

Prayer Revival

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Introduction:

I. Prayer.

A. Consistency is important in prayer.

1. Pray with a steadfast regularity.
- 2.. Be faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)
3. Desire to seek after the Lord all the days of your life. (Psalm 27:4)
4. Decide to not let a day go by without spending time with the Lord.
5. There is something about laying aside a block of time every day to spend time with God.

B. Be systematic in your prayer time.

1. I must pray with a Scriptural completeness.
2. Many of us don't finish what God calls us to do.
3. We need methodical, efficient time, directing our pray to God at a specific time. (Psalm 5:3)
 - a. We need to come to God morning by morning, day after day.
 - b. The Hebrew word *arak* means setting something in its proper order before God like the priests setting the sacrifices in a prescribed order. (Exod 40:4)
 - c. When Israel battled with Benjamin they set the battle in array. (Judges 20:20)
 - d. We get our word arrange from *arak*.
 - e. We need a plan for our prayer time.
 - f. I use a seven day world Christian prayer strategy.
 - g. I pray for seven countries each day, focusing on seven different evangelistic outreach strategies.
 - h. I have seen God change many countries that we have been praying for.
 - i. Are you praying for the nations of the earth every month?

- j. Will you commit to praying for them?
- k. 16 years ago I committed to pray for Albania and many have told me Albania is the most closed country on earth, yet we start an Every Home crusade there next month.
- l. God answers prayer.
- m. After putting on the armor of God Paul says pray always with all prayer. (Ephesians 6:18)

C. Pray with balance.

- 1. Be sensitive to balance.
- 2. An example of this is the Lord's Prayer. (Matthew 6:9-13)
- 3. We have a kingdom prayer for world Christians that is good for individuals or countries.
 - a. The kingdom is the rulership of God.
 - b. This will give spiritual awakening.
 - c. We focus on provision.
 - d. We pray for grace to suffer.
 - e. We need to forgive others who hurt us.
 - f. We need to pray for direction.
 - g. We need to focus on warfare.
 - h. We need to focus on rejoicing.

D. Pray with intensity.

- 1. This is strong concentration and fervency.
- 2. We need a supernatural fervency, energized by the Holy Spirit. (James 5:16)
- 3. Prayer energized by the Holy Spirit brings results.
- 4. Jesus prayed fervently in the garden. (Luke 22:44)
- 5. We need God's view of the world.
- 6. Jesus offered up prayer with strong cries and tears. (Hebrews 5:7)

E. We need to pray with compassion.

1. Only once did God send an angel to answer prayer. (Acts 10)
2. Cornelius gave generously and prayed faithfully.
3. Prayer is not enough if we are not willing to be part of the answer.
4. Intercession is more a lifestyle than it is a kind of prayer.

F. Our prayer life needs these qualities.

II. Communicating these principles to others.

A. We need to teach others what we have learned using four things. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

1. Develop an actual church prayer ministry. The average church provides good teaching and child programs and evangelistic campaigns but poor prayer ministries.

a. Develop a prayer strategy as Job prepared his case. (Job 13:18)

b. Develop a prayer concert.

1. Find out what prayer movements are in your city.
2. Get involved with other people that pray.
3. Agreeing together in symphony gives power. (Matthew 18:19)

c. Call a solemn assembly for prayer. (Joel 2:15-18)

1. Pray from house to house. (Acts 2:41-42)
2. Join with other like minded believers.

d. Develop a prayer gap, a place of prayer. (Ezekiel 22:30)

1. Our house has a place for prayer we call the gap.
2. If you spend one hour a day with God that's 365 hours a year, that's 15 days.
3. Pray in secret, a place for nourishment. (Matthew 6:6)
4. Prayer is intimacy with the capacity for conception, as Daniel received the answer to his 21 day prayer on the first day he set his heart to pray.

2. Develop periodic messages on prayer.

a. Speak to those under your charge on prayer.

- b. We have a training program on prayer.
- 3. Develop a prayer lay leadership.
 - a. Spurgeon used to have about 30 men praying as he preached.
 - b. We have evangelism strategies that are backed by 24 hour prayer teams.
 - c. There have been 24 hour prayer groups before but not a continuing prayer ministry that never stops meeting at one place.
 - d. We need to work together to reach countries like Ethiopia and Zaire.
 - e. We need to cast down the strongholds in the church.
 - 1. Disunity is one stronghold. Jesus prayed for unity. (John 17)
 - f. God is raising up a lay leadership that will move mountains through prayer.
- 4. Develop an ongoing prayer training program with five goals because training includes substance and structure. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9)
 - a. Instruct with sound doctrine. (Acts 20:20)
 - b. Inspire. (Acts 15:3-4)
 - 1. Is we are not spending time with God we will not be able to inspire.
 - 2. If we are not in the field serving God we will not be able to inspire.
 - c. Inform; provide information for intelligent praise. (Acts 4:23-24)
 - 1. Get informed about many different countries.
 - 2. Uzbekistan will soon be taken over by Islam.
 - 3. We need information and Every Home for Christ has a monthly with information newsletter.
 - 4. We had hundreds of new churches formed in Nepal over the last few years.
 - d. Involvement; do it. (Acts 20:36)
 - 1. Paul prayed with his elders. He trained by actual practice.
 - e. Impress; leave a mark by practicing what you preach.
 - 1. People need to be changed after being taught. (Acts 20:37)
 - 2. Servants need to be examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:2-3)

B. Take this assignment over the next 12 days.

1. In the next 12 days take at least 15 minutes to study prayer.
 - a. Take time to be with the Lord on one aspect of prayer each day.
 - b. The next day proceed to another aspect of prayer.
 - c. Thanksgiving, praise, silence, confession, etc.
 - d. Put all these aspects together on the last day.
2. While I was writing this book sometimes I spent 6 hours in prayer.

C. Conclusion.

1. I am asking God what he wants to do this week.
2. In youth ministry I used to talk on many subjects and once got into a classroom with an atheist teacher.
3. He argued with me about Christianity but accepted my challenge to attend our revival meetings at church and got saved.