

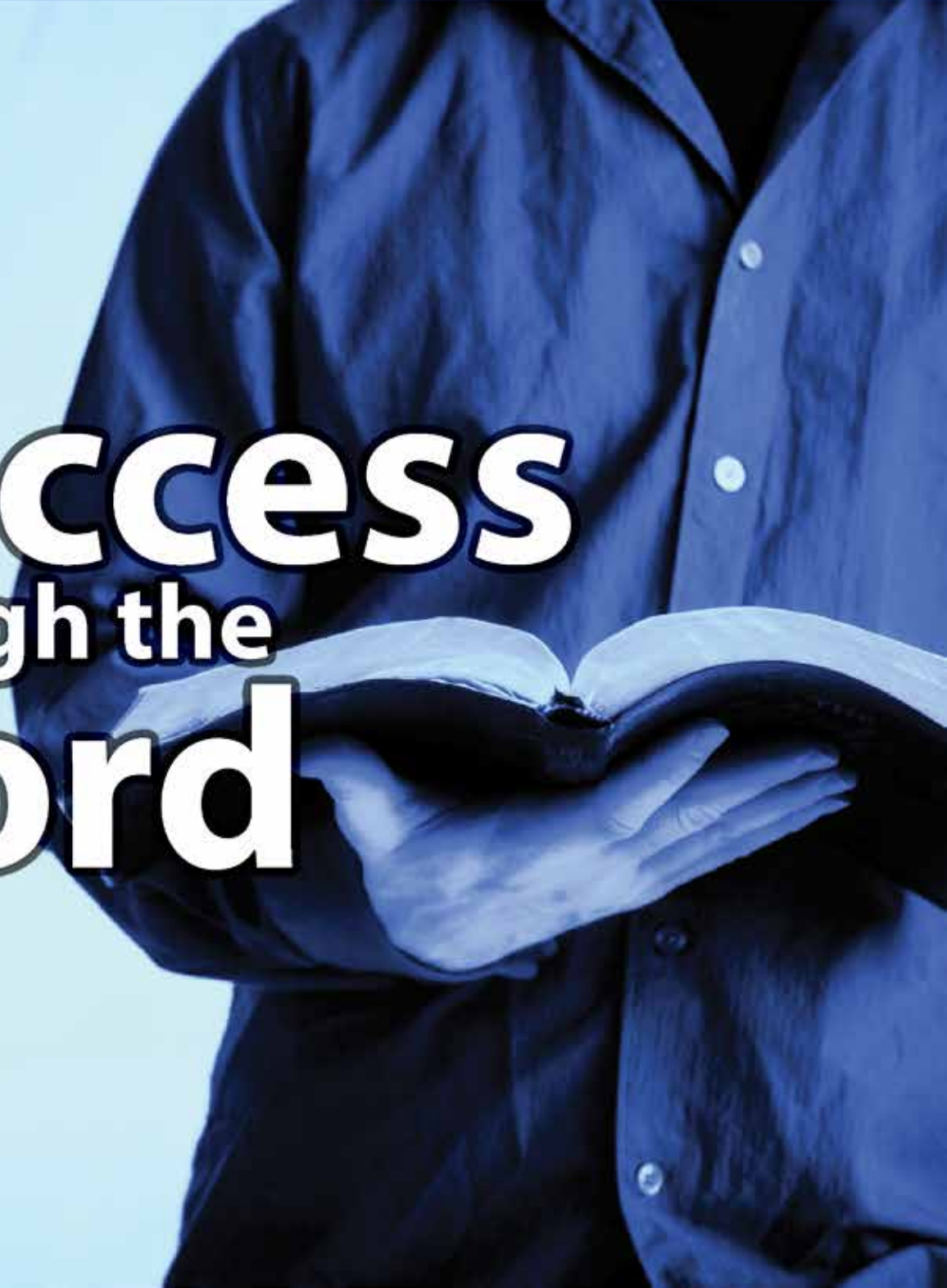
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## Service Timings

### Sunday

**Worship & the Word** 10:00 am

**Covenant Kids** 10:00 am

**Nagamese Service** 2:30 pm

**Prayer & Praise** 5:30 pm\*

### Wednesday

**Pastor's Bible Study** 5:30 pm.

### Friday

**Dream Team** 5:30 pm

### Saturday

**Hour of Power**

**(Prayer Meeting)** 7:30 am.

**Radical Generation** 4:30 p.m.

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# Success through the Word



By Pastor  
John Roughton

## **Joshua 1:8**

**This book of the Law should not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to everything that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

Recently, someone said to me, “God never guaranteed us success.” But I immediately thought of this Scripture, **Joshua 1:8**. God certainly promised success and prosperity to Joshua. And God’s promise **is** His guarantee!

## **Psalms 35:27**

**Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.**

Prosperity is more than God’s will, it’s His delight. He takes pleasure in your success. That means He is displeased when you fail. God is our Father! Every Father wants His children to do well in life. I know parents who don’t even know the Lord, but they work hard so their children can have a good life. Why would anyone think that God delights in our poverty? Religion has blinded most church people. But thank God, the Word will enlighten us.

## **Proverbs 10:22**

**The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.**

If you’re not sure God wants us to be successful, let me ask you this question: Is it God’s will for us to be blessed? I think most intelligent people would agree God wants His children to be blessed. But notice, the blessing of the Lord makes one rich. That means God’s blessings are more than spiritual, they affect us physically and financially.

Many Christians testify, “The Lord has blessed me.” I don’t disagree, but my point is, maybe you’re not as blessed as you should be. Now when you preach on prosperity and success, some church people will protest, “Those blessings are only for the Jews! That’s not for us today.” (That’s one of the devil’s favorite tricks for cheating Christians of their rightful inheritance.)

Let’s analyze that statement. The word, “Jew” is a shorter version of the word, “Judah.” Judah was only one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The blessing of God belonged to all the twelve tribes, not just Judah. Israel was the name that God gave to Jacob, who inherited these promises from his father Isaac. Isaac inherited them from his father Abraham. So this blessing is not just a Jewish blessing, it’s Abraham’s. It started with the patriarch Abraham and was passed on to his seed.

## **Gal. 3:13-14**

**Christ had redeemed us from the curse of the law...so that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles.**

Jesus shed His blood to purchase our freedom, not only from sin and shame, but also from the effects of sin. According to Deuteronomy 28:15, the curse of the law includes poverty and failure.

Isn’t it interesting that God calls poverty a curse, not a blessing. God calls increase and abundance a blessing. Yet many Christians seem to think that this has been reversed. Some confused Christians will say, “Poverty really is a blessing.” If it is, that’s one blessing I don’t care to have! No, the fact is there is no blessing, no advantage, to being broke. Someone may say, “But wealth makes

men proud.” Listen, pride is an attitude of the heart, not a bank statement. You can be dirt poor and still act proudly. You can be super rich and maintain a humble attitude. Also, **1 Peter 5:5 says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.** What is grace? It is His favor and blessings. So according to that verse, if we humble ourselves, God will give us favor and blessings. And the blessing of the Lord makes one rich!

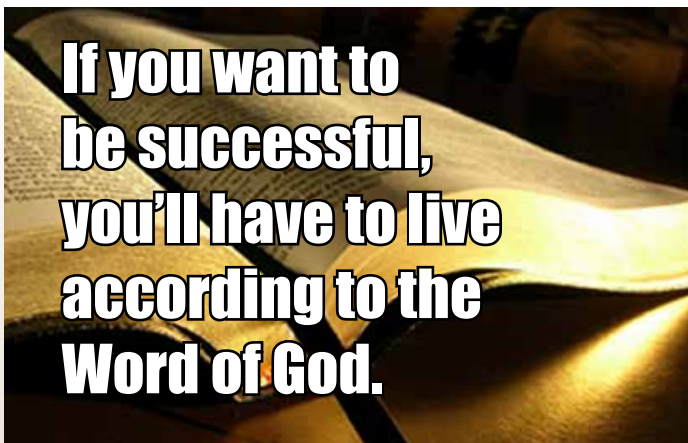
Christ hung on a tree so the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles. You don't have to be Jewish to be successful, you just have to be in Christ!

### **Galatians 3:29**

**If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.**

Abraham's blessing included prosperity and success, it is part of our inheritance.

I know many Christians who don't believe prosperity is God's will. But I don't know one Jewish person who believes God wants him to be poor. As far as I know, every practicing Jew believes in financial success. And do you know why? Because their Bible tells them that God blessed Abraham. And here's a news flash: *That's exactly what your Bible says too!*



### **Romans 11:11**

**Because the Israelites had stumbled, salvation had come to the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous.**

God saved the Gentiles, the non-Jews, to make the Jewish people jealous. So they would want what we have. Honestly, how many Jews are jealous of poverty stricken Christians? None. We're supposed to be so blessed, spiritually as well as financially, that sinners envy us. But sadly, most of the time, the sinners pity Christians, perhaps they admire them, but they don't want to be one.

### **Matthew 6:33**

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you.**

Don't misunderstand me, we're not chasing after money, we are chasing after God. But if you're chasing after God, the money will be chasing after you. Don't misunderstand me, we should never become money minded, where all we think about, day and night, is money. God doesn't want us to be greedy, having an insatiable thirst for more and more money. God is primarily concerned with our heart, our character, and Christian witness.

But the fact is, many Christians try to "spiritualize" their poverty. They're really justifying their lack, when God has provided a way out of poverty. They defer all blessings until heaven. Thank God for heaven, but you're not there yet. God has a purpose for you in the earth, and it's going to require resources.

Should we be thankful for what we have? Yes. Should we be content with such things as we have? Yes. But contentment isn't hopelessness.

The woman with the issue of blood in **Luke 8:43** wasn't content to stay sick. She pushed through the crowd with determination. She was motivated to change her situation, and her faith was rewarded; she received her healing.

Jacob wasn't content to stay poor. He promised God that he would tithe all that he received, and the Lord blessed the work of his hand until he had great possessions.

What I'm saying is this: I lose patience with some preachers who pontificate about the dangers of money, when there are multitudes of young people who wonder if they'll ever have a decent job. Many pastors are robbing their congregations of motivation with sleepy religious sermons, when they should be inspiring their people to reach to new levels.

There is success through the Word of God. **God told Joshua, meditate on the Word day and night, so that you may do according to all that is written in it.** In other words, if you want to be successful, you'll have to live according to the Word of God.

We're not under the Law. We're not saved by our own efforts to live a good life. We're righteous by faith in the blood of Christ. But we're not under the Law, but we are under the Word. God's Word should govern our thoughts and actions. That's not bondage, **1**

**John 5:3** says that loving God means keeping His commands and His commands are not a burden.

So in other words, God promised Joshua success, but it was a conditional promise. He had to practice the Word. You can't live by the Word if you don't even know what the Word of God says. Ignorance is the main reason for lack in the Christian life.

**Proverbs 10:4**

**Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches.**

This verse is part of the Scriptures, isn't it? You can't watch television all day long and expect riches. God doesn't bless laziness. You've got to be diligent.

You can't live like the devil and enjoy God's blessings. If you're lying, cheating, demanding bribes, and living immorally, do you think God is going to bless you? Of course not. Sinners may live that way and accumulate great wealth, but they've sold their souls to the devil. We're not interested in getting money by any means. We want God's blessings on our life. God's prosperity comes God's way.

**Joshua 1:8**

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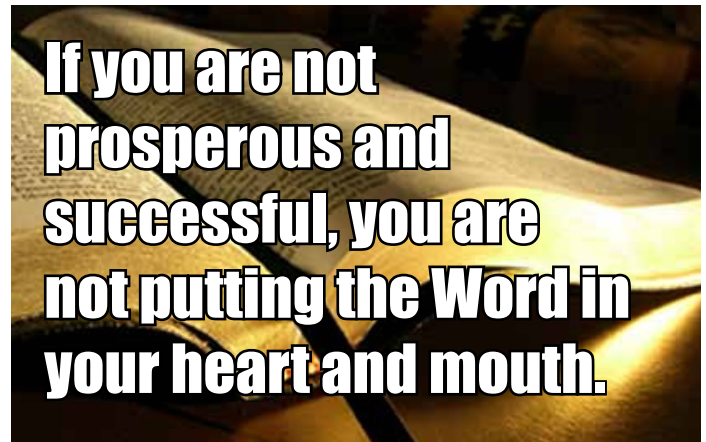
In other words, constantly speak the Word. One reason many Christians are poor is they're not speaking the Word. Their words contradict God's Word. Put the Word in your mouth. Agree with God, say what He says. Some Christians hesitate to repeat what the Bible says. "I don't want to sound too spiritual." But how do you sound repeating what the devil said?

**Mark 11:23**

**For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**

There's a miracle in your mouth. You can talk your way out of lack and failure. Put **Joshua 1:8** and **Mark 11:23** together: we should meditate (think) on the Word day and night, and continually speak it. Then it will get into our heart. And if we dare to say what we believe based on the Word, we can overcome any obstacle in our way.

Complaining is not confession. When you gripe about the situation, you're losing your grip on the promise of God. Faith filled words spoken from your lips will release the power and the favor of God.



**James 3:4**

**Consider the ships, though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder where ever the pilot desires.....so is your tongue.**

Your words are the rudder of your life. If you're not happy where you are now, chart a new course with your words. Some people say, "I don't believe in all that confession business." How would you like to catch a ride with someone who says, "I don't believe in holding on to the steering wheel. If it's God's will, we'll get there." I'd get out of that car!

Most spiritual wrecks happen because people don't give the Word first place in their lives, and they're careless with their words.

Many people, even Spirit-filled, tongue-talking Christians, will spend hours complaining about how hard life is, rehearsing all their problems to anyone who will listen. They're not moving mountains, they're being buried by them.

Change direction! Discipline your mouth and begin to say what God's Word says. **Then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.**

If you are not prosperous and successful, you are not putting the Word in your heart and mouth. At least, not like you should. Turn off the TV and the internet, and stay in the Word until the Word stays in you. Renew your mind to the promises of God and begin to confess His promises over your situation. Be a doer of the Word and walk in love towards others. It may not happen all at once, but eventually, you'll see God's prosperity and success in your life.

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# प्रभावशाली प्रार्थना

याकूब 5:16 इसलिए अपने पापों को परस्पर स्वीकार और एक दूसरे के लिए प्रार्थना करो ताकि तुम भले चंगे हो जाओ। धार्मिक व्यक्ति की प्रार्थना शक्तिशाली और प्रभावशाली होती है।

प्रार्थना कैसे करनी चाहिए, यह जानना बहुत महत्वपूर्ण होता है। यह वचन हमें प्रार्थना के मूल्य के विषय में बताता है। एक अनुवाद (एम्पलीफाइड बाइबिल) कहता है- एक धर्मी व्यक्ति की प्रार्थना में बहुत ज़्यादा शक्ति उपलब्ध होती है। हमारी प्रार्थनाओं में बहुत ज़्यादा शक्ति होती है। अगर कोई चीज़ शक्तिशाली होती है, तो वह बड़ी, बहुत अच्छी और आकर्षक होती है। अतः प्रार्थना का महत्व यह होता है कि यह बहुत अच्छी शक्ति की अत्यधिक मात्रा को पैदा करती है। यह परमेश्वर की शक्ति को निकालती है। यह परमेश्वर की योग्यता को उपलब्ध करवाती है। अगर कोई चीज़ उपलब्ध है तो उस तक पहुँचा भी जा सकता है, आप उसे प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। बाइबिल हमें बताती है कि परमेश्वर हमेशा हर जगह पर मौजूद रहता है। इस संसार में कोई भी ऐसी जगह नहीं है कि जहाँ पर आप जाएं और परमेश्वर वहाँ पर न हो। वह सब जगह उपस्थित है। और जहाँ पर भी परमेश्वर है, उसकी शक्ति भी वहाँ पर होती है। परमेश्वर कहीं पर भी बिना शक्ति के प्रकट नहीं होता है। उदाहरण के लिए, हमारे चर्च का स्तुती-अराधना का अगुवा भाई जैक गाता है और गिटार बजाता है। जब जैक चर्च में आता है तो उसकी योग्यता भी उसके साथ होती है। जैक ऐसा कह सकता है कि



वह अपना गिटार घर पर भूल गया। लेकिन वह ऐसा नहीं कह सकता कि उसकी गीत गाने की योग्यता (काबिलीयत) घर पर रह गई। उसी प्रकार परमेश्वर भी बिना उसकी शक्ति के कहीं नहीं जा सकता। जिस भी जगह पर आप हैं वहाँ पर हर एक आदमी को हजार बार चंगा करने के लिए परमेश्वर की शक्ति (सामर्थ) इस धरती पर मौजूद है। लेकिन यह क्यों नहीं हो रहा है? क्योंकि प्रार्थना ही परमेश्वर के सामर्थ को उ पलब्ध करवाती है, इसलिए।

एक दूसरा अनुवाद कहता है - “धर्मी की प्रभावशाली प्रार्थना ज्यादा कार्य कर सकती है।” यह वचन किसी भी व्यक्ति के द्वारा की गई किसी भी तरह की प्रार्थना करने के विषय विषय में बात नहीं कर रहा है। नहीं, उत्तर मिलने वाली प्रार्थना प्रभावशाली-प्रार्थना होती है; जो कि एक धर्मी मर्द या औरत के द्वारा की जाती है। अगर आप का नया-जन्म हो गया है, तो आप मसीह में धर्मी हैं। (धार्मिकता मतलब यह नहीं है कि आप सिद्ध आदमी हैं और आप में किसी बात की कोई कमी नहीं है। इसका अर्थ है परमेश्वर की नज़र में खरा या सही होना या फिर परमेश्वर के साथ बिल्कुल अच्छा संबंध होना। इसका मतलब है कि यीशु के कारण ही आपका उद्धार हुआ है।) लेकिन यह बहुत आवश्यक है कि हम प्रभावशाली ढंग से प्रार्थना करें। प्रभावशाली प्रार्थना परमेश्वर के वचन पर आधारित होती है और पवित्रआत्मा की अगुवाई में होती है। यहून्ना 15:7 प्रार्थना के विषय में एक अच्छा वचन है: “यदि तुम मुझ में रहो, और मेरे वचन तुम में रहें, तो जो कुछ तुम चाहते हो माँगो, वह तुम्हें मिलेगा।” यह वचन याकूब 5:16 से बहुत मिलता -जुलता है। यदि आप उसमें बने रहें, या मसीह में रहते हैं, तब आप ने नया-जन्म पाया हुआ है और आप धर्मी हैं। बाइबल 2 कुरिन्थियों 5:17 में कहती है- “यदि कोई मसीह यीशु में है तो वह एक नई सृष्टि है।” 21 वचन कहता है कि तुम उसमें (यीशु में) परमेश्वर की धार्मिकता हो। यदि तुम मुझ में बने रहो और मेरा वचन तुम में बना रहे। आप तब तक प्रभावशाली ढंग से प्रार्थना नहीं कर सकते जब तक कि वचन

आपके अंदर नहीं है। आप एक नया-जन्म पाए हुए और परमेश्वर से प्रेम करने वाले मनुष्य हो सकते हैं, लेकिन अगर आप परमेश्वर के वचन से हट कर प्रार्थना करते हैं तो उसमें से परमेश्वर की शक्ति नहीं निकलेगी। प्रभावशाली प्रार्थना परमेश्वर के वचन पर बनती है और उसी पर आधारित होती है। लेकिन इस बात का ध्यान रखना कि परमेश्वर का वचन आप में बना रहे। ‘बने रहना’ शब्द का मतलब है टिके रहना। इसका अर्थ यह भी है कि परमेश्वर का वचन आपके हृदय के अन्दर ज़रूर रहना चाहिए। परमेश्वर के वचन को दिमाग से हृदय तक पहुँचने में समय लगता है। (दिमाग से हृदय तक का सफ़र हमारे जीवन का सबसे लंबा सफ़र हो सकता है।) कुछ वचनों को अच्छी तरह से जानना या उनको मन से याद करना ही काफ़ी नहीं है, बल्कि वचन का हमारी आत्मा के अन्दर समा जाना बहुत ही ज़रूरी है। वचन के बारे में सोचने व उन पर मनन (ध्यान) करने में समय बिताएं। मनन करने का अर्थ है- परमेश्वर के वचन को पढ़ना और अध्ययन करना। इसका मतलब यह भी है-अपने आप से कहना या बोलना। बहुत से विश्वासी लोग इसका बिल्कुल उल्टा काम करते हैं। वचन पर ध्यान लगाने के बजाए वे लोग लगातार अपनी समस्याओं के बारे में सोचते हैं, वे अपने डर के बारे में बात करते हैं। इस तरह के ध्यान लगाने को हम चिंता कहते हैं। इसलिए अपने डर के बारे में सोचने के बदले परमेश्वर के वचन की चिंता करें। अपने जीवन में परमेश्वर की विश्वासयोग्यता के बारे में सोचें; आप के लिए जो उसकी प्रतिज्ञाएँ हैं उनके बारे में सोचें। अपने आप को चँगा हुआ, आशीषित और उन्नत हुआ करके देखें। यीशु ने मती 18: 19, 20 में कहा है कि अगर दो या तीन इक्कट्टे होते हैं, तो कोई भी काम उनके लिए हो जाएगा। प्रभावशाली प्रार्थना वचन के द्वारा और पवित्रआत्मा की अगुवाई में होती है। पवित्रआत्मा आपको बिल्कुल सही वचन पर ले जाएगा। वह प्रार्थना करने में आपकी सहायता करेगा। वचन और आत्मा सहमत होते हैं।

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## Mark 11:17

**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.**

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**(Mark 10:45)** Christ gave His life a ransom for many. His greatest gift to a lost world is Himself. Our greatest gift to a lost and hurting world is our intercession.

Through intercession, our families, our city, our land; will come to know the Christ.

An intercessor is a man, woman or child who fights on behalf of others. To be an intercessor is to be like Jesus, because that's what Jesus is. He ever lives to intercede.

## Heb 7:25

Christ is ever at God's right hand. He intercedes for the saints continuously. So when we engage in intercessory prayer, it is our privilege and pleasure to join with Christ at God's right hand in this exciting task. What could be more exciting than to be in the throne room at the heart of the Father?

Truly, when we intercede for others, we are partners with Christ. **Ephesians 2:6**

How can the church become a **house of prayer** when the local churches are not even praying? If a restaurant is called a "House of Tandoori", that means, cooking and eating of tandoori.

When you call a place a house of 'something', you certainly expect that 'same thing' to be the predominate practice of that establishment.

That's exactly how the church is supposed to be, if it is to be a house of prayer. God expects prayer to be it's predominate on-going practice.

If a house is a dwelling place, then a house of prayer is a dwelling place of God; a place where we abide in fellowship and intimacy with Him.

"The ministry of prayer is the most important of all the

ministries in the church. Prayer creates the atmosphere and binds the powers of darkness so the gospel of Jesus can prosper. Sadly, this is the area that the majority of churches talk about the most, and practice the least."- C. Peter Wagner

How important is corporate prayer in our church life?

## Luke 24:49

**Stay together in Jerusalem until you are endured with power from on high.**

They followed His instruction and met together in the upper room. "They continued with one accord in **PRAYER** and supplication". **Acts 1:14**

According to the Bible, being in prayer in one accord, ushers in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The church was born out of corporate prayer.

When Peter was thrown into prison awaiting execution, a corporate prayer meeting was held. **"But constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church."** **Acts 12:5**

As a result, Peter was miraculously delivered from prison.

## Leviticus 26:8

**Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight.**

There is much power in corporate prayer.

Remember this; in **Job 42:10** **"...the Lord restored Job's losses when he PRAYED for his friends. Indeed, the Lord gave Job TWICE as much as he had had before."**

*"When we intercede for others, we are engaging in battle on their behalf, and most interestingly, sometimes, the victory we win in prayer on behalf of others, actually has a way of returning to us a blessing."*- Dick Eastman.

Church, don't quit praying, until our church becomes a house of prayer that transforms lives, churches, cities and nations.

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**SMART!**



**T**hey influence your speech, dress and your mannerisms. Your address book and your phone are filled with them. They have a firm grip on your heart strings and many times they are the difference between success and failure in your Christian life. Good ones can nudge you to victory. Bad ones can drag you to defeat. **What are they? You got it right...friends!**

The type of people that make up your inner circle of friends will very likely determine how closely you walk with Jesus and how effective you are for Him!

The Apostle Paul says in **1 Cor. 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."** He was addressing a friendship situation. The Christians at Corinth basically had friends who did not believe in the resurrection. The Apostle Paul is warning them that if they hung out with these people they too will be misled and corrupted with their wrong belief and wrong way of living.

What about you? Are you being misled? Do you have as close friends who don't care about following Jesus, the Bible and going to church? Are your best friends the type that takes the things of God as a joke?

Yet you may argue, 'but they are such fun to be with...moreover, I am spiritually strong enough to handle them'. Then this advice is for you...**1 Cor 15:33 Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you.(CEV)**

The smartest person (apart from Jesus) to have ever lived on this planet once said this-

**Pro 13:20 Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.(msg)**

Hang out with wise people and you too will become wise.

Hang out with godly people and you too will become godly.

Hang out with people on fire for **JESUS** and you too will catch the fire.

Hang out with fools and their foolishness will rub off on you and you will start making bad choices in life. That's the way it is.

Choose friends that will inspire you to become all that God wants you to be.

Choose friends that will inspire you to walk with Jesus closely.

Choose friends that will inspire you to attain greatness.

Stay away from fools. By the way, who are 'fools'?

**Psa 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt...**

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