps."

We are taught to give God two things: first, our love; secondly, our burdens.

Do not place your problem (person) in God's keeping and then do such a foolish thing as to worry about how God will solve the problem. Love God and trust him.

Do not feel that you must rest His shoulders by occasionally taking it back upon yours. Do not feel that the load may be too heavy for Him and you must share it with Him.

Giving our burdens to the Lord is a matter of absolute resignation. We yield all to Him. We hold nothing back for ourselves. We make a gift to God without strings on it by which to recover it.