

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of August 14, 2005

A Call to Prayer

All is to be sanctified and realized by the Word of God and prayer. God's deep and wide river of promise will turn into the deadly miasma or be lost in the morass, if we do not utilize these promises by prayer, and receive their full and life-giving waters into our hearts.

E. M. Bound from *Possibilities of Prayer*

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

Pray for these men, women, and ministries. The Holy Spirit is looking for partners who will join with these ministries in prayer and support to reach nations for Jesus Christ.

Joyce Abrahamson – Joyce is a missionary working in Brazil. She runs a school for children and a Bible school. Pray for protection, anointing, and provision. Joyce requests prayer for the effectiveness of the outreach and for finances needed for the ministry.

Marianne and David Dean – Marianne and David are in school together preparing to return to the mission field. Pray for men and women to embrace their vision for reaching East Asia and support them with finances and prayer. Pray for endurance and energy as they travel around the southeast telling people about what they are doing.

Jacek Gromadzki – The church in Kolobrzeg, Poland bought their building in January. They are now restoring the building. They have an opportunity to buy a plot of land next to their property, which would be a great place for children ministry and as a witness to the community.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative - Inner Court Ministries e.V. and various Churches of the Rosenheim area sponsored "Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer" June 2005. This seminar called churches of the region together for encouragement and prayer. One result was a renewed and strengthened desire for revival. From Innsbruck to Rosenheim, people are praying for revival, please join in prayer for revival in the Inntal.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference - The Theme of the June 2005 conference was "Preparing for Revival", Pastors and their wives from seven countries (Poland, Germany, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Scotland, and the United States) gathered together to hear from God and be refreshed in His presence. Please join with these men and women in praying for revival.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Prayer is needed for, church building, training school, support for new pastors and missionary families in new areas of Nepal, adoption of a little girl, and travel into eastern Nepal to meet with the churches there.

Marek Kaminski – Marek has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as a leader of his denomination in Poland, and as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Mark Spencer – Mark has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors, and as leader of the German Verein ICM e.V. which is the sponsor of the *Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Your Home Church – Pray for your home church, that it would have great fruit in the work of saving people in your city. Pray for your church to be active in the work of saving people. Pray for plans and outreaches for your church this fall and opportunities for ministry.

Pray for Israel – Pray for eyes to open to see the Messiah.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Transforming Dreams into Reality (part 2)

David Williamson

There are several keys to the transformation of dreams to reality; they are all a part of the pursuit of excellence. The first is excellence of character. To walk with God and fulfill our dreams, we need to walk in excellence of character. A second key is excellence of choice. Transforming dreams into reality is a difficult pursuit. There is much of life that fights against you, much that is not right. The nature of man is to take the path of least resistance; unfortunately this path never leads to fulfillment of the dream. The choices we make build the foundation for our tomorrows.

*Then He spoke a parable to them, saying:
"The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.
And he thought within himself, saying,
'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'
So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater,
and there I will store all my crops and my goods.
And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years;
take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."'
But God said to him,
'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you;
then whose will those things be which you have provided?' [*
So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:16-21 (NKJV)

This man's choice set in place his (lack of) tomorrow.

Every day, all through the day, God sets before us choices and decisions. Our choices do make a difference. Many of the choice we make are between life and good or death and evil.

***See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,
Deut. 30:15 (NKJV)***

***And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord,
choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods which your fathers served
that were on the other side of the River,
or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.
But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)***

The Bible is filled with examples of people who made wise choices and those who made poor choices. Look at the Moabites woman Ruth, she choose to go with her mother-in-law to Israel and from that choice she became the great grandmother of King David.

For many people decisions and choices are difficult to make they vacillate between the choices never making a decision.

***And Elijah came to all the people, and said,
"How long will you falter between two opinions?
If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."
But the people answered him not a word.
1 Kings 18:21 (NKJV)***

***No servant can serve two masters;
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon."
Luke 16:13 (NKJV)***

Sometimes decisions are very difficult because they go against our desires.

***Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him,
"One thing you lack: Go your way,
sell whatever you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."
But he was sad at this word,
and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
Mark 10:21-22 (NKJV)***

Dreams are transformed by good choices, by wise choices, by God directed choices. Every day we have opportunities to develop our character as we make choices. What have you chosen today? Have you listened to the Holy Spirits guidance or to your own desires?

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you,
that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing;
therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;*

Deut. 30:19 (NKJV)

We have a choice in how we walk and act, our choices do matter. They make a difference in our life and affect the world around us. Look at the choices required of the upright and righteous man in David's Psalm.

A Psalm of David.

Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness,

And speaks the truth in his heart;

He who does not backbite with his tongue,

Nor does evil to his neighbor,

Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

In whose eyes a vile person is despised,

But he honors those who fear the Lord;

He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

He who does not put out his money at usury,

Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15:1-5 (NKJV)

This is excellence of choice. Pursuit of excellence of choice will transform the dream of our heart into the reality of our life.

It is the pursuit of excellence of choice that releases your dream. Excellence of choice is defined by God, manifest by Jesus His Son, and taught by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has choice lessons for you today. He has planned a full slate of life altering activities to mold you to be like Jesus, making wise choices.

Pursue Excellence of Choice

Joining This Company

All Christians who will pray are welcome. *Voice of Thanksgiving* is available by e-mail to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. *Voice of Thanksgiving* is a guide to challenge us and direct our prayers. The fee for joining is your commitment to pray. Please join us in praying for the nations. Also, tell your friends and prayer partners about *Voice of Thanksgiving*. We are gathering a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

To receive *Voice of Thanksgiving* Send an e-mail with word JOIN in the subject line to david@innercourt.com

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