

Developing Your Prayer Life



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The Early Church leaders majored on prayer both corporately and individually. Jesus modeled a devoted prayer life to his followers and they saw the results saying, “Lord, teach us to pray”. This is the desire of every serious Christian since prayer is communion with God primarily. Many years in fulltime ministry have taught me the value of prayer, and that those who learn to pray early on in their faith life will have a much higher possibility of a fruitful and satisfying relationship with God. Our international ministry today is the result of hundreds of hours of intense praying in the beginning days of our assignment. People can walk into our church now and enjoy the fruit of those prayers without investing any effort in the atmosphere which has been created by “communion with God”. You can go from church to church and tell the difference. Those with deep devotion to prayer will have a much richer spiritual atmosphere where the tangible Presence of God is always sensed by the worshippers, and spiritual growth takes place almost unconsciously.

This tract has been created to help you develop a prayer life that produces results, apply what you learn and you will reap the benefits.

Develop Your Prayer Life - Outline

1. Understand the different expressions of prayer.

- a. Praying in your known language. Acts 4:23-31
- b. Praying in unknown tongues. 1 Cor.14:2,14) Also called “praying in the spirit”, Jude 20.
- c. Praying with deep intercession in spiritual groans and travail. Romans 8:26-27; John 11:38; Hebs. 5:7.
- d. These three expressions demonstrate the different levels of anointing that can flow in prayer, moving from praying in English, to praying in tongues, to groaning and travailing. Ezekiel 37 speaks of a river that had water from the “ankles, to the knees and to the loins” reflecting the flow of Holy Spirit (River of God, John 7:37-38) from the inner parts of the believer.
- e. See our Bookstore for many books on the subject of Prayer that will broaden your understanding.

2. Understand the different uses of prayer.

- a. Individual communion with God. Matt.6:6; Acts 3:1
- b. Corporate prayer by the assembled Church for power of deliverance. Acts 2:42; 12:12
- c. Prayer of faith to receive healing and desires from God. Mark 11:24; James 5:15-16
- d. Prayer of committal to cast your burden on the Lord. Phil.4:6-8
- e. Prayer of supplication for spiritual wisdom and understanding. Eph.1:17-19; Col.1:9-11
- f. Prayer for Christian maturity. Gal. 4:19
- g. Prayer for protection of spiritual leaders. 2 Thess.3:2; Eph.6:19
- h. Prayer for all saints. Eph.6:18
- i. Prayer for government authorities. 1 Tim.2:1-5
- j. Prayer to cast out demons. Mark 16:15-17.
- k. Prayer for laborers to enter the harvest field. Matt.9:36-38
- l. Prayer for unsaved to repent and believe. 2 Peter 3:9

3. How to begin your prayer life.

- a. Set a time to pray. Make an appointment with God where you are not disturbed. Turn off the cell phone.
- b. Start by praise, sing to the Lord.
- c. When you have entered His Presence through praise/worship, begin to speak the Word of God and quote His promises. This builds your faith and brings Him into remembrance of His Word.
- d. Let your request be made known with thanksgiving. After petitioning the Lord, just thank Him in advance for the answer according to His Word.
- e. If you have received the Spirit with evidence of tongues, begin to pray in the Spirit for a few minutes and let Him continue to lead your prayers.
- f. At this point, God may have some things He wants you to pray about for yourself or others.

4. Attending Corporate Gatherings

- a. All Christians met regularly and prayed together. Ps.133
 - b. Attend the pre-service School of Prayer and intercession at LOL 15 minutes before praise begins. The purpose is to enter the corporate anointing and join in faith with others.
 - c. Attend the scheduled Revival Prayer Meetings on Tuesday and Friday nights for a whole hour of prayer. Jesus taught that we should develop our prayer to at least “one hour”. Matt.26:40-41. Time will fly when you are in the Spirit.
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