

## ***Life Development***

*Leadership Development*

*Organizational Development*

*Kingdom Development*

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## ***Spiritual Maturity***

*Servant Leadership*



*Organizational Excellence*

*Kingdom Company*



## Jesus and Prayer

Jesus is the model for what God wants to do in our lives  
- place, timing, God's response

God's goal is to conform you to the image of His son

Jesus' life is preeminently involved in prayer

Therefore, as God shapes you into the image of His Son,  
seek to dramatically and actively shape your prayer life in  
order to give Jesus a highway in your life

## Prayer in the Workplace

The use of prayer in Jesus' ministry and His command to  
His disciples for the effectiveness of their ministry as well.

- beginning of Jesus' ministry (baptism, Matthew 3:13-17)
- **as he was being baptized, he was praying**
- was the Holy Spirit's enabling presence as he began his ministry
- think about his assignment to the disciples
  - Mark (Great Commission)
  - Luke (same anointing as Jesus)
  - Acts 1:8 (praying together)

*There is no possibility of a believer being effectively used  
in their assignment without prayer that initiates a  
release of the Spirit's enabling presence and power; it is  
inaugurated as you pray out into the assignment.*

*"They Found the Secret" - V. Raymond Edman*

**Any assignment that God gives you needs  
to be accompanied by sincere, immediate,  
and persistent prayer.**

(Jesus' parable in Luke 18 about the importunate (persistent) widow)

**God desires to respond to his children who  
know and recognize that they must have the  
enabling presence of the Spirit of God.**

## Discussion Questions

What assignments do you know that you have been given that you need to initiate with prayer?

Have there been assignments that you have started either with prayer or without prayer? Was there a difference in the success of the assignment(s)?

Have you made a commitment to pray daily about your assignment(s)? Pray with others about them? How do you think this will affect the success of these assignment(s)?

**...ONE Christian (wholly yielded to God) *plus* God  
gives you the ability to see anything that God can do...**

**...What could happen if all of us  
could be that ONE with GOD...**

Do not be content to live with your abilities only and then ask God to bless your abilities...

He doesn't want your abilities...He wants your *availabilities!*

**When God has access to one life, there  
is no limit to what He can do!**

How do you respond when you see a need in the world when you know that your life and God, working through it, can make a difference?

When you think of the tragedies in the world, do you make a connection between your life as a child of God and what God wants to do through your life?

Jesus looked to see where the father was working so he could join him. (Ex: Zacchaeus vs. the crowd)

**What do you see God doing in your**

*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

John 17:15-19

**One act of obedience on the part of a child of God can affect the world...**

**We live on such a low level of our relationship with God; in our life as a child of God, in the hand of God, wholly yielded and available to Him has limitless possibilities.**

## Discussion Questions

Can you say with confidence that your life is “wholly yielded” to God (in order for Him to use you to the fullest potential)? Why or why not?

Have you been offering God your abilities or your *availabilities*? Have you observed different areas of your life where you have offered him one vs. the other?

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***Part III (A Time for Faith)***  
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As a child of God, there is no limit to what God can do in your life...  
...How far will God be able to use you?

Think through the prayer life of Jesus:

**Prayer has its most significant moment when linked with the life of Jesus and His prayer life.**

- Will Jesus choose your life to go with Him?
- Will He be able to take you farther than the rest?
- Will He say “watch with me and pray”?
- Do you think He is still interceding?
- Is He inviting disciples to go with Him?

God is (still) calling business men and women to go with Him.

*When God is about to do a mighty work,  
He chooses a layman and invites  
him to go with Him*

Ex: Abraham (one of the most successful businessmen)  
David (shepherd)  
Amos (herdsman, tender of trees)  
Jesus' Disciples (all businesspeople)

God's strategy to turn the world upside-down is to call business men and women.

*He hasn't changed His ways.*

Why does He use businesspeople?

- not intimidated by the real world, they are familiar with it
- they need divine assignment, prayer and to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Living our life in the midst of our world, where does prayer become a vital element? *from the* **BEGINNING**

*Don't diminish what God chooses  
to do through your solitary life.*

## Discussion Questions

Is your prayer life linked to the life of Jesus? Do you model his prayer life and interaction through prayer with the Father? How can you change it to be more like Jesus?

If God is still using business men and women to change the world, are you open to His call? Or have you counted yourself out *because* you are a business man or woman? How does this change the way you view your call to business?