

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of September 6, 2009

The principal cause of my leanness and unfruitfulness is owing to an unaccountable backwardness to pray. I can write or read or converse or hear with a ready heart; but prayer is more spiritual and inward than any of these, and the more spiritual any duty is the more my carnal heart is apt to start from it. Prayer and patience and faith are never disappointed. I have long since learned that if ever I was to be a minister faith and prayer must make me one. When I can find my heart in frame and liberty for prayer, everything else is comparatively easy.—Richard Newton

The Life of Prayer

A Pathway in Prayer

David Williamson

My Grandparents on my mother's side were very smart; they both had areas of expertise and together they made a great team. He was gifted in being able to visualize a tool or process and then make what was needed. My Grandmother was a dreamer; she always had ideas for new products. She invented frozen cookie dough, where a mother could take out the package, slice the cookies she wanted, and bake them. Every one has products like this now, but in the early 50s this was something new. When they began production, my Grandfather designed the plant for making and packaging these cookies.

In another example of her ideas and his making it happen, My Grandmother had an idea for a special gift store called Calico Kate's. The store was so popular that people came to her store from all over America. At one point she had a store near Estes Park, Colorado, plus one in Arizona and one in Disneyland in California (my mother still has the letter from Walt Disney inviting Grandma to talk about placing a store in his Frontierland part of the park).

My grandmother was constantly planning new things to do and new products for her store. She had specially made candies and preserves, but the most unusual was watermelon pickles. This was the rind of watermelons, pickled and preserved in a jar. Most of the food items were purchased from suppliers and given special labels, but the pickles were made at the store. My Grandfather designed and built a special kitchen just for producing watermelon pickles. If you followed the path he set around the room and knew the secret ingredients in the recipe, you could produce jars of watermelon pickles. When I was a teenager, this became my summer job and many a morning, I would make 6 to 24 dozen jars of pickles. Everything had to be done just the way my Grandfather planned the process. The key was following his specific plans; this was the pathway to success.

Just like my Grandfather who designed special equipment and plans for making watermelon pickles, so our Heavenly Father has made a special plan for prayer. If we follow His plan, if we walk along

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His prepared pathway we will have great success. Learning to pray is learning to walk along His pathway for prayer.

Just like I had to follow the pathway set out by my Grandfather for making pickles, so we must follow the pathway for prayer set by our Father. The Bible has a substantial number of references to pathways. This is not surprising because God knows how important prayer is in His plans and practices. He also knows how clueless people can be concerning spiritual things and this includes prayer. Without detailed and specific guidance and training we could not pray as He directs and desires. To understand more about God's pathway planned for our life we should follow-up to the teaching last week on the fear of the Lord, we should review by looking at a passage from Proverbs.

Remember, we can explain the fear of the Lord as placing God in first place in all we think and do. Anything that would take His place hinders our fellowship with God and our prayers. Many things in the world try to take the place reserved for God, first place. They appeal to our flesh, our mind, our fears, our desires. However, they are all pretenders for the throne of our life and that spot, the prime place, must be reserved for and held for God. God will not allow any other god to rule and reign in our life. This is His prerogative and He commands for our good; so we can have success in life and prayer.

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.

For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.

Proverbs 2:1-9 (NKJV)

The last few lines of these verses are important for people who desire to walk in a victorious Christian life, to know God's will for their life, and have an effective prayer life. First the Lord gives wisdom. Please note this is not the wisdom of the world, this wisdom is from God and comes only through the spirit. It is God speaking, spirit to spirit, with our spirit. The wisdom of the world will fail; it is weak, incomplete, and subject to interpretation by our senses through which we receive it. By contrast, the wisdom from God is perfect; it comes with His blessing and foreknowledge, which are its foundation. He has a reservoir of sound wisdom stored for all who walk upright before Him. The phrase, sound wisdom, in the Hebrew means to substantiate, support, to have ability, it is help in an undertaking or in understanding. Sound wisdom is ability and help for an enterprise.

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God also gives knowledge and understanding; once again please do not minimize this. Knowledge and understanding from God is far superior to that of the world. Remember this is the God who created the world we live in, He knows the secrets hidden within. With His help we can search out and know secrets. His understanding, poured into our life by coming by the spirit, helps us to separate and distinguish correct living and God's ways.

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)

And of great importance for success in life and prayer is God's plans and provision for our daily walk. The Hebrews word translated here as upright describes God as the protector of those who walk in completeness and innocence. It includes explanation that the walk of the upright is a walk of prosperity. Prosperity is in all things; it is spirit guiding and directing every aspect of our life. We no longer are ruled by our body, emotions, self will, or mind. This is prosperity on a level few have even imagined, far from the puny desires of mere people.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. 3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

Finally, God has prepared a path for those who fear Him and walk upright before Him. This is a path he guards for us, and preserves. It is the way of truth, justice, and equity. It is a good path through the mountains of evil that surround us. It is a path we may walk, where the pent-up fury of pressure from fear and worldliness cannot reach us. This is a path where the brilliance of the God's presence guides us and is the luminous beacon of our way.

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18 (NKJV)

Walking on this path is of high value and like the merchant who found a pearl of great value and sold all he had to buy it, so we must search for and seek out this path. We must work at remaining on this path when we find it. How do we find and walk on this path? It comes by the fear of the Lord and walking uprightly before Him. How are we to do this?

Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5 (NKJV)

God's instructions are to call out for discernment or understanding. This is with our voice we ask God for these things. This is the cry of one who accosts another verbally. It is not a whisper or silent prayer. We are to actively search for and strive after like we would if great wealth was made available for our taking. Seek as you would if you heard that the Denver mint was giving free samples of gold and silver to everyone who could find the location of the give away.

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God's instructions tell us to search like we are looking for hidden treasure. Think of the effort of men looking for sunken treasure from ships lost at sea. Rumor states that there are chest filled with treasure, gold and jewels. However, the location is not certain and as the ship is at the bottom of the sea it takes diligent effort to find and recover the riches. With this same type of effort we must search.

Searching in this case is not so much the location, we know God has what we seek. Searching here is finding the place of walking with God and finding separation from the world and her ways. Satan seeks to deter, delay, and defeat your search. He knows that those who find this treasure are dangerous. When you find this path you will walk in a realm know only to a few people; you will pray with a power no man, mountain, or nation can stand against. Seek the path God has prepared for you. Seek with all of your heart.

For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. Proverbs 2:6-9 (NKJV)

Let us pray!

A Call for Prayer

Pray for Pastor DK Limbu Daniel

I am thankful for your prayers and support for my ministry even in the time of global economy crash, you have remained faithful to your commitment. It's my prayer and belief, that God will supply all your needs, because you have made Him your resource. Don't quit! Keep on pressing on!

We have stopped because of fund shortage, our classes in Bible school and sent students to their respective churches as a part of practical ministry. We will begin again in November with new batch of students. Pray with us for our students, they are doing great in the field of mission.

God Bless you,

Bro. Deu K. Limbu (D. K. Daniel)

Pray for the funds for the Missionary Training School. We are also praying for the New Life School of Ministry for the Pastors and Leaders the 2nd week in Nov to the 2nd week in December.

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Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem

Pray for a celebration of the Jewish people and Israel at Inner Court Ministries in Longmont, Colorado. This night of celebration and intercession, *Shalom Israel*, will be September 26th. Pray for this event and pray for God moving powerfully on behalf of Jews and Israel in the land and around the world. Pray for the veil to be removed from their eyes that the Jewish people would see Jesus who is the Messiah who has come.

Continue Faithful in Prayer

Please pray; your faithful prayers change situations, remove hindrances, and empower ministry

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Joyce Abrahamson – Head of school in Brazil

John Coon – Ministry in Europe and the USA

Churches in Belarus – Growing number of churches in Belarus

Churches in Lithuania – Growing number of churches in Lithuania

DK Limbu Daniel – Pastor of a church in Nepal and church planting among Nepalese people

Marianne and David Dean – Missionaries on college campuses in East Asia

Lori Farquhar – Children's Ministry Director

Jacek Gromadzki – Pastor of a church in Kolobrzeg, Poland

Marek Kaminski – Bishop of Poland and co-founder and leader of the BBB Conference

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Ministry in Germany

Mark Spencer – Pastor of a church in Longmont, Colorado, worldwide ministry, and co-founder and leader of BBB Conference

Patty Spencer – Pastor in Longmont, Colorado, worship leader, and artist with a great new CD

William (Bill) Williamson – Pastor of a church in Cedaredge, Colorado

Charles and Janice Wilson – Pastors in Wyola, Montana

David Williamson – Writer and editor of *Voice of Thanksgiving*

Calling Christians to Effective Fervent Prayer

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