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On August 24, 2023, I was praying about the service I was about to speak in that night. I asked the Lord what He wanted me to say to the people, as I always do. He told me to speak on “How To Pray” in relation to your personal, daily prayer life. He gave me each point in the message by revelation. This newsletter is about what He told me about this subject.

The verse above reveals to us that if we will pray, we will not faint. It also reveals that if we do not pray, we will faint. In other words, whether we are successful or we faint, it is all left up to us in our personal prayer life.

When it comes to their daily prayer life, many Christians don't know how to do it. The Lord gave me five simple steps to follow that will help you.

Step One: Put God First In Prayer

The Lord taught me this years ago. I was the pastor of the convict church in prison. We had church seven days a week in a small room. The guards would allow me to go into the room ten minutes before everyone else.



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I would kneel down on the concrete floor, and place my head under a small bench, and pray. I asked the Lord what He wanted me to do in the service that day. He would give me a scripture and a song or two each time, and I would be so joyful. I prayed this way for about six months. One day, I knelt to pray as usual. The Lord did not answer me, and He seemed withdrawn. I was puzzled and concerned, and I didn't have much time. Finally, I asked the Lord what was wrong? He said, *“It is time for you to grow up. You always come asking Me for things, but you never thank, praise, or worship Me for what I have already done for you. From now on I want you to come into my presence based on Psalms chapter 100, especially verse 4.”*

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalms 100:1-5)

When the Lord Jesus told me that, I immediately repented and told Him that I was sorry. I corrected myself and purposed to always thank, praise, and worship Him before I ever prayed about anything else. I started worshipping Him right then, and He told me what to do in the service! I joyfully praised and worshipped Him for it!

Put God first in your personal, daily prayer life. Before you pray about anything else, take time to thank, praise, and worship Him. Thank and praise Him for what He did for you on the cross and for shedding His blood for your sins. Thank Him for giving you eternal life and for healing your physical body by the stripes He took for you. Thank Him for giving you authority over all evil spirits in His name. Worship and glorify Him with joy and thanks giving. There are other things to thank Him for. This is just a general list.

Step Two: Pray For Others First

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Notice that the above verse says ‘first of all.’ *First of all* means before you pray about your own personal needs and desires.

It is very important to pray for those in authority. About two weeks ago, the Lord said to me, “*Your nation is beyond the vote.*” He went on to reveal to me that many Christians are waiting for a person voted into a political office to turn the nation around. We do vote for the correct person, but only the Lord can make sure the right person gets into office. The Lord is also the only one who can turn our nation around.

The Lord is limited by our prayer life. Christians are directly responsible for the mistakes our leaders make and for the political, economic, moral and spiritual condition of our nation. I realize this sounds like it cannot be true, but Adam was given authority on earth and now the church has been given authority on the earth by Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to Rev. Kenneth Erwin Hagin, in 1979, “*If the Christians of this nation had done what I told them to do in My Word and had prayed for the leaders of their country, they could have kept those evil spirits you saw in 1970 from operating in this nation. None of those upheavals would have occurred in your nation. You would not have had the political, social, and economic disturbances in this nation, and the President never would have made the mistakes he made. In fact, I’m holding the Church responsible for the President’s mistakes.*” When Dad Hagin heard Jesus say that, he cried out, “My God!” and began to weep. Jesus continued, “*Yes the church is responsible.*”

Jesus went on to say, *“I know when you tell that to some Christians, they will laugh. But you wait until they stand before My Judgment Seat and see if they laugh when they are the ones who will receive the judgment.”*

This is a serious charge to the church from our Lord Jesus Christ. You mean I am going to be held accountable, and you are going to be held accountable for not praying for our nation? Yes! It is our fault for the chaos, confusion, and evil in our land to a large degree.

Most Christians blame our national problems on Mr. Biden, Congress, the Supreme Court, politics, open borders, and many other things. They are not the ones to blame - the church is to be blamed. Jesus said Christians would receive the judgment if they did not pray for our nation. Protest might arise, from Christians, that they are not responsible for other people's actions. That is true, but Christians have direct authority to hold back evil spirits, in the name of Jesus Christ, from influencing people for evil. That is what Jesus Christ was saying to Dad Hagin.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

The previous verse states, *“If My People will humble themselves and pray.”* It does not say people who do not know the Lord. The verse goes on to say, *“Seek My face and turn from their wicked ways.”* Again, God's people (the church) is to do this, not the unsaved. The Lord is speaking to Israel about their nation, but the same principles apply to all nations today. This implies that the indifference of Christians towards the Lord and prayer will bring problems and harm to the nation. If God's people will do what He says, He will heal our nation, according to the Bible.

Pray for church leaders. Jesus told Peter that Satan desired to have him that he may sift him as wheat. This is true today, and there are leaders in the church who have fallen into deception and error. We have to pray to help protect them from false doctrine and error.

We pray for the lost and for friends and their success. The Lord allowed me to see how our prayers cause others to overcome and be successful years ago. There are those who will fail if we do not pray for them, even though they have become a born-again Christian.

Step Three: Pray For Demonstrations Of The Holy Spirit

We must desire and pray for a move of the Holy Spirit, or we will not have it. Without it, the church is just a social club, like some today.

We pray with our understanding, and we pray in other tongues. Dad Hagin told us how there was a lack of the power gifts of the Spirit, and began to seek God about it. He prayed daily from November 1942 until February 1943. One day, he prayed for an unusually long time about this. Suddenly, the Spirit of God spoke to him and said, *“At the end of World War Two, there will come a wave of divine healing to the nation.”* This happened just like the Lord told him, and marvelous miracles and healings took place across the land.

We also need to pray for the gifts of the Spirit to be in operation. They are listed in 1 Corinthians chapter twelve. We need to pray for the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher to stand fully in their offices so the church can mature through their ministry. We must pray for those in the ministry of helps to take their place and fulfill the plan of God. As we do this, the Lord will answer us in a great way.

Step Four: Pray For Your Family And Yourself

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:11)

Pray for your spouse and your children. The Lord wants you to. It will strengthen them and help them immensely. Call their names and pray specifically about things they need.

Now, pray for yourself because you need the help of the Lord in every area of your life. Commit and dedicate yourself to the Lord daily, and His blessings will abound in your life. You will also discover that many problems will simply disappear.

It will cause your day to go better with fewer problems and stress. You will also overcome temptations you may face. I have proven this true in my life over and over. The main truth is that if you don't get help from the Lord yourself, you will not be able to help others. Many Christians don't realize this. They help people from the mental realm, but not the spiritual realm.

When you are praying, you may not know how it is helping you because you don't always feel something. You always pray by faith and not by emotional feelings. When you fail to pray, things don't go right, and demonic spirits will try to hinder you. I know that from experience also. When you pray, you receive divine ability, the wisdom of God, peace, and you are fulfilled in your spirit because you prayed.

Step Five: Pray Scriptural Prayers

Rev. Kenneth Erwin Hagin, told how he prayed prayers that Paul prayed, in Ephesians chapters one and three. He said, “After praying these prayers for a number of months, one day I was praying at the altar and the Lord spoke to me and said, I am going to take you on to revelations and visions.”

He started praying this way in 1949. He diligently began to seek God - spending all his extra time doing so. Dad Hagin went on to say, "That came as a result of praying these prayers thousands of times for myself. Revelation from the Word of God began to come to me and kept on coming. I am talking about revelations in line with the Word. I had been in the ministry fourteen years, but in six months of praying these prayers for myself, I received so much revelation from the Word of God that it seemed like I was a brand-new person.

Then in the '50s, the visions started coming. From 1950 through 1959, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to me eight different times. Three out of the eight times He talked to me for an hour and a half and brought me further revelation concerning the Word of God."

I learned about praying this way from Dad Hagin and it has helped me to receive greater revelation. There are other scriptures that I have prayed that have enhanced my spiritual walk. I will list the scriptures for you below.

Colossians 1:9-14

Philippians 1:9-11

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

I also read Romans 8:26-28 and First Corinthians 14:2. This reminds me to not only pray with my understanding, but to pray in other tongues. In doing this, you pray out mysteries about your life and others.

Spiritual Truths

When you pray, you are devoting yourself to the Lord. In doing so, you show Him that you honor Him and desire His help in your life. Your actions prove to our Lord Jesus Christ that you believe His Word. He sees the time you take to seek Him and He is well pleased with your actions.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (John 14:21)

Christians say they love the Lord Jesus Christ, but they rarely, if ever, spend time seeking Him in prayer. That statement is not condemnation to you, but revelation of the truth. If you love the Lord, you will seek the Lord. He will reward you and He will manifest Himself to you.

Not only will you sense His presence in a great way, but He will reveal Himself to you in other ways also. I have had the Lord Jesus appear to me on several occasions as I was seeking Him in prayer. I was not asking Him to appear to me, He did it because He desired to do so. If you love Him and prove it by seeking Him, He will manifest (make known) Himself to you in some special way.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. (Matthew 7:6)

If you do not esteem the things of God, He will not give them to you.

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