

# Creating a "Culture of Prayer" in our Ministries.



# A. The Opportunity.

- Our Culture Desperately Needs Godly people.
- Equipping God's people to pray and act is a strategic kingdom priority.

How can we increase the impact of God's people in our ministries, businesses and community?

We must call them to prayer and spiritual activity!

- B. The Need Godly Culture, Leadership, Equipping to Know and Follow God's Will.
- 1. Culture: Leaders Create and Maintain a Godly Culture.

To have godly people, organizations must have leaders who create a godly culture.

2. Leadership: Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to Have a Godly Culture.

Every Leader a **Praying Leader** and Every Leader a **Prayer Advocate**. (See Page 2)

3. Equipping: Leaders provide equipping so that every person can become a fully-developed praying godly disciple. (See diagram  $\rightarrow$ )

Organizations with godly leaders and godly people have the spiritual "readiness" to know and follow God's will..

# "House of Prayer" Church Equipping "Fully-Developed" Praying Disciples

Personal

#### Personal Prayer

Love for God and self

Enjoying asking and seeking God's will for me, as His friend

#### Personal Intercession

Love for God and others

Enjoying asking and seeking God's will for me and others

### Corporate

Corporate Prayer
Love for God, His
People and others

Enjoying asking and seeking God's will for others together

#### Corporate Intercession

Love for God, His People and others

Enjoying asking and seeking God's will for us and others together

"People who do not pray will always be disoriented to the activity of God"

Pastor Mel Blackaby

- C. Leaders Create and Maintain a Culture of Godly Service in Their Organization.
- **1. Culture:** (n) Set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that identify an institution or organization, (v): to subject to culture; cultivate.

Cultivate: to produce by culture. To promote or improve growth by labor and attention.

- 2. How could a godly culture help your organization please God and fulfill its mission?
- 3. Leaders can seek the Lord in His Word and Prayer to determine ways to equip and deploy godly people to achieve their organization's mission.



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## D. Leadership: Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to Have a Godly Culture.

- 1. God Calls Leaders First: Has He or Is He Calling You to be a "Leader of People"?
  - Have you been discipled in godly service?
  - Could you disciple God's people to become godly believers?
  - Do you need to be discipled in order to grow as a leader of godly people?
- 2. Leadership: God's People Need Godly Leaders.
- "Whenever God calls His people to Himself, He uses His leaders." Henry Blackaby
- · Leadership is required to keep prayer and evangelism on task. Rick Shepherd
- "Everything **rises and falls on leadership."** Pastor John Maxwell
- 3. Every Leader a Praying Leader and Every Leader a Prayer Advocate.

A **Prayer Advocate** is a **catalyst for prayer** wherever they go. We invite every leader to strive to be a **Prayer Advocate**.

Prayer Advocates pray, preach, teach, and disciple in prayer. Prayer Advocates promote prayer, participate in prayer, provides places of prayer, and produce prayer requests that would make a difference if God were to answer.

# 4. Leaders Call God's People to Prayer and Spiritual Activity!

Nehemiah 4:20 says, "Wherever you hear the trumpet sound, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us!" Leaders call God's people to spiritual battle for our families, communities and nation.

#### **Our Response**

- What are leaders calling and rallying God's people to do?
- Which battles is God calling us to fight together?

**Leadership Goal: Leading God's people to obey God's word,** growing as godly disciples who make godly disciples who become the "House of Prayer" people that Jesus desires. Matthew 21:13, 2 Timothy 2:2