

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of May 27, 2007

Three words practically the same in the processes of Divine discipline are found, temptation, trial and trouble, and yet there is a difference between them. Temptation is really a solicitation to evil arising from the devil or born in the carnal nature of man. Trial is testing. It is that which proves us, tests us, and makes us stronger and better when we submit to the trial and work together with God in it "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." From *Essentials of Prayer* by E. M. Bounds

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Mountain Top Lessons in Prayer**

David Williamson

What are your plans for the summer? Do you have plans for trips and visits, plans for relaxation and refreshing? Have you scheduled trips to special places and meeting special friends? It is great to get some time away from our regular routine. Jesus knows we needed times of refreshing. He took his disciples away from the press of the crowds and the demands of the people.

The times when Jesus and his disciples got away from the crowds were special times. This was the place for lessons in living the Christian life, including lessons on prayer. We need these times if we are going to grow and mature in prayer. The life of prayer is a life of growing and learning. Times of special lessons are very important, both for the refreshing and for the lesson.

The Biblical command is to pray without ceasing and to pray in everything. This is a command expressing the will of God, a command calling for the sleepless energy of prayer, of the exhaustless possibilities of prayer, and of the exacting necessity prayer. Prayer can do all things. Prayer must do all things. The injunction and the practice are not always one and the same. Often we fall short of the goal, the perfection that was found in Jesus. It is His prayer life that is our goal and His prayer life that is our example.

Every day God is working with the believer, working through the Holy Spirit, He is teaching us. He is serious about every aspect of our Christian life, this includes prayer. He teaches us by lesson, each lesson an aspect of prayer. Some simple adjustments, others major changes, but every day lessons.

***Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.***

Matthew 11:29 (NKJV)

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The goal of our lessons is to be like Jesus. However, we should make note of how Jesus became our goal. He was perfected. He learned to be the perfect example. The Holy Spirit ministered to Him and taught Him. His lessons include learning how to pray.

*And having been perfected,  
He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,  
Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV)*

Our goal is to be just like Him. That goal is obtained by the daily lessons of the Holy Spirit. This is how Jesus learned and how we learn. Jesus using the Holy Spirit has our teacher is finishing our faith. He is teaching us to pray. In addition, Jesus will draw us aside and teach us. He knows our needs and is praying for us, so He is well able to perfect us.

*You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,  
And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth,  
And gave them water for their thirst.  
Neh. 9:20 (NKJV)*

*But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.  
For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.  
For what man knows the things of a man  
except the spirit of the man which is in him?  
Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.  
Now we have received, not the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit who is from God,  
that we might know the things  
that have been freely given to us by God.  
These things we also speak,  
not in words which man's wisdom teaches  
but which the Holy Spirit teaches,  
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.  
But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God,  
for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them,  
because they are spiritually discerned.  
1 Cor. 2:10-14 (NKJV)*

*looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)*

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Make plans to have time away with Jesus this summer. Find time with Him so He can refresh you, and teaching you. Let Him take you to new places in prayer.

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 and the peace of Jerusalem** – Pray for the Jewish people; pray that they would come to see Jesus as the promised Messiah.

**Pray for the Youth Team** – Pray for the youth team going from Colorado to Poland, June 14 through June 26. They will have outreach in two Polish cities and various smaller villages.

**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray for new converts to Christianity. This can be a very trying time for these young people with their friends and family.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for revival to come to this city.

**The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference** – Pray for the BBB Conference, June 22, 23, 24. Pray for the men and women coming to the conference, that God would touch their heart and guide their ways.

**William Williamson** – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, and a long time member of this company. We have prayed for Bill and the teams he has lead to India for several years. You have been praying for the town he lives in, Holly, Colorado, but now please pray for Bill as well. He was in a car accident and has a broken ankle and wrist. He is home from the hospital now, but faces more surgery. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

**Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Pray for outreach to the people of Germany; sharing the Christian life and prayer seminars. Pray for our ministry across more of Germany and Europe. Pray also for Americans in Germany; there have been several reports of possible terrorist attacks on Americans working and visiting Germany.

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for Marek and his continuing work of the ministry across Poland and countries to the East.

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**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for the finances of the school and the meeting of the needs of students and staff.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the work of planting new churches across the region.

**Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach** – Pray for the transition of their children to life in Germany that it would be smooth, but that they would continue to grow with favor with the Lord.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for the finances and arrangement to walk through the doors that have opened for sharing the Gospel message.

**John Coon** – John is back from Poland.

**Pray for your Home Church** – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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