

Men Praying Everywhere - Prayer Champions – Equip and Inspire Prayer Wherever They Go

Equipping Men: We can equip men to pray, as Jesus did. “Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1b

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 **men who will lead them to greatness**
- Men **need vision**
- Men **need purpose**

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

When have you seen it in the scriptures that God was astonished? Is 59:15-16 _____

Intercession – Jesus: (Heb 7:25), Holy Spirit: Rom 8:26-27, 34

Insight 2: Make ‘active’ prayer a priority – 1 Tim 2:1 Widen view of how/where Lord to work
Praying all kinds of prayer for all people: Supplication, Prayers, Intercessions, Thanksgiving

Intercession: Earnest, urgent, bold appeals for divine action.

1 Tim 2:1 **First of all**, then, I urge that **entreaties** and **prayers, petitions** and **thanksgivings**, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. **3** This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Praying All Kinds of Prayers

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

Definition: Intercessory Prayer is prayer for others: “Issuing of **earnest, urgent, and bold appeals for divine action** in behalf of others A technical term for approaching a king. (1 Tim 2:1)

Pictures of Intercession from God’s Word

Loved by Jesus: Drawing near to Him and hearing what’s on His heart. John 13:23-25

Praying with Jesus: With Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Matt 26:36-38

2a. Pray for everyone, especially leaders. Pray that everyone would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, 1 Tim 2:4 Community leaders, family leaders, ministry leaders, business leaders, etc

2b: 1 Tim 2:8 Pray 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

Men are visual – want to **take territory Pray Everywhere** takes us to Pray in the places where we expect God to answer – If you want to energize men, give them something to cry out to god for the answer. Go together on a prayerwalk to discover where we want to see God work in our neighborhoods. Pray together about how God might want you to work together for good in your community

God’s Will is in His Word: We pray according to the promises in God’s Word.