THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF Psalm 66:16-20 Jeff Schreve

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16 ISV

- Q. What is required to take off and soar in prayer?
- A. You must deal with your sins.

If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear. Psalm 66:18 NASB

1. Ask God to search your heart.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalm 139:23-24 NLT

- A. Sin <u>hardens</u> the heart and <u>blinds</u> the eyes.
- B. God's Word exposes our true condition.

2. Ask God to soften your heart.

* You won't truly repent until you're truly convicted.

3. Ask God to forgive your sins.

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. Proverbs 28:13

- A. You must confess it and forsake it.
- B. You must make it right.

Is your heart cleared for takeoff with the Lord?