

**Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation**  
**Life Principle #17**

*We stand tallest and strongest on our knees.*

Take a moment to evaluate the following:

- How active is your prayer life?
- When conflicts come into our life, do you find yourself turning to prayer or are you relying on your self?

Review the back of this card then ask yourself:

- Do my actions and application of God's Word show that I recognize God as sovereign of the universe?
- Am I hindering my prayers by not confessing sin in my life?
- Am I still relying on myself instead of God's awesome power?
- Do I make myself available for God to use?
- Have I acquired God's vision or am I trying to make my own vision work in my life?

## How should we pray?

- **Recognize that God is the Sovereign of the Universe.** Psalm 103:19 says, “The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.” Our heavenly Father never ceases to be ruler & master of the universe.
- **Recognize that God is holy.** As humans, we all fall short of His absolute holiness. We should approach Him with reverence and awe.
- **Confess sin.** Scripture teaches that the Lord won’t hear our prayers if we’re holding onto unconfessed sin (Ps. 66:18). Purity of heart and the power of God are connected.
- **Recognize your inadequacy.** When the Lord tells you to do something, He hasn’t made a mistake. He will never call you to do something that you can’t accomplish through His power and strength. In fact, God delights in using your weaknesses to teach you how to rely on Him.
- **Be available for God to use you.** Some prayers will never be answered unless we take an active role in their fulfillment.
- **Experience the Holy Spirit’s enabling power.** God wants you to look at yourself as He does—as someone with potential. In the power of the Spirit, you have the ability to do whatever He asks.
- **Acquire God’s vision and direction.** What’s on your heart? Surrender every dream/goal to the heavenly Father, & watch what He will do in & through you..