1. **Write prayer on your calendar.** Schedule a *time* to meet with God daily.

2. **Keep record of answered prayer.** Keep a prayer journal, record prayer request, scriptures and results. Include dates when you begin praying about a particular request. Looking back through your journal will give you a powerful testimony while helping to encourage and strengthen your faith.

3. **Speak the Word!** Find scriptures that are appropriate to bring before the Lord while in prayer. Also these are the same scriptures that you will speak aloud to help strengthen your faith.

4. **Fast and Pray.** Seek God for direction about a time of fasting and prayer. Share your desire to spend time fasting with your spouse. Be clear about when you will begin and end your fast.

5. **Determine a special prayer closet.** This could be your car, an actual closet or your backyard garden. Be sure to appoint a special place to meet God, where you will be uninterrupted.

6. **Pray always.** Remain in a constant state of prayer. Keep a continued conversation with God. Throughout your day, continue to talk and listen. As you go about your daily affairs and in the midst of *everything* you do, remember to listen, thank and acknowledge God.

7. **Prompt your mind.** Write your favorite scriptures on 3x5 cards and post them in places you will see regularly. Use places like the bathroom mirror, or near the front door where you keep your keys. When you see the posted scripture, thank God in prayer for the truth of His Word.

**(BONUS) 8. Introspection.** Always make certain you have no unforgiveness, or sin in your life. Be certain to confess anything that is contrary to God’s expressed will, purpose or plan for you. A good prayer life comes out of close fellowship with God.

*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

~*James 5: 16b* (NLT)