

Prayer - Equipping Men for “Life-Long Fellowship with God”

1. Prayer: Enjoying our love relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A Vandergriend

“In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.” Psalm 16:11b

The **heartfelt** and **persistent prayer** of a **righteous man** (believer) can **accomplish much** [when put into action and made effective by God—it is **dynamic** and can have **tremendous power**]. Jam 5:16 AMP

“..He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to **pray** and **not to lose heart**.” Lk 18:1

“The only enduring motive for prayer is that God is worthy to be sought.” Daniel Henderson

2. Equipping Men: We have the opportunity to equip men to pray, as Jesus did.

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1b (NAS)

a. Create a Male Context (From Why Men Hate Going to Church, D. Murrow, 2005, pp. 156-160)

- Men follow men – Men need **male leadership**
- Men need **vision**
- They are looking for **men who will lead them to greatness**
- Men need **purpose**

Note: Men will not lead in areas where they do not feel **equipped** and **competent**. Men respond positively to being disciplined in prayer.

3. Leadership: "Everything rises and falls on leadership." Pastor John Maxwell

Leadership: Ministry Prayer is **leading our people** to develop a **vibrant prayer culture**.

- a. A praying ministry **requires praying leaders**
- b. “The prayer level of a ministry never grows beyond the **personal example and passion of the senior leaders**.” D. Henderson
- c. Leaders are the **greatest factor** in mobilizing prayer. We **lead others to pray** by praying with them.
- d. “People don’t **drift naturally toward prayer**.” R. Shepherd We must call & lead people to prayer.

4. Prayer Champions: Encourage and Inspire Praying People

- a. A “**Prayer Champion**”: **Practices, Teaches, Promotes, Participates in, Provides places of prayer** and includes **prayer requests** that would make a difference to the ministry.
- b. **Effective ministry prayer is led by “Prayer Champions”** (Pastor Phil Miglioratti, nppn.org)
- c. **Effective Ministry Prayer:** Aligns us with God’s mission for our ministry.

5. Leaders equip believers in prayer in 4 primary areas:



- a. **Knowing God personally:** Spending personal time with God in His Word and Prayer.
- b. **Personal Intercession:** Personal prayer for wisdom, family, church, and ministry
- c. **Praying for Others: Sharing God’s love for others through prayer.**
- d. **Praying Together:** Seeking God’s direction for the ministry by praying together.

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6. Activating men in prayer: Equip them to: Pray Biblical prayers, according to the promises in God’s Word

- Pray during services
- Pray for their leaders
- Pray for the ministry
- Pray for missions and missionaries
- Pray for their family members
- Pray for each other
- Pray in and for the community - in the places where we want to God see God work
- Pray for church and community members

7. Pray for everyone, especially leaders. Pray that everyone would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, “I urge that **entreaties** and **prayers, petitions** and **thanksgivings**, be made on behalf of all men.”

8. Praying All Kinds of Prayers

1. Entreaties (NASB) Petitions (NIV)	2. Prayers	3. Intercessions	4, Thanksgiving
Petitions based on deep sense of spiritual need, Specific needs directed toward God	All types of prayers, general requests & specific petitions	Earnest, urgent, and bold appeals for divine action	Gratitude for blessings or benefits, Praying with a thankful heart

9. Make ‘active’ prayer a priority – 1 Tim 2:1 Widen their view of how where for the Lord to work

Give men a good target to pray for. Something to accomplish, to be overcome. Invite them to the areas where you want to see God work and the impact of their prayers.

Use “prayerwalking” to pray for church campus, ministries, community and business. When praying for others, try to pray in direct contact with the person as much as possible. (In person, phone, electronic)

1 Tim 2:4 Pray with and for Community leaders, family leaders, ministry leaders, business leaders, etc

10. 1 Tim 2:8 Men Praying Everywhere. Pray in the places we expect God to answer our prayers. Pray at home, school, church, job, city hall, community, nature, etc. Prayer-walk, Prayer-Drive

11. Praying for Each Other: Skills to Master: Follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, minister appropriately, listen attentively to the person and to God, escalate and report when needed, be present and attend to the person, leave results to God

a. **What to pray for?:** Matt. 20:29-34 **Ask - What do you want Jesus to do for you?” Praying for Others mindset;** Serve, Listen, Compassion, Personal, Appropriate touch

b. **Providing faith, Confronting Obstacles:** Luke 5:17-20, 24-26. Pray for **need** and to **remove obstacles**

c. **Everyone needs prayer.** Paul’s prayers focused on “spiritual growth and maturity” God-Centered Prayer is **seeking God’s face** instead of **seeking God’s hand**. Ps. 27:8; Ps 105:4; 2 Cor 3:18

d. **Pray Biblically:** According to the promises in God’s Word! John 15:7, 2 Pet 1:3-4

“Praying the scriptures give us the right vocabulary for prayer” D. Henderson

- Claim Bible promises John 15:7, I John 5:14-15
- Exercise faith toward God James 5:15
- Pray without ceasing Col, 1:9, 1 Thess 5:17
- With Humility “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done” Matt 6:10, James 4:6-10
- With sympathy Heb 4:15, Rom 12:15
- With persistence Matt. 7:7-8, Luke 18:1