

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of June 18, 2006

A Call to Prayer

But above all he excelled in prayer. The inwardness and weight of his spirit, the reverence and solemnity of his address and behavior, and the fewness and fullness of his words have often struck even strangers with admiration as they used to reach others with consolation. The most awful, living, reverend frame I ever felt or beheld, I must say, was his prayer. And truly it was a testimony. He knew and lived nearer to the Lord than other men, for they that know him most will see most reason to approach him with reverence and fear. WILLIAM PENN OF GEORGE FOX

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

There is a great stirring in many of the areas of our prayers. God is hearing and responding to our prayers. Now is the time for great diligence in prayer for these nations, ministries, and people, as well as other projects you are a part. This time is one of great darkness coming over people and a time of the great light of the Gospel setting men and nations free. People and nations hang in the balance, will you pray?

*And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for Bernhard and Lisa as they prepare to go to Germany. Pray for all the preparations and details that must be complete before they go.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. Pray for:
Our building construction work is in progress, construction material cost is shooting up because of unstable economy in country. We are in need of miracles from God for 36000\$ to complete our project. Please list us in your prayer!

In this changing situation in New Nepal, the door for opportunity is opened to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ more powerfully. READY FOR THAT.

So please pray for Nepal and for conferences, training nationals, seminars, to teach Bible school, Mission trekking, prayer walks, revival/healing meetings and pray and support our mission efforts, gospel literatures printings etc.

We wish you spiritual and physical blessing as well as growth.

*May God give you sound understanding of His plan and purpose, In Him,
Pastor Deu K Limbu*

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for upcoming seminars on prayer. Pray for the Inntal region.

Marianne and David Dean – David and Marianne are close to having all of their support.

Pray that the Lord would help us find balance while we invest in friendships here in the States yet remain focused on our goal of returning to East Asia in August. Pray that the Lord will bless our times in his Word and prayer.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for the church building and the remodeling they are completing.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church in Poland, pray for his ministry and duties across the region.

Mark Spencer – Pray for his trip to Nepal in October.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for everyone returning from the BBB Conference.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the school children, their education is important and their introduction to the Lord is imperative. Joyce also writes: *“We are still plagued by rain and mud and depending on God’s power and love to move forward each day. His Name is Wonderful.”*

Your Home Church – Pray for your church and its world view. Pray that they will in ever increasing measure see the nations of the world as white unto harvest. Pray for labors to be thrust forth for the nations.

Pray for Israel – Pray for Israel; the times are difficult for this nation and people.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Setting Limits

David Williamson

Do you set limits? Of course you do, everyone sets limits. So, my question is where do you set your limits? How fast can you go in your car? Is the answer the speed limit or is your limit more than the set speed limit. Do you allow yourself to drive five miles per hour over the speed limit or have you set your limit even higher? What about movies, what is your limit? Is there a rating that is your limit or are there times when if you really want to see it do you go beyond your limit.

There are many types of limits, government limits, society limits, situation limits, religious limits, and personal limits. How do you respond to these limits? Are you a limits type person, following every limit to the letter of the limit? Or are you a pick and choose limit selector, following every limit that you agree with? Or are you a no limit type person, a limit is just a call to try something, like a red flag in front of a bull.

I joke with you, but limits are very important. We set limits for our children to keep them safe. “David, do not put your hand on the burner of the stove! You will burn your hand!” This is a limit

on my actions set by my parents that kept me from burning my hand. This is a good limit. “David, do not drive in the left lane of the autobahn, except to pass!” This is a good limit for driving; I have had cars go past me in the left lane so fast I could not tell what type of car it was. The limit kept me out of the way and safe. These and many other limits are a part of our lives and they serve us well for safety, health, and welfare.

Yet there are limits that often are skirted, or so we claim. For years I would drive over the speed limit. This was more so when I was alone. Seldom a lot over the limit, but often, using the urban myth, police radar could not tell if I was just five miles over the speed limit. So I would drive 59.5 miles an hour in a 55 speed zone. Then I noticed that I was commonly exceeding that limit as well. I also noticed that I was asking God to bless my driving and keep me safe, something He has done many times. However, if the law said 55, how could I ask God to bless me and help me to break the law? I am not perfect in this, but since that time I have done much better at driving within the set limits, if I am late I am late.

There is a negative side to limits as well. For a time my family and I lived near a boy named Ron. Ron was a year older than me and a very good athlete. He and I did everything together, but every athletic activity he would win. I would get so frustrated; I could not beat Ron at anything. Finally I got so upset at losing; I decided to put an end to losing. However, instead of working to get better, I just stopped competing. If it was a competition I would not participate. From that day to the present I have never lost to Ron in anything. I set a limit and that limit ended my losing to Ron. However, it also ended the wonderful competitions we had, it slowly ended our friendship, and it affected me for years. I overcame this while in the military, but it changed how I was in high school and my first years of college.

How about you? Where have you set limits in your life, good limits and bad limits? How about with God, have you set limits with God? Israel set limits on God. As they wandered in the wilderness they would not trust God to help them. They set a limit, God can provide for us food and water, He can save us from the Egyptians, but there is a limit to what God can do. They would not trust Him to take them into the Promised Land. They set limits.

When we pray, limits control what we pray they also control the possible answers we receive. When we place limits on God we describe what He can do. Where will you set your limits? Some limit their prayers. They refuse to take chances, to stand boldly in faith. If they only pray safe prayers, general prayers for example, they run no risk of failure. However, they also miss opportunities with God, opportunities to see Him do great things. I stepped out of competition with Ron, but that meant that I would never experience beating Ron. The same opting out is true for many people. They choose not to step out in faith and trust God for answer to great prayers. If we only pray safe general prayers we will never see the power of God in action.

*So Jesus answered and said to them,
“Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt,
you will not only do what was done to the fig tree,
but also if you say to this mountain,
'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.
And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”*
Matthew 21:21-22 (NKJV)

*And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

John 14:13-14 (NKJV)

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire,
and it shall be done for you.*

John 15:7 (NKJV)

*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed
you that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should remain,
that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*

John 15:16 (NKJV)

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

Let the limitless God, our Father, bring His answers to our limitless prayers!

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