

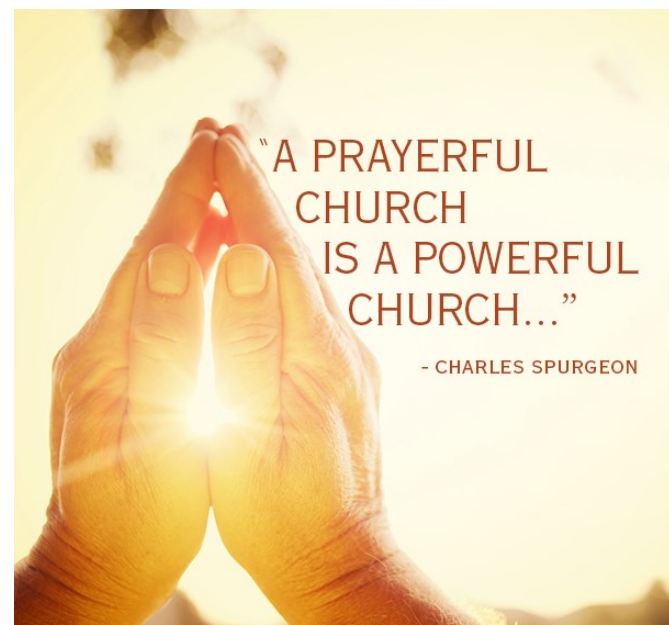
WORDS OF DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

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“THE CHURCH IS AN OUTPOST OF HEAVEN, WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED A BEACHHEAD HERE ON EARTH. AND WE CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO BE ACTIVE IN THIS “HOUSEHOLD OF GOD,” WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND THE GROUND OF THE TRUTH (1 TIMOTHY 3:15). THE STRONGER AND HEALTHIER OUR CHURCHES ARE, THE STRONGER AND HEALTHIER OUR NATION WILL BE. AMERICA HAS BEEN BLESSED BY BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCHES SINCE HER INCEPTION. THIS HAS MADE AMERICA GREAT. AND IF WE WANT OUR NATION TO BE STRONG AGAIN, THEN WE NEED TO PRAY FOR AND BE A PART OF CHRIST’S BODY ON EARTH, THAT UNSTOPPABLE FORCE; THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.”

“THE NECESSITY OF A PRAYING CHURCH”



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MATTHEW 7:7,8; EPHESIANS 6:18; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

- A. The Prayer of the Believers at the Ascension of Christ
 - Acts 1:12-16
 - The Result: Matthias was selected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.
- B. The Prayer of the Believers at the Birth of the Church
 - Acts 2:41-47
 - The Result: The Birth of the Church, the Development of Unity in the Church and the Salvation of 3000 souls.
- C. The Prayer of the Believers at the Temple in Jerusalem
 - Acts 3:1-10
 - The Result: The Healing of the Lame Man.
- D. The Prayer of the Believers in the Face of Persecution
 - Acts 4:13-37
 - The Result: The Filling of the Spirit, the Ability to Preach the Gospel Boldly, the Creation of Unity in the Church, the Empowerment to Witness, and the Ability to Minister to the Physical needs of Others.
- E. The Prayer of the Believers for Church Leadership
 - Acts 6:1-7
 - The Result: The Selection of the First Deacons, the Increased Proclamation of the Word of God, and the Salvation of Souls.
- F. The Prayer of the Believers upon the Persecution of Peter
 - Acts 12:1-17
 - The Result: Peter was Released from Prison.
- G. The Prayer of the Believers at Antioch
 - Acts 13:1-3
 - The Result: The First Missionary and the Beginning of the World-Wide Mission Ministry of the Church.
- H. The Prayer of the Believers at Philippi
 - Acts 16:12-34
 - The Result: The Salvation of Lydia, the Release of Paul and Silas from Prison, and the Church of Philippi Founded.

NOTE: EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH THE CHURCH SINCE THE ABOVE EVENTS WAS BASED UPON THE PRAYERS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE PRESENT CHURCH

NOTE: From the example of the EARLY CHURCH, it is only logical to consider the NECESSITY OF PRAYER if the LOCAL CHURCH of today is to be at all effective in a ministry that will glorify God. In fact, WITHOUT COMMITTED, CONSISTENT AND CONCENTRATED PRAYER IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, THE MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH WILL FAIL. If the LOCAL CHURCH of today will commit itself to prayer through the involvement of EACH MEMBER, God will work in marvelous and miraculous ways as He worked in the EARLY CHURCH 2000 YEARS AGO.

THE LOCAL CHURCH MUST PRAY EARNESTLY

- A. To Select Leaders
- B. To Build Unity
- C. To See Souls Saved
- D. To See Miracles Take Place
- E. To Be Filled with the Holy Spirit
- F. To Have Effective Preaching and Teaching
- G. To Be Empowered to Witness
- H. To Minister to the Physical Needs of Others
- I. To Expand the Preaching of the Word of God
- J. To Have Power to Face Persecution
- K. To Have the Ability to Select Missionaries
- L. To Have the Wisdom to Conduct Missions
- M. To Be Able to Start New Churches
- N. To Be Free from Physical and Spiritual Bondage

NOTE: WITHOUT SERIOUS, EARNEST AND ARDENT PRAYER, A LOCAL CHURCH CAN EXPECT LITTLE OR NO EFFECTIVE MINISTRY. BUT WITH SERIOUS, EARNEST AND ARDENT PRAYER, THE LOCAL CHURCH CAN EXPECT TO SEE GOD WORK IN UNIMAGINABLE WAYS.

HOW SERIOUS ARE YOU IN PRAYING FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH?

ARE YOU WILLING TO PRAY MORE FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH?