

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of November 26, 2006

*Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.*

Psalm 55:17 (NKJV)

The Life of Prayer

Fill in the Prayer Forms

David Williamson

How are you doing with God? Would you like to take a test and find out? Yes, I know that our standing is based on the life, death, resurrection, and the work of Jesus. However, my question still stands, would you like to measure how you are progressing? The question could be stated as, how far have you progressed, are you more like Jesus than you were last year? There are many tests you can take, ways to measure growth, but this is simple and useful. So here goes, a gauge of your relation to God.

The Prayer-Chamber Test

The prayer-chamber is a measure of our devotion to God. The test is what is required by the prayer-chamber. First, the prayer-chamber requires self-denial. There are hundred of things we could be doing instead of praying. The flesh wants to do its own desires, it needs rest, it needs fun, it needs recreation, it needs primping, it needs extra time in bed, it needs good cloths and cars, it needs praise, and it needs recognition and so forth. To pass this section of the prayer-chamber test requires time, effort, and self-denial.

*Then He spoke a parable to them,
that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

Luke 18:1 (NKJV)

Another section of the prayer-chamber test is a measure of our frequency of visits. Do you leave the Lord waiting, or even worse are there no regular meetings planned? A hit or miss prayer life leads to no prayer life at all.

pray without ceasing,

1 Thes. 5:17 (NKJV)

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

Philip. 4:6 (NKJV)

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Our desire makes up another section of this test. When we pray what do we want? Are our times of prayer such that we long to remain or can't wait to be done? Does the time drag by or fly by? How do we value the time we have with Him?

*rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer;*

Romans 12:12 (NKJV)

The next section looks at our prayers; do we make earnest prayer or careless prayer? The question here is our desire for answers to prayer. Earnest prayer desires and requires answers from God. It will not be satisfied with anything less. Careless prayer just goes through the motions. There is no pressure to get answers, they are nice if they come, but not really expected.

*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain;
and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.*

James 5:17 (NKJV)

*Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NKJV)

Next section, how are you praying; do you lift up prayers of faith or prayers of fluff? Fluff can be just wasted words thrown into the wind, or they can be words of pride and arrogances. Either of these will result in nothing from God. However, prayer lifted in faith gets God's attention and God's results.

*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.*

Matthew 21:21 (NKJV)

There can be many other sections to the test, but by now you get the idea. The Holy Spirit and you can review how you are doing; review your progress or lack there of. He is great at pointing out areas where we need help. He helps us learn and grow.

So, how did you do with the test? Well, or not as well as you wish? So do you want to score better?

One way to improve is to fill the forms of prayer. This is like the men who pour the foundation of a building. They put up forms to hold the cement in place until it is firm enough to stand on its own.

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We can do the same, not with cement, but with habits. If we begin to practice prayer, working hard to make our practices the best they can be, then the Holy Spirit will train us and help us; and our practices will become our habit. To increase your score on the prayer-chamber test, practice a good routine until it becomes our normal habit. If day-by-day we practice a good routine of prayer, doing what we should do in prayer, we will come to the point where these practices will be our regular habits. The day we live in is calling for men and women who will cultivate great habits in prayer. Let your devotion to God grow and your habits in prayer mature and improve.

***But the end of all things is at hand;
therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.***

1 Peter 4:7 (NKJV)

Let us pray!

A Call for Prayer

***Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.***

Psalm 2:8 (NKJV)

Pray for Israel –Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

DK Limbu Daniel –Pray for the pastors of Nepal, pray for protection and provision so they can complete all of God's call for their life. Pray for the agreements between various groups and the government, that there will be peaceful opportunity for preaching of the Gospel.

Thank you for praying for us. May God bless you, Pastor DK Daniel

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for successful outreaches in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for an open hearted response to the Gospel.

***For a great and effective door has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.***

1 Cor. 16:9 (NKJV)

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for teammates who are dealing with difficult situations. Pray for the focus on evangelism, while there is a stirring, it has been difficult to see much spiritual interest. Pray for the girls Marianne has been working with. Pray for open doors of opportunity, open hearts to receive God's Word, and willingness to go deeper into spiritual things. Pray also for safety while traveling for David and another teammate.

Thanks so much to all of you for your prayers, your love and support! You really have no idea how much it means to us!! - Marianne

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Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for God’s provision for the needs of this ministry, for the finances, for protection for Joyce and her team, and for protection for the school and students.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for provision for all he must do, guidance, time, and direction. Pray for opportunities for the Gospel, both for Marek and pastors he works with.

Mark Spencer – Pray for God’s direction for Mark, concerning ministry and outreach for 2007. Pray for open doors of opportunity and provision to walk through those doors.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for those people coming to the BBB Conference June 2007 in Poland. Now is the time for us to prepare for the fifth annual BBB Conference. Soon we will make decisions and arrangements, pray for God’s direction and guidance.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for our outreaches in 2007 in Germany. Now is the time for us to begin to prepare for conferences and street ministry. Very soon people will need to make decisions and arrangements, pray for God’s direction and guidance.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, he and his team are going again to India in January of 2007. Pray for this trip and the ministry in India.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for provision for the outreaches of your church.

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