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Celebrating Our Past and Securing Our Future: Souls, Sites, Stewardship and Succession

DAY 19- THE ANATOMY OF A CHRISTIAN STEWARD

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Part III

THE EXPLANATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Perhaps now you are thinking, sure I believe that prayer is power and that marvelous things happen as a result of prayer. I believe that God is able to answer any prayer.

If all of this is possible how can we see more of it in our lives and in our church? James tells us, “...*you have not because you ask not.*” (James 4:2) When we believe in prayer and we are not afraid to ask, then God can work miracles in our lives and in the life of the church.

But our church prays. We have Dial a Prayer, Watchman Workers, Prayer Teams, Prayer Groups, Prayer Warriors. Yes, but do you pray? Prayer is so important that we all must make the time to have the encounter with God. You don't have to pray for hours – just pray. Someone said, “longing in prayer and long prayers are not necessarily synonymous.”

“I don't know how to pray.” How did you learn to walk or ride a bicycle? You learn to pray by praying. Just as you talk to a friend, you can simply talk to your greatest friend – Jesus.

“I don't know what to pray for.” A young child asked her parents, “Is it OK to pray if you don't want something?” Yes. Another youngster said his prayer when his sister asked what he asked for. He said, “Nothing, I was just loving Jesus!”



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Here are some ways to begin talking to God through prayer:

- Pray a prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise. Think of all the wonderful things God has done in your life, your family, and your church.

Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter in His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

- You can pray for forgiveness.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me..." (Psalm 66:18)

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- You can pray for others.

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." (Colossians 1:9)

- You can pray for wisdom. James says, *"If any man lacks wisdom let him ask of God ..."* (James 1:5)
- You can pray for your church. The task before our church is so great that it can only be accomplished with God's help and God will help through you.
- You can pray for your fellow members. The other members are seeking to know God's will just as you are. Pray that they too may have "willing hearts."
- You can pray for our LEGACY 20/20 campaign and what God would allow you to sacrifice for His glory, your good, and the growth of the Kingdom.



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There is no end. The important thing is that you pray and be receptive to His guidance. Hear His heart and accept His answers.

You have prayed that God would give you a “willing heart” and He has. You prayed to know what God wants to do through you.

Now pray that your willing heart will have the faith in Him and love for His church to do what He has revealed!

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. I have faith that you are my Savior for eternity, help me have faith in your provision for now and for my church through me.