

The Power of Prayer

Becoming a People of Prayer

How is Life?

- Are you happy with how things are going in your life?
- Are you happy with the Spiritual condition of our town, province, country, world?
- Is God moving through the ministry of our church the way you think He could?
- What do you think is lacking?

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Do You Wish You Prayed More?

- All your life you have been told to pray
- You have heard the fantastic answers to prayer, but, have not personally experienced such events.
- You have seen God answer prayer and recognize you should pray more, but...
- Why don't we pray?
- Busy? We will always do what is most important to us at that moment.
- Self sufficient? We don't have a felt need

Why don't we Pray?

- We believe God doesn't care or have time for our simple requests.
- We believe it doesn't work.
 - We will always act out world view
- Does the Bible ever say, "My house shall be called a house of Preaching? Or Teaching? Or Singing? Or Fellowship? Or Potlucks? Or Foodbanks?"
- My House shall be called a House of PRAYER! Matt.21:13

What Happens When We Pray?

- **God is able to give us Peace. Phil.4:6,7**
 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- **God is able to give us Wisdom. James 1:5**
 - If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

What Happens When We Pray?

- **God is able to give us Power Isa.40:28-31**
 - **28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? He LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. **29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; **31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

What Happens When We Pray?

- **God is able to give us Provision James 4:3**
 - You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
- **God is able to give us a greater revelation of Himself. Eph.1:17**
 - I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

What Happens When We Pray?

- **God is able to tear down Spiritual strongholds – 2 Cor.10:3,4**
 - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
- **By Prayer, God changes things - 2 Cor.1:10,11**
 - He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many

God Is Still Changing Cities Today

- Cali, Columbia
- In 1995 Population of 1.7 Million
- Center of Cocaine Export from Columbia
- 15 murders per day
- Witchcraft was part of daily life
- Then the churches responded to God's call to pray
- 60,000 believers coming together to pray
- No murders that weekend.
- Will you answer the call to Pray?

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