

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 28, 2007

We must pray in the Spirit, in the Holy Ghost, if we would pray at all. Lay this, I beseech you, to heart. Do not address yourselves to prayer as to a work to be accomplished in your own natural strength. It is a work of God, of God the Holy Ghost, a work of His in you and by you, and in which you must be fellow-workers with Him—but His work notwithstanding. Archbishop Trench

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Gifts and Assignments**

David Williamson

Are you up against a mountain? Is there something facing you that is a major challenge? The answer should be yes for all of us. We should be facing difficulties; often this should be true on several levels, in our personal life and our ministry. This is the crucified life; the life I live is not my own. Jesus is the best example of the crucified life. Satan offered Jesus kingdoms and power, God the Father offered Jesus the cross. Today Jesus is exalted far above all principalities and powers, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, but the road to this the highest position, was the cross. If we are to live and reign with Christ, both now and in the future, we must join with Him in the life of the cross.

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.***

2 Cor. 5:17 (NKJV)

***I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,  
but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh  
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

The crucified life is a life purchased by God, we must live for Him. Derek Prince once described the crucified life, by asking three questions. First he asked, “Are you willing not to be in control?” The second question, “Are you willing to not be esteemed?” The third question, “Are you willing to not be secure?” If we are to live the crucified life, then we must be fully and completely in God’s hands.

We like to think of being in God’s hands. It is comforting to think of Him holding us and protecting us. However, we run into problems with this, when God makes demands on us. We want God to hold us in His hands, but we want Him to do it our way. I work with high school students. If you as any group of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students if they want to graduate from high school they all say yes. However, they all are not as willing to do the go to school every day thing, or the study hard thing, or the follow the rules thing. They want to graduate, but they want to do it their own way.

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We tend to be the same. We want the goodness of God, but we are not so sure about walking day-by-day following His demands. We want His goodness, but we want it our way. From Adam to you and me, there has been a stream of people who wanted the goodness of God, but wanted it their way. Throughout this same time frame there have been those who have been willing to live God's way. They have been the great men and women of faith. They have done exploits. They have faced mountains instead of living high on the mountain.

If we are going to do exploits, and the time we live in needs men and women of exploits, then we must live His way. We must be crucified with Christ so we can live with Christ. This means we will live a life that faces mountains. In life there will be obstacles to deal with and overcome. This is a great challenge. The life of prayer is facing this challenge and walking with God to bring His will to our life and to this world.

There are many things Jesus and the Holy Spirit will teach us, if we are willing. In our prayer life there will be many demands. To face these successfully we need to stir up the gifts we have been given and we must do the assignments God has given us. Paul knew that Timothy was the man for the job of pasturing the church where he was placed. Even though Timothy seemed to be too young, but Paul knew he was the man for the job. Paul also knew that the only way the Timothy would be successful was if he used the gifts he had been given.

***Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God  
which is in you through the laying on of my hands.***

2 Tim. 1:6 (NKJV)

This was a key for the success of Timothy and it is the key for our success. Too many people are looking for formulas and tricks for success, they need the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in their life. This is the only real formula for success; I am crucified, yet I live and the life I live is in Christ Jesus. He gifts me with what I need for success in Him. My job is to stir up the gifts. Too often we neglect the gift.

***Do not neglect the gift that is in you,  
which was given to you by prophecy with the  
laying on of the hands of the eldership.***

1 Tim. 4:14 (NKJV)

A second key is the assignment. Am I willing to do what God wants me to do, where He places me to do it? Am I willing to not be in control, esteemed, or secure? When Paul left Crete he placed Titus there to get a job done. He placed him where he was needed and gave him a job to do.

***For this reason I left you in Crete,  
that you should set in order the things that are lacking,***

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***and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you--***

Titus 1:5 (NKJV)

God is well able and willing to place you in your special Crete. He has an assignment for you to be doing. This has to do with the church you are in, the ministry He has assigned, and the prayers He wants you to pray. Too many Christians today, have taken the role of assigning themselves to the assignments they want. They want the control, esteem, or security, as well as the glory of claiming to do things their way, instead of seeking His will and way for their life.

However, for true success we need to be in His assignment and with His gifts. If you do not know your assignment or gifts, then it is a good time to find out. The first step is prayer. Let the Father know that you are willing to do what He says and that you are interested in listening to Him as He speaks. Then listen, this may take a great deal of effort on your part. The world is designed to interrupt listening. Second, spend time meditating on verses of the Bible. Do not try to read as much as you can, but try to hear from God in each word, phrase, and sentence. Read listening. Next, spend time with brothers or sisters who challenge you spiritually. Often God will confirm by these friends. Be sure you are in a Bible believing church where you are hearing the Word of God. If your church does not meet this requirement, then ask the Father to speak clearly as to where you should be. He may want you there for an assignment or somewhere else, but He does want you where you should be. Ask Him.

We can know His will for our life. Please remember that it is likely that this will include prayer. We are called to effective, fervent prayer. As He calls, how will you respond?

***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,***

Isaiah 62:6 (KJV)

*Let us Pray!*

## **A Call for Prayer**

***Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly  
above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,  
to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

Ephes. 3:20-21 (NKJV)

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for nations to align with Israel not against her.**

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**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray for David and Marianne to receive God’s provision for the needs of the work of the ministry.

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray that God would continue to speak to Marek directing his every step, plan, and decision.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church and the completion of their building project. Pray for the supply of the needs for the building and the workers to help with construction.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal.

1. *Word Explosion Conferences* in Kathmandu and east Nepal in November 4-10th. Pray for peace and safety for all traveling pastors. Participants will come from Nepal, India and Bhutan. May the power of the Holy Spirit be in manifestation and pastors and leaders be exulted and empowered to take the gospel to unreached people’s group.
2. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God’s favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.
3. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal.
4. We are in need of lots of gospel literatures, bibles and New Testaments to distribute; we need large number of it. Please pray for the provision for it.
5. We need your partnership to go beyond our capacity, evangelize the world, planting churches among Nepalese world. Now, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hongkong and Thailand in east and Qatar, UAE, Israel and KSA in the Middle East, are becoming a mission field for us to reach expatriate Nepalese working there.
6. One of the big city in east Nepal, where we are praying to send a missionary, we need a partnership to send a missionary there. We need your partnership and prayer support.
7. Pray for my family, Hope, for Children, and me. We are expecting grandson in December.

**Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania** – Pray for the strengthening and empowering of these churches.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for continued faithful obedience to God’s call and command.

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for safety for the students of the school.

**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.

**John Coon** – Pray for his health and safety.

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**Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Pray a new understanding of God’s plan for the Inntal Prayer Initiative in Germany and throughout Europe.

**Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach** – Pray for opportunities to minister the Gospel.

**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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