

# Leading Men to Create A Praying Culture in Your Organization

## Opportunity

**Within men is the DNA of revolutionary impact. Equipping men to pray is a strategic kingdom priority.**

**How can we increase the impact of men in our churches, ministries, businesses and community? We must call them to prayer and spiritual activity!**

## The Need – Praying Leaders, Praying Culture and Prayer Equipping

### 1. Leaders Create a Praying Culture.

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

### 2. Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to have a praying culture.

- Every Leader a Praying Leader and Every Leader a Prayer Advocate.
- Leaders provide prayer equipping so that every man can be a fully-equipped praying disciple.
- Organizations with praying leaders and praying men are prepared to follow God's leading.

## Why Men Don't Pray

### 1. Men Need Leadership and Equipping.

- Leaders need to be equipped to be effective in modeling and leading their organizations to have a Biblical prayer culture.
- Leaders need to call men to prayer and made it an important priority.
- Leaders need to implement life-giving Biblical prayer models and engagement.
- Leaders need to disciple/apprentice men in prayer, including praying with them and showing them how to pray.

### 2. Men Must Overcome Obstacles to Prayer

- ▶ **Independence:** Living life on our own, apart from God. 1 Peter 2:25
- ▶ **Fear:** Flight, fear, terror 1 John 4:18
- ▶ **Guilt:** Held in, bound by, liable to a charge or action Romans 8:1, 34
- ▶ **Shame:** Dishonor, disgrace Colossians 3:18-19

**Shame:** "intensely painful feeling or experience. *Believing we are flawed and unworthy of love and belonging.* Something we've experienced, done, or failed to do makes us unworthy of connection." Brene Brown

### 3. Men Must Reject False Views of Prayer. Matthew 6:5-7, Luke 18:10-14

Some men believe God will only hear and answer their prayers when they use the right words, posture, or mindset. Others believe they must have the right church position, training, status or level of spirituality to get answers from God.

**Pertinent quote: "People who do not pray will always be disoriented to the activity of God"**  
**Pastor Mel Blackaby**

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## Why Men Will Pray

### 1. Create a “Male Context” – An Environment Where Men Thrive

#### Male Context

<p><b>1. Men follow men.</b></p> <p><b>2. Men need male leadership.</b> They are looking for <b>men who will lead them to greatness.</b></p> <p><b>3. Men need vision.</b></p> <p><b>4. Men need purpose</b></p>	<p><b>5. Men respond positively to being disciplined.</b></p> <p><b>6. Men are visual and want to conquer territory.</b></p> <p><b>7. Men will not lead</b> in areas where they do not feel <b>equipped</b> and <b>competent.</b></p>
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- ▶ Give men a **good target** to pray for. **Something to accomplish**, to be overcome.
- ▶ Invite **them to where you want to see God work** and **see the impact** of their prayers and labor.

### 2. Engage the “Warrior Spirit” in Me

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.*

### 3. Provide Male Leadership

- “Whenever God calls His people to Himself, **He uses His leaders.**” (Blackaby) We must **call** our people to prayer and spiritual activity.
- “People **don’t drift naturally toward prayer and evangelism.**” Leadership is required to keep these ministries on task. Dr. Rick Shepherd

### 4. 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.

### 5. Leaders Become Prayer Advocates (PA)

Pastor Phil Miglioratti, National Pastors Prayer Network, Pray.Network

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

<p><b>1. Practices prayer:</b> A <b>PA</b> must pray himself.</p> <p><b>2. Preaches, teaches, and disciples in prayer:</b> A <b>PA</b> leads by providing a Biblical foundation for those he leads.</p> <p><b>3. Promotes prayer –</b> A <b>PA</b> casts vision for having a ministry saturated with prayer.</p> <p><b>4. Participates in prayer:</b> The <b>PA’s</b> team experiences the <b>PA</b> by praying with him.</p>	<p><b>5. Provides places of prayer:</b> <b>PA’s</b> provide places and opportunities for people to pray. <b>PA’s</b> invite people to take prayer to places where people are. A <b>PA</b> trains for/encourages Spirit-led, Scripture-fed prayer for every person, gathering, class and committee. <b>PA’s</b> provide opportunities/places to pray.</p> <p><b>6. Produces prayer lists focused on kingdom impact:</b> <b>PA’s</b> include prayer requests that would make a difference if God were to answer.</p>
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