

THE WORD AND SPIRIT

Watching In The Spirit ~ Ezekiel 33:7

INTERCESSION AND SPIRITUAL THINGS

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

My spirit is filled with a yearning for the Lord as I write this article. His Spirit of intercession is looking for those who will yield to Him in prayer. He knows intercessory prayer is the only way some will change. The Holy Spirit communes with our spirit to pray and intercede for His people.

Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

Intercession Is Becoming A Lost Art

The Spirit of intercession has been upon me for several days now. Sometimes it is more pronounced than other times. If I get busy in my mind with things and doing things, it lifts and I almost don't notice it. When I get quiet mentally and still physically, I sense it upon me greatly. In other words, if I don't yield to it, I hardly notice it is there. It is a spiritual and not a physical sense.

Intercession will become a lost art to the church when spiritual things are not important anymore. Jesus spoke to Dr. Kenneth E. Hagin, one time and said, *"There will be a move of the Spirit that will be lost to this generation, if you don't lead them into it."* I believe this includes being spiritually sensitive to the things of God and yielding to the Holy Spirit.

That is why the Lord is inspiring me to talk more about these things. I believe the Lord will inspire other ministers to preach and teach about these things, as well as demonstrate them. I realize I haven't spoken enough about yielding to the Spirit of God. That doesn't mean that I know everything about it either. *(Continued next column)*



Randy, Patti, & Randall Grier

Yielding To The Holy Spirit

The spiritual realm is more real than the physical realm because everything in the physical world was created from the spiritual realm. Becoming more spiritually conscious should be our goal as Christians.

My daddy, Donald Hubert Grier, only had a sixth grade education. He was a plain and simple man and not very talkative. He traveled and preached in the summer, with a two pole tent that would seat about 100 people. He never owned a new car or new home in his life because no one taught him that he could. He moved to heaven a few years ago, singing the old hymn *"Amazing Grace."*

I used to go with daddy and help him in his meetings in the tent. I was just a very young teenager. In the meetings, he would get what he and others called *"Lost in the Spirit."* He would spend much of the day fasting, praying and meditating on the Bible. When the service started in the evening, he would begin to worship God. We had an old record player, playing Brother Oral Robert's music albums. That was our entire praise and worship team.

Daddy would close his eyes and lift his hands high and bellow out the words along with the music album. (Mama said he never could sing and I loved daddy, but he couldn't). Somehow it seemed that the Lord Jesus loved his bellowing because it came straight from his spirit. Daddy used to love the songs, *"Power In The Blood"* and *"Victory In Jesus"*.

I watched daddy closely, because I knew from experience certain things he would do that would indicate he was getting lost in the Spirit. He would lift his hands high and close his eyes as he worshipped the Lord. It wasn't a hand clapping praise but a reverential, deep worship. He would place both hands under his chin as a child would in prayer. About five to seven minutes later it would seem that he was not aware of his physical surroundings. His knees would buckle somewhat and sometimes he would tremble as the power of God flowed through him. *(Con't)*



Randy Grier

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Sometimes he would stagger around like someone that was drunk. Finally, he would collapse on the ground in the tent.

Some of the people present that didn't understand spiritual things like this got concerned. They would think that daddy was sick or possibly dead as he lay motionless on the ground. One or two people would go to him and try to communicate with him and get him up, but they couldn't. They would ask me what was wrong with my daddy? I would say, *"I don't know but he always comes back. Just sit down and wait on him and he will tell us what happened to him while he was with Jesus."*

Sometimes he would be out like this for ten to thirty minutes. When he came to himself, he would finally get up off the ground staggering under the power of God. He would tell us what the Lord had told him during his experience. Many would weep and cry as he shared because he spoke as an educated man from another world and they knew he had very little education naturally. Miracles would begin to happen as he spoke, empowered by the Spirit of God.

What Did My Daddy Know

With love and admiration for my dad, I believe it was his lack of education, simple child like faith and deep hunger to know God that helped him yield to the Spirit of God. In other words, it was what my daddy did not know that helped him. I am for education, just ask my son. We should never educate our heads at the expense of our hearts though. He didn't try to figure out how it worked or why it happened. He didn't know he should. He just yielded to the Spirit of God and got *"lost in the spirit."*

I remember seeing my daddy come in from a hard days work. Sometimes he would eat something and sometimes he wouldn't. Then he would go into his and mom's bedroom and shut the door and I could hear him pray for hours. This happened for years on end. I believe that is why I am alive today and in the ministry, serving the Lord Jesus Christ. (See my book *"Escape From Hell"*). I am determined to follow my dad's child-like faith into the throne room of God.

Keys To Yielding To The Holy Spirit

I have witnessed many other people getting lost in the Spirit, like my daddy. I have experienced this personally. There are different degrees of yielding to the Spirit of God. You can be more or less yielded and you can yield enough to get lost in the Spirit. *Being lost in the Spirit means you have completely yielded your spirit, soul and body unto the Lord.*

There are certain keys that we can put into practice that will cause us to be more sensitive to spiritual things. I learned some of these from my daddy, Dad Hagin and others who knew how to yield to the Spirit of God. *(Continued)*

The first step is to maintain a spirit of prayer or communion with the Lord in your life. (Luke 18:1; Ephesian 6:18). In our fast paced, busy world this can be a challenge. Nevertheless, it is necessary if you want to move into the deeper things of God. What is your highest priority in life? Next, a consistent meditation in the Word of God is needed. Living a fasted life is also required to help you yield more easily to the Holy Spirit.

Out of these all, I believe that spending much time praying in the Spirit and with your understanding is the most important. That is the laboratory and classroom of learning spiritual things. You have to get into the Spirit to learn about spiritual things. Prayer is the vehicle that takes you there. The more I pray, the more spiritual experiences I have. You also receive Biblical revelation while you are praying that will aid you and others in life.

Some Experiences In Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is defined as *"taking the place of another in prayer."* It is being led by the Spirit of God to pray for the needs of another. It is yielding to the Spirit of God as He leads you to pray. It is not something you can work up in the flesh. I have had some unusual experiences in intercessory prayer.

One time I got stirred in my spirit to see more people saved and more gifts of the Spirit in operation. I began to seek God in prayer for hours and hours a day. While speaking in a meeting the power of God fell on us and miracles begin to happen. The Spirit of God was so strong upon me that I could hardly function in the natural. I asked permission to skip meals and stayed at the hotel to pray. I got lost in a spirit of prayer for about seven hours one day. During that time, I had a vision of people falling off a cliff with screams of terror and fear. I knew they were going to hell. I was overwhelmed with compassion for them and prayed and wept and sobbed for them. I was groaning in the Spirit and could not speak in English for hours. Many were saved and delivered as a result of this.

We Can Be More Effective By Yielding To The Spirit

We minister most of the time in our understanding and training and that is good and the anointing is there. Many are blessed, healed and set free. There are some though and I believe that number is increasing greatly today, that will never be set free, unless the Spirit of God helps us pray them free. We must get back to prayer for the lost, sick, demon-possessed and backsliders to have greater results. I believe the Holy Spirit will take hold with us in their behalf as we give ourselves to prayer. This requires dedication, time and effort. There seems to be little of those ingredients around, but I still have faith that we will get there. *(End)*

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WHAT IS JESUS SAYING TODAY?

There are a lot of man's opinions, ideas and thoughts speaking to the church today. They are saying that we should do certain things and implement different things in the church. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and I want His plan, opinion, ideas and thoughts.

I refuse to operate according to what anyone is saying, until I get a go ahead signal in my spirit to do so. Doing that has saved me from getting into spiritual error that others got involved in and it cost them. That does not mean that I have never missed it or made mistakes. It also doesn't make me Mr. Spiritual. It simply states, I prefer to be led by the Spirit of God than by fleshly ideas. Above all things, I try to major on being led by the Spirit of God.

What Is Coming In The Church

Jesus Christ spoke to me and said, *"Quickly on the heels of this natural correction that is going on in the world right now, there will be a spiritual correction in the church. In the natural, right now, people are being removed, companies are going under and much change is taking place. There are those who have yielded to the flesh and brought worldly ways and fads into My church. (Con't)"*

Those, especially in key positions, that have let the world, flesh and the devil into my church will be removed. Others that I have prepared and have paid the price will take their place and My Glory will be manifest. Judgment will come because some are hindering my plan and leading people astray. Those living in sin will be exposed openly and churches will fail and some will cease to exist. But, I will raise up a mighty army from among My people and they shall be strong and do exploits, through my Spirit, because they are yielded to me. Judge yourself and turn unto me this day with repentance, prayer and fasting and I will forgive and restore you, before it is too late, says the Lord." (End)

PERSONAL NOTE ABOUT KENNETH E. HAGIN

I wanted to write a short note to my friends about why I refer to Dad Hagin often. Some think I should do differently. Jesus Christ spoke to me in 2006 and told me to go back and pick up the things that He taught Kenneth Hagin and preach and teach them as He led me to, especially where Jesus appeared to him. He said many have laid them aside but they must be taught today. He told me it would not be easy on my flesh but I must obey Him. I am simply trying to obey the Lord. *With Love, Randy*

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