



Leading Men's Prayer Groups Bible Study

Our Culture Desperately Needs Godly Men

Within Men is the DNA of Revolutionary Impact

Training Men to Pray is a Strategic Kingdom Priority

1. We must call men to prayer and spiritual activity!

“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].” James 5:16 AMP

“He spoke a parable to them, men always ought to pray and not lose heart.” Luke 18:1

2. Prayer Quotes.

- ♥ Enjoying our love relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Al Vandergriend
- ♥ Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life. Jonathan Edwards

Where do men learn to be praying disciples? Church? Family? Small Groups? Job?

3. God’s Invitation to Life-Long Fellowship With Him.

God desires intimate, on-going fellowship with His people. Let’s make room for Him.

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13 NKJV

4. Obstacles to Closeness With God.

- ▶ **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. Philippians 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

- ▶ **False Views of Prayer:** Matthew. 6:5-7, Luke 18:10-14

In order for God to hear and answer my prayers, I must:

- **Pray “Right”:** Use the Right words, posture, mindset, etc.
- **Be “Right”:** Have right church position, training, status or level of spirituality, etc.

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

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5. Experience Prayer “Basic Training”

- Prayer is a relationship with God. • Pray God’s Word. • Learn God’s attributes.
- Train my ears to hear God’s voice. • Learn God responds to simple faith.

6. Create a Male Context – An Environment Where Men Thrive.

From *Why Men Hate Going to Church*, D. Murrow, 2005, pp. 156-160

Male Context Characteristics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Men need vision. e. Men need purpose f. Men respond positively to being disciplined. g. Men are visual and want to conquer territory. |
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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.

7. We Must 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.”

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

- Have you been disciplined in prayer? • 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?

9. Creating A Culture of Prayer in Our Churches and Ministries.

- If we don’t have Biblical prayer in our ministries, that is a leadership issue.
- God calls leaders to train, equip, and disciple men in prayer. In order to activate and deploy praying men, we must provide opportunities for men to pray where we want to see God work.
- "Everything rises and falls on leadership." Pastor John Maxwell.
- Leaders have the greatest ability to affect the praying culture of the ministry.
- A praying ministry requires praying leaders.
- The “Goal of leadership is to produce more leaders.” Ralph Nader