

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12

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Stepping Up Into The Higher Life

Prayer is one of the greatest portals for entry into the higher life! As we know, prayer is not a “one way street” where we do all the talking and God does the listening, but rather it is a “two way street” as communications flows both ways. As we engage in this awesome activity called prayer – we talking to God and He talking to us – it sets the stage for tremendous activity in our lives and upon the planet. In this article I want to briefly look at the dynamics for stepping up into the higher life – the Spirit led life.

Ephesians 1: 15-23 declares:

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Enlightenment

It is only as we are enlightened that we can fully comprehend the fullness of the call of God, which is the ***High Call of God in Christ Jesus***. The apostle Paul knew this; that is why the first thing that he prayed for the new believers was exactly that.

Please note that it is the entrance of God’s Word that brings the enlightenment. Psalm 119:130 declares: “The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

Listening To Understand

It is the entrance of God’s Word that brings light, so that tells us we must listen in order to understand the Word of God. The prophet Habakkuk walked in that dimension, and this is how he put it:

“I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.” Habakkuk 2:1

It was from that place that the prophet received vision and direction. This is why it is imperative that we take heed how we hear since what we hear can hurt us. We have to hear with understanding:

The parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13 clearly shows us that there are different types of soil [human mentalities] that ultimately receive the Word of God [seed that was being sown] and it is the soil that hears and understands the Word of God that brings forth much fruit.

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:18-23

In his account of this parable Mark adds a very powerful dimension to it as we read in the following verses:

"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." Then He said to them, "**Take heed what you hear.** With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." Mark 4:23-25

Take Heed What You Hear!

There are some very powerful implications in what Mark is saying:

1. In verse 24 he implies that it does matter who teaches you and as such:
2. A teacher with wrong understanding will bring the same lack on his students. Remember that the very first thing that the apostle Paul wanted for his new converts was for the eyes of their understanding to be enlightened. He could not pray that prayer if his eyes were not enlightened or he would have fulfilled Matthew 15:14 "When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand... "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."
3. Teachers bring forth after their kind; so it is very important to hear from the correct source.

This is why is so important that you take heed what you hear and from whom you are hearing it - Because You Will Receive What Is In The Seed – The Word That You Hear!

AREAS OF PRAYER FOCUS	
<p>About Two months ago the Lord said that a wave of healing would sweep over our ministry, for which we are standing in agreement. Stand in prayer with us in this hour as several situations have since been brought to light that need the divine intervention of healing.</p> <p>The Lord continues to add to us and we will like to keep prayer going up to the Lord that the right people continue to be added and that the ministry</p>	<p>For Generation Issachar, our youth ministry. Pray that the Lord would give them increased wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Pray also for the leadership team of this ministry; that the Lord would strengthen and release greater dimensions of His wisdom and direction in their lives as the give leadership to GI.</p> <p>For Dominion-Life International, as we continue to proclaim a mighty Jesus in Vancouver and into</p>

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the nations of the earth. This is the time to raise up a strong shout over this ministry.

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