

A. The Opportunity.

- **Our Culture Desperately Needs Godly Men.**
- **Equipping men to pray and act is a strategic kingdom priority.**
- **Within men is the DNA of revolutionary impact.**

How can we increase the impact of men in our ministries, businesses and community?

We must call them to prayer and spiritual activity!

B. The Need – Praying Culture, Leadership and Equipping to Know and Follow God’s Leading.

1. Culture: Leaders Create and Maintain a Praying Culture.

a. To have praying men, organizations must have leaders who create a praying culture.

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

- **Every Leader a Praying Leader and Every Leader a Prayer Advocate¹**

3. Equipping: Leaders provide prayer equipping so that every man can be a fully-equipped praying disciple. (See diagram →)



Organizations with praying leaders and praying men have the spiritual “readiness” to know and follow God’s leading.

“People who do not pray will always be disoriented to the activity of God.”
Pastor Mel Blackaby

1. Culture: Leaders Create and Maintain a Culture of Prayer and Action in Their Organization.

Culture: (n) The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization, (v): to subject to culture; cultivate.

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

Your Organizational Culture

Who creates or maintains culture within your local organization? _____

Your organization's mission: _____

How could a culture of prayer help your organization please God and fulfill its mission?

Leaders can seek the Lord in His Word and Prayer to determine ways to equip and deploy men in Prayer and Action to achieve their organization's mission.

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

a. God Calls Leaders First: Has He or Is He Calling You to be a Leader of Men?

- Have you been disciplined in prayer and action?
- Could you disciple men to become men of prayer?
- Do you need to be disciplined to be a leader of men or a praying man?

b. Every Leader is Equipped to Be a "Prayer Advocate." Pastor Phil Miglioratti, National Pastors Prayer Network, Pray.Network .

Prayer Advocates encourage and inspire praying people by:

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| a. Practicing prayer himself. | d. Participating in prayer – by praying with his people. |
| b. Preaching, teaching, training and discipling in prayer. | e. Providing places of prayer. |
| c. Promoting prayer. | f. Prayer Requests: Including prayer requests that would make a difference to the ministry if God were to answer. |

3. Leadership: Men Need Male Leadership.

- **“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

4. Leaders Call Men 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 men to **spiritual battle** for our families, communities and nation. When we call men to spiritual battle, God will fight for us!

What are leaders calling their men to do? What battles must we fight together?

Our desire is to see men obeying God’s word and becoming the kind of men who pray and lead the Body of Christ to be the “house of prayer” church that Jesus desires. Matthew 21:13

5. Leaders Lead Men with an Understanding of the “Male Context.”

Male Context:

- a. Men follow men.**
- b. Men need male leadership.** They are looking for **men who will lead them to greatness.**
- c. Men will not lead** in areas where they do not feel **equipped and competent.**
- d. Men respond positively to being disciplined.**
- e. Men need vision and purpose.**
- f. Men are visual and want to conquer territory.**
- g. Give men a good target to pray for. Something to accomplish, to be overcome.**
- h. Invite them to where you want to see God work and see the impact of their prayers and labor.**

Equipping: Leaders Provide Prayer Equipping so every man can be a Fully-Equipped Praying Disciple – In 3 Areas.

1. Leaders Equip Men to Pray and Act.

Key scriptures: John 15:7, 1 Timothy 2:8 and Daniel 11:32.

a. Leaders lead men to a vital connection with God through His Word.

“Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. Then you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered.” John 15:7 CEV

b. Leaders equip men to take prayer to the places where we want to see God work. God’s desire is to see God’s men praying and on mission with God in every place.

“I want men to offer prayers everywhere. They should raise their hands in prayer after putting aside their anger and any quarrels they have with anyone.” 1 Timothy 2:8 CEV

c. Men who know their God will be strong and do great exploits. Daniel 11:32b

- i. **Knowing God and being strong come from God-centered prayer and connection.**
- ii. **Carrying out great exploits comes from being empowered by the Holy Spirit and working together in the Body of Christ.**

2. Leaders Value Men in the Church – And Greater Community.

- ▶ **When a husband/dad is first to connect to a faith community, 93% of the families follow.**
- ▶ **When a wife/mom is first to connect to the faith community, 22% of the families follow.**
- ▶ **When a child is first to connect to a faith community, 3.5% of the families follow.**

“As the father goes, so goes the family, and so goes the nation.” Woman is the heart of the home; if her heart is broken, so is the family.

3. Leaders Engage the “Warrior Spirit” in Men Born to Be A Warrior, Commander John R. “Barney” Barnes)

“Warrior Spirit: The passionate desire and determination in the heart of a man to prepare and perfect himself for the stance against evil in the service of others.”

4. Leaders Equip Men to Serve the Lord in “Their” Mission Field.

Men are called to impact the culture where God places them.

For most men in our churches, their primary calling takes place outside the walls of the local church.

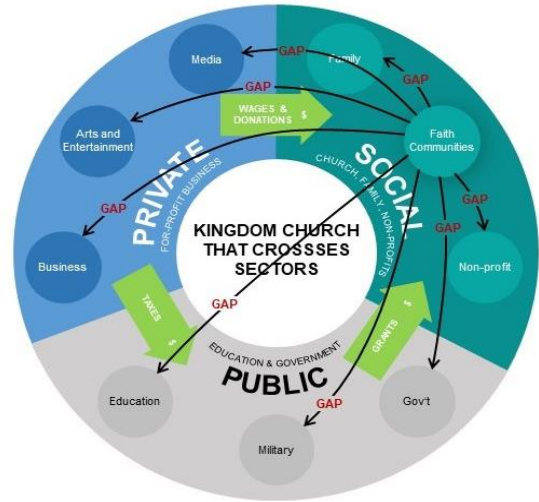
It is the responsibility of church and ministry leaders to equip, bless, and send men into “their” mission field.

Equipping men to serve the Lord in “their” mission field will be different for each man.

Leaders have the privilege of equipping and growing leaders in every part of the community and providing opportunities for them to equip and lead men in their part of the community to be effective kingdom missionaries.

The “3 Sectors of a Community” diagram (pictured right) describes the potential impact of men on our culture in the area of the community where God places them.

3 Sectors of a Community



Filling Spiritual Formation Gap

Conclusion: Repairing Your Part of the Wall

Partner with MPE to develop equipping resources for every area of the community.

Consider the strategy God gave Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. “Each one repaired the section [of the wall] immediately across from his own house.” Nehemiah 3:28 NLT

The diagram above identifies a “spiritual formation gap” that must be filled by leaders so men will be equipped and on mission with God to repair the walls of their communities where they are called and placed.

Are we repairing our part of the wall? Are we inviting other men to join us?

My part of the wall _____

What unique equipping is needed to repair my part of the wall? _____

Who can join me on my part of the wall? _____