

Prayer: Moving Ministry from Powerless to Powerful

I. DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF PRAYER

A. The Personal Prayer Life of a Leader

- Creating a culture of prayer begins with your personal prayer life.
- *Pray as you can, not as you can't.* ~ Benedictine John Chapman
- Be in a right relationship with God before you minister to others.

B. Hindrances & Dangers to Prayer

- The work of prayer is waiting for the slow, steady hand of God to move.

C. Neglect of Prayer Leads to Ministry Threats

- Without a priority of prayer, ministry is reduced to a busy, man-powered activity lacking the supernatural presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

D. Turning Point: Corporate Prayer & Fasting

- Intercession is one of the highest forms of loving others.

II. IMPLEMENTING A CULTURE OF PRAYER

A. Rightfully Begins with Leaders

- Pray MORE, Do LESS.

B. Praying by Name

- Letting women know you are faithfully praying for them opens the door to relationship and ministry.

C. A Leader's Role

- *Prayer is an "echo." If we initiate it, it isn't the right prayer. ~Egyptian Pastor in Cairo*

D. Testimonies & Corporate Praise

- When leaders connect praying to changed lives, personal and corporate prayer is emboldened!

Three Indicators of a Culture of Prayer:

1. Constant prayer for pastors
2. Pre-prayer before Bible studies
3. Leaders admit their need for prayer

Recommended Resources: One Cry Monthly Prayer Guide for Spiritual Awakening; *Revive Our Hearts'* "31 Days of Praying for Your Pastor"