

Ways We Can Be Diligent in Prayer



“Praying that influences God is said to be the outpouring of the fervent, effectual righteous man. It is prayer on fire. It does not have a feeble, flickering flame or a momentary flash, but shines with a vigorous, steady glow.” E. M. Bounds

- **Be diligent in standing your watch** - God places you as a watchman in prayer. God is looking for intercessors to stand in the gap for entire nations. It is time for the body of Christ to rise up to a new season of watchful prayer and intercession.

“The watchman’s job was vital. An approaching army left residents of an ancient city precious little time to flee, or to prepare for battle. Everyone’s life depended on the alert watchman as he peered into the horizon for the earliest glimpse of an approaching threat. It was critical that the people be alerted as soon as possible to what was coming.”

“I will stand my watch, and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me.”

- **Be diligent in fervent prayer** - It is time for the body of Christ to rise up to a new place of fervent and passionate prayer.

“Fervent prayer means we do not quit easily. Fervent prayer means we purposefully spend sufficient time in intercession. Fervent prayer means we cry out to the Father, sometimes in tears, with our heart and soul. Fervent prayer comes as the Holy Spirit assists us in praying with groanings too deep for words (Romans 8:26).”

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

- **Be diligent in steadfast resolve in prayer** - We must not be tempted by distractions that are all around us, but instead we must move forward and press through to a new level in prayer. It is time to take back land for God in all nations. The life of Jesus is our example. It is time for the body of Christ to rise up to a new dimension of holy resolve and steadfast prayer.

“Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.” Luke 9:51

- **Be diligent in holding onto what is good in prayer** - We must diligently hold fast to what is good and what has been won in prayer, or the world will try to take it away. Satan hates what is good, and he

comes to rob, steal and destroy. He will try to steal our victories. It is time to hold tight to the good even as we pray for further breakthroughs in intercession. It is time for the body of Christ to rise up corporately into a new level of holiness and Christ-like character.

“Prayer is a wonderful gift from God. Yet sin robs the power of prayer (Isaiah 1:15). If you will not abstain from evil, it will rob you of the good things God has given.”

Do we ever get weary in prayer? Yes we do. But I have personally seen that God’s grace is sufficient. God will give us grace to press through to higher ground. God will give us grace to be diligent as a watchman with an increased ability to hold fast to what is good in prayer. He will give us grace to be diligent with Holy Spirit fervency in prayer and steadfast resolve in new battles that face the body of Christ. How do I know this? I know this because I have tapped into a new level of the bountiful grace of God in my own life, and I have found that it works. God’s grace is truly sufficient. But it involves a day by day taking hold of it and living outside our comfort zone on a regular basis. It is there for all of us, but it will require discipline on our part to lay hold of all that God has for us in the coming days. It will also require taking hold of the wonderful grace of God personally and corporately.

“But the Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’” 2 Corinthians 12:9

“When the time came for Jesus to go to the cross, He ‘set His face’ toward Jerusalem so that nothing would prevent Him from accomplishing His Father’s will. Jesus did not digress from His mission. If you know what God wants you to do (or pray for), set your sights resolutely toward that goal with full determination to accomplish it (Proverbs 4:25).”

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