



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 14:24-31

Lord Jesus, I love You, but please help me love You more. I love You because You first loved me and proved Your love by dying on a cross for me. Please fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can bear all the fruits of love, including joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help me stay turned away from selfishness and self-centeredness so I will seek ways to be generous with my time, talent, and treasure. Help me live so others will know that I am a Christian by the way I love You and others. Please help me show forth Your love in all my relationships, and help me love my neighbors, friends, and enemies appropriately as You guide and empower me. Lord Jesus, please help me understand and apply Your words throughout my life and throughout each day and night. I ask Your help because I love You and the Father, and I want to show the world that I love You and the Father in the most wise and best ways possible. I seek to obey You because I love You and I want to show the world that You are worthy to be loved, obeyed, and praised as King of kings and Lord of lords. Help me see the difference that loving You can make in the lives of other people as well as in my own life. Please help me listen to the Holy Spirit and understand His teaching and leading as He reminds me of Your teachings, that I might learn more truth and increase in love as I practice all Your commands. Grant me Your peace that I might never be troubled or afraid of the ruler of this world, for You are the King of the universe and the Almighty Son of God. In Your Name I pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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