

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of August 5, 2007

He who would make a success in life is the man who learns how to pray. Any person who wishes to fulfill the purpose for his coming into the world and who will make a covenant with God to bring before Him daily all the problems of life, involving his home, family, work, and every detail of life—will have a successful life. from *The Art of Successful Praying* by Gordon Lindsay

The Life of Prayer

Serving

David Williamson

There have been many generation of people beginning with Adam and Eve. The word *generation* in the Scriptures has many shades of meaning that are closely related. It can signify an age, or the men living in a particular age; also, in an ethical sense, the entire body of those who are connected together by similarity of disposition.

***There they are in great fear,
For God is with the generation of the righteous.***

Psalm 14:5 (NKJV)

We see *generation* can be the offspring of an individual or successions of offspring noted in a genealogical table and called a “book of the generations.” In Genesis 2:4 the Bible says, “Theses are the generations”, meaning “history”. So Genesis 5:1 would be the family register or history of Adam.

Generation can be a period of time. For *generation* in the sense of a definite period of time, see Genesis 15:16 and Deut. 23:2-3, 8. As an indefinite period of time: for time *past*, see Deut. 32:7; Isaiah 58:12; for time *future*, see Psalm 45:17; Psalm 72:5. The word is also taken to denote the persons actually constituting a specific *generation*, as members of its state or character This may be a positive membership, as in 1 Peter 2:9, here generation is used as, “A chosen generation” signifying a chosen people.

Some of the generations of the Bible have been noteworthy; others have passed with little if any notice. Who will ever forget the generations Jesus described, “an evil and adulterous generation” (Matthew 12:39), or “unbelieving and perverted generation” (Matthew 17:17). Or Paul’s a “crooked and perverse generation” mentioned in Philippians. 2:15.

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A generation of great note is the last generation. Men have looked down through history at that generation. They have longed to be part of the generation that will be alive and see Jesus come back just as He left to go to Heaven.

who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?"

*This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

Acts 1:11 (NKJV)

I honestly do not know of what generation we are, many people have claimed to know and been found to be in error, but I do know that this generation has the marks of the last or nearly the last generation. We do know that the time is drawing near, Jesus is coming soon. Paul called his time the last days; I believe it is safe to call this time the last of the last days, as we are far nearer now than we were in Paul's time.

Be that as it may, we know that this generation has the look of the generation Jesus spoke of in the parable of the tares and wheat. In this parable the tares and the wheat are growing and ripening together. That is an apt description of today. We see sin growing and ripening, men and women are engaged in evil with a boldness and openness that has seldom ever been seen and today these evil practices are wide spread through out societies around the world. Surely a good description of this generation includes the tares ripening to full fruit.

At the same time there is growing and ripening around the world a glorious church. Men and women are reaching out with the great Gospel message and we see hearts softened and changed. People are responding to the message and coming to salvation in Christ Jesus. This move of God is widespread and very powerful. In various places revival fires are burning brightly. This is the wheat growing and ripening.

As exciting as this move of God is, (and it is exciting!), there is much to be done. With 6.6 billion people on this earth there is a great deal to do to tell them about Jesus. To reach this generation all Christians must be about their Father's business. One key aspect of working our Father's business is the same now as it was in Jesus' time, we need prayer. As He walked the earth Jesus was a man of prayer. It was by prayer that He lived, moved, and had His being; so should it be with us. The great moves of God throughout history have always come in response to prayer. If we are going to reach this generation for Jesus we must be a generation of prayer. We must be about powerful, effective, fervent prayer.

King David served his generation. He was their king, song writer, man of prayer, and so much more. The Bible says that David served his own generation. The same will be said of us. The question is what generation will we have served. Could it be that we will have served the leisure generation or

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the self satisfied generation? Will we have served this evil generation? Or will we have served this generation of the redeemed of the Lord?

*For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God,
fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;*

Acts 13:36 (NKJV)

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,
which shall never hold their peace day nor night:
ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence,
And give him no rest, till he establish,
and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:6-7 (KJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for the leadership of Israel, pray for them to be obedient to God's command.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for the Kaminski's time in Mexico and then in Colorado, USA.

John Coon – Pray for fulfillment of the vision and ministry God has placed on his heart. Pray for his health and safety.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack that the [fire of the Holy Spirit will fall within his life and church](#).

Mark Spencer – Pray for the Holy Spirit's preparation for ministry that is coming soon in a new and exciting part of the world. The invitation is in hand, now God must make a way and prepare His servant. Pray also for meetings in Nepal in October and November.

Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced.

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Pray for Heike's quick, full, and complete healing.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the pastors of the Conference and pray that they will fulfill the call on their heart.

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Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel and the message of hope to the people of these countries.

Pray for Prayer Initiative Seminars – Pray for opportunities to minister in Germany and throughout Europe.

William Williamson – Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the safety of the children in the school.

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

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for open doors of opportunity to minister.

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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