

The Prayer Chain

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Ye have not, because ye ask not

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START THE YEAR OFF PRAYING!

The person who does not pray, spoils his day. Prayer is the golden chain that binds our heart to God's heart. Prayer is the spiritual element that takes us above all things to God's throne. Prayer is the bridge that reaches from man to God. The devil is determined to keep us from praying. Chadwick said, "The devil laughs at all our labors, he mocks us at our wisdom, it doesn't bother him how much we work, but he trembles when the weakest saint gets on his knees." Now, if you want to get the devil upset, start praying. He is not alarmed at anything you do, unless you pray. The disciples realized that the most important thing in the life of Jesus was prayer. It was more important than performing miracles. It was more important than preaching. It was more important than talking to the crowds. I can't imagine a Baptist preacher leaving a crowd to do what Jesus did. Can you imagine walking away from a crowd of a thousand people and saying, "I have to talk to my Father"? But Jesus left the crowd and got alone with his heavenly Father and began to pray. If you want to find out something about praying, study the life of Jesus. He prayed often and He prayed early. You say, "I can't do that!" You could if you wanted to. - *V.M. Graham*

"...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"

II Corinthians 5:17

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Pray without ceasing,
because satan is preying
without ceasing!

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There was a total of 68 men saved in the Saline County Detention Center in 2015! Making the total 828 for the seven and a half years Brother Wayne has been preaching there. Keep up the good work Brother Wayne! **GLORY TO GOD!!**

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**BREAKING CHRISTIAN NEWS...
Jesus is Making Headlines in Israel**

The second largest Internet portal in Israel is putting Hebrew - language testimonies about Jesus on their front page, and 95% of Israelis are hooked into the Internet everyday, all day. **AMEN!** Keep praying for Israel - God is working!

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The more you pray - the more you want to pray!

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Having marital problems? How much have you prayed for your spouse?

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When you wake up at night and can't sleep...pray!

JESUS PRAYED!

"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone" Matthew 14:23. "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" Luke 6:12.

PRAYER STRATEGY

The days we are living in are evil, and nothing but intense intercession will bring in the harvest.

A woman came to a missionary in India asking him to prevent a certain Christian from praying for her anymore. She was asked how she knew that Christian was praying for her. She replied: "I used to perform my worship to the idols quite easily before and now I can't. He told me he was praying for me and my family, and now my son and daughter have become Christians. If he continues to pray, I may become a Christian as well! Things happen when he prays. Somebody must make him stop!"

This Christian knew that prayer was the strategy of heaven and so did the idol worshipper who did not want to experience the power of prayer! God wants us to go deeper in strategic prayer. These are days of opportunity, and God is raising-up intercessors to touch people's lives in every nation. Never underestimate the true potential of prayer.

ONE MILLION BOTTLES OF BEER IN THE TRASH!

We have been praying for God to make the alcohol distributors to shut down or lose money. On December 4, 2015 An Australian beer company owned by SABMiller recalled more than ONE MILLION bottles of beer that could contain broken glass. The recall was issued after they received a dozen complaints from customers about a chip at the top of the glass beer bottles. The company suspects the chip may have occurred during the bottling process, but it is still being investigated. [We suspect that it is an answer to prayer!] **PRAISE GOD!** Keep praying!!

PRAY FOR GOD'S ARMY

The battle is raging! Friday night, December 4, 2015, I was caught passing out gospel tracts in a store. The guy told me it was inappropriate and I couldn't pass them out there. I said, "If Jesus is not welcome here, neither am I or my money. I won't be back." I also told him he had a lot of inappropriate things in his store to which he humbly replied, "I know." I believe the Holy Spirit was working on him at that point. He had one of the gospel tracts in his pocket when I left. I pray he read it and gave his heart to Christ. I was passing out tracts again the next day. Ran into a couple we know from church and he had gotten in trouble passing out tracts in another store. I have kept track of how many tracts my husband and I have printed and passed out in 2015 and it totaled 2,016! PRAISE GOD! That's 2,016 seeds we planted for the Lord in 2015! That doesn't include the various other printed material we passed out. What a blessing!

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Make PRAYER a priority in 2016! PRAY MORE!

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I remember years ago when we ate at church - we feasted on the Word of God and drank from the fountain of living water! Those were the good ol' days!

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Only one person can be on the throne of your heart - you or God - not both! Put God on the throne of your heart.

THE WAR ROOM!!

There was a movie out at Christmas titled the "WAR ROOM." If you have not seen it, I recommend it highly! It is the best movie on prayer that I have ever seen! In fact, it is the only movie on prayer I've ever seen! We got it and have watched it three times already! And, can't wait to see it again! It tells you how and who to fight in prayer! Every Christian should see it more than once! Very, very good movie! There are two young girls in it that are very well behaved! What a glorious world we would have if all children were that well behaved! Find out about prayer strategy in this movie! Oh, my! Do yourself and America a favor... get this film and enjoy praying all the more!! *Amen and amen!!*

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PRAYER....

...its not about you. You were made by God and for God. Life is about letting God use you for His purposes. Do you know God's purpose for your life? Do you understand how all the pieces of your life fit together? Have you become what God created you to be? God made you for a reason and your life has profound meaning. Nothing matters more than knowing God's purposes for your life, and nothing can compensate for not knowing them. There are eternal consequences to what you do with your life. Major changes, delayed promises, impossible problems, unanswered prayers, underserved criticism, and even senseless tragedies will test you.

Our time on earth, our energy, intelligence, opportunities, relationships, resources and prayer are all gifts from God that he has entrusted to our care and management. Ask God to help you see life on earth as He sees it. It's all for Him. When we fulfill our purpose, it brings glory to God. Life is for His glory. To worship God is to bring Him glory. Worship is a lifestyle of enjoying God, loving Him, and giving ourselves to be used for His purposes. He wants us to grow to spiritual maturity (becoming like Jesus in the way we think, feel, and act). The more you develop Christ-like character, the more you bring glory to God. We bring glory to God by using our talents, gifts, skills, and abilities to serve others and help them to know Him.

Living your life for the glory of God will require you to change your priorities, your schedule, your relationships, and everything else in obedience to His will. Do whatever God asks without reservation or hesitation. Obedience will teach you more about God than anything else. You were made to live in God's continual presence. God wants to be included in every activity, every conversation, every problem, and even every thought. The more time you spend reviewing what God has said, the more you will understand the 'secrets' of this life that most people miss. You are as close to God as you chose to be. Ask God to give you a passion for Him. Don't miss the most important thing in life-knowing God. Give God your time. Give God yourself. The more you become God's friend, the more you will care about the things he cares about, grieve over the things he grieves over, and rejoice over the things that bring pleasure to Him. Adopt the way God thinks-about yourself, sin, God, other people, life, your future, and everything else. Take on Christ's outlook and perspective. Be like Jesus. Every day God wants you to become a little more like Him.

Life is not about you. Prayer is not about you. Prayer was made by God and for God. Begin each day with God. Ask God for wisdom. Ask God to direct your steps. Prayer has a purpose in bringing about God's will in the world. Prayer is the key to knowing and accomplishing God's purposes for your life, the church, the world, eternity. There are eternal consequences to your prayers. Will you persevere in prayer? Prayer is for God's glory. Look for God in all of life, every event, every day. Pray that His will be done in your life. Pray for a passion and commitment to God. Live for the glory of God. Pray for the glory of God. The smile of God is the goal of your life. God is with you all the time; no place is any closer to God than the place you are right now. Enter into His presence with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Continue praying throughout the day about all the things you see going on around you.

Life's events are reminders of who God is, His promises, and His will for the world-reminders to pray. God always acts in your best interest, even when it is painful and you don't understand it. Every time you trust God's wisdom and do whatever he says, even when you don't understand it, you deepen your friendship with God. Serious reflection on God's truth is a key to answered prayer and the secret to successful living. It is during suffering that we learn to pray our most authentic, heartfelt, honest-to-God prayers. Problems force us to look to God and depend on Him instead of ourselves. Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.

A life is nourished by prayer -- prayer that seeks God's glory, the reign of God in our lives and God's will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. I pray that God will be glorified in our lives and in His church, both now and forever.

LET'S DO IT! PRAY FOR AMERICA TO GET BACK TO GOD!