

TAVEAU D'ARCY CREATIVE
Leadership Presents

***Fourteen Spirits
That Attack
Every Ministry***

***Getting Enough Prayer Protection
for Your Ministry***



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A GUIDELINE FOR PEOPLE WHO PRAY

I RESOLVE:

NOT TO TAKE MYSELF TOO SERIOUSLY

NOT TO LOSE THE ‘JOY OF THE LORD’

NOT TO BECOME SELF-IMPORTANT

NOT TO BECOME PUFFED UP

RATHER I CHOOSE TO BE:

CHEERFUL, WHILE AT TIMES DEADLY SERIOUS

WILLING TO TRAVAIL IF NECESSARY

WELL GROUNDED IN THE WORD OF GOD

DISCERNING RATHER THAN CRITICAL

**COVERED BY ENOUGH PRAYER FROM MATURE
OTHERS**

**PRACTICING PERSONAL AND LEADERSHIP
MINISTRY AUTHORITY TO ANOTHER TRUE
SENIOR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY**

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR BEFORE CONSIDERING THIS BOOK

Please understand that there is NO formula for prayer.

And NO two ministries, NO two leaders, NO two persons and NO two prayer warriors are alike.

The intention of this book is to offer HELPFUL TIPS, MAKE SUGGESTIONS concerning situations that may arise.

However, we ask that YOU prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is telling YOU regarding your group, for it is God's desire to impart wisdom and revelation knowledge for YOUR set of (ongoing) particular needs.

May you be blessed and protected by the power of the Holy Spirit released in prayer, Dr. Taveau D'Arcy

DEDICATION

I respectfully dedicate this book to the mature major embedded family intercessors who have been there for me.

Each one has blessed me by being ready and always available to “iron sharpens iron” and has consistently exhibited a dependable, persistent, life long unwavering picture of servant minister Jesus Christ’s heroic faith, protocol, true authority, witness character and real enduring Love: which is/was minus overly religious, super spiritual, who are/never ever have been lacking in real joy and untamed sense of humor and who have never once seen themselves a exhibited rivalry, accusation or unloving nosy busy body.

Among these I commend my dear mother, Nonie Simons Johnson, her own dear Mother, Marie Sandys Simons, my dear pastor Aunt Mary Catherine Wingfield. And also included in the embedded family is honorary true family member, board member, Susie Taylor.

"THE CUTTING EDGE IS BALANCE"



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DC VISION 1995

“While on a vacation to Washington, DC with my family in December of 1995, I was awakened by a vision from God. The early AM vision was one with myself balancing precariously atop the sharp edge of an old timey razor blade. And I saw these giant words:

“THE CUTTING EDGE IS BALANCE”

I recall realizing that if I lost my balance and slipped, I would fall way over one side, then over a giant precipice, then down to where there was a large valley filled with enormous boulders and hard rocks. However, if I lost my balance on the other side, I would then fall into a raging river and then carried away by a great powerful current.

There I pray that each minister have God’s Grace, Truth and Mercy to minister on “God’s Cutting Edge.”

Sincerely, Taveau D’Arcy

CHAPTER 1

GETTING ENOUGH PERSONAL PRAYER PROTECTION

As a leader you need good prayer coverage for yourself, your own family and your ministry. The key to this strategy is having **layers of prayer warriors.**

There are at least 4 potential levels of prayer support for every minister:

1. the inner circle of parents, relatives, close friends
2. prayer warriors, mature intercessors-anywhere you can find them: in the church or across the nation
3. a ministry intercessory prayer group
4. hand-picked mature persons within the ministry that do not go to the intercessory prayer group.

Line Upon Line: Prayer Person Upon Prayer Person

Begin with the inner circle. This can include your parents, close friends, personal friends, and other Holy Spirit given “relative” inside or outside of your church.

(It is good to have ones outside the walls of the ministry. They will pray and see things more objectively).

These will allow you to tell them your most personal prayer requests and big frustrations and they will serve you faithfully and loyally: praying with the fiercest of determination and enthusiasm.

Whether or not you have a circle of close relatives and friends who pray ***there is safety in numbers.***

Ask God to show you those special “praying Grandpas and Grandmas” within the ministry and around the community. Try to find at least 2 or 3.

Add these to the levels of your personal prayer support. Choose the ones who love you and share your vision. YOU hand pick these.

We Are In A War:

Strategy Is Important

The purpose for implementing MANY prayer warriors is that “*one puts a thousand to flight, two ten thousand.*” Deuteronomy 32:30

Laying STRATEGY for effective prayer coverage is *required*, due to the fact that prayer warriors are human and the enemy is relentless.

Prayer Warriors are Human

Prayer warriors suffer their own attacks and some times become distracted by the enemy. At different times they become preoccupied with their own many battles. Prayer warriors fight for their own survival at times: and this can put a gap in your hedge of protection.

The use of many levels of prayer coverage is required because it insures that your own prayer coverage will be both effective and adequate.

In this pioneering leader ministry the Lord has given us a motto with great meaning,

“Every prayer person needs another prayer person praying for them. Every prayer group needs another prayer group praying for them.”

WE NEED TO VIEW THIS AS ON CHRIST’S TEAM

Anyone called to pray is On Christ’s Team, and we all need to truly become Team Players. We should be focusing not upon our own individual needs, but also allowing the Holy Spirit to place a impression upon our hearts when He is telling us that HE wants us to pray for others.

Have your “inner circle” prayer warriors pray for all of the other prayer warriors as well as intercessory ongoing groups. This is an extremely key leadership decision.

APPOINT KEY PEOPLE

I find also that it is important to leader appoint “Key People” who

do NOT attend your regularly scheduled intercessory prayer meeting.

You will want these to pray for you, the other intercessory prayer meetings and any groups that meet in the name of the church. The reason?

Spirits come in on people. In other words, it is not the people who are the problem, but the spirits that often surround them.

ANTI – ACCUSER PRE TRAINING

it is “where people are gathered” that criticism and division often begins.

Be on the look out for and appoint those “key mature prayer warriors.” Give them our starter list to have them check out their own personal real motives. (See Chapter 8)

Appointing people to pray for the other prayer groups has another benefit. These key people will bring you words that expose the enemy before he encamps in your midst. They will confirm to you any “word from the Lord” that you or another prayer groups have gotten.

CHAPTER 2

KEEPING A WATCH OVER THE PRAYING FLOCK WANTED: PRAYERS, NOT PREY-ERS

God has given His Authority and in most cases, His Wisdom, to the pastor that He sets in leadership over a church. It is then the responsibility of the pastor to go to the Good Shepherd for the game plan for a ministry prayer group. When the pastor has received God's plan it is then time for the pastor to impart this vision to the leadership of the prayer group.

The pastor needs to take care in communicating HIS VISION and the CHURCHES' VISION so that they may be prayed for effectively.

Rules and guidelines need to be made plain: logistics and times, what to do if disciplinary problems or unusual situations come up.

NEED TO REMAIN AWARE

So strong are the effects of prayer warriors, their personalities and intercessory gatherings in general that in some cases churches have been destroyed over what began in the intercessory prayer group: gossip, criticism, deception and division.

This is why the pastor needs to make it clear that God has placed him at the helm of the ministry "ship." He also needs to explain that he requires a certain amount of loyalty to the Vision of the House.

It is extremely important that a pastor stay well informed of what the Lord is doing in each prayer group. The pastor should be kept notified through brief weekly meetings with or reports from the Prayer Team Leader.

IMPORTANT

The pastor needs to be notified of anything unusual that occurs during, or as a result of, the prayer meeting. Hands on leadership is required. Weekly reports from prayer leaders also insure healthy communication between these two main branches of the ministry.

It is for this reason good common sense, that a pastor visit the prayer group often. Some of these visits should be unannounced and on an "as the Spirit leads" basis.

*****NEW DULY NOTE:**

There is NOTHING that can take TOP PRIORITY over any LEADER AUTHORITY than "BEING VIEWED AS THE REAL DEAL."

AND in apostolic ministry, aka REAL LIFE, when/if one is set into one of the Book of Ephesians 5 fold offices (mature pastor, prophet, apostle, teacher, evangelist) than one must seek the Almighty GOD enough and Noble Berean attempt to BIBLE STUDY how JESUS CHRIST acted in ALL OF HIS RELATIONSHIPS. **

****To observe what we often refer to as “the Organic JESUS CHRIST” we must RE-READ the GOSPELS of MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE and JOHN.**

ALSO UNDERSTAND that the Savior, the foretold (servant apostolic) MESSIAH: JESUS CHRIST, was described in the BOOK OF ISAIAH chapters 11:2-3,

“And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;”**

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:” KJV

****IMPLICATION:** that if any BIBLE OFFICE, not back UNDER the OT Levitical Law , albeit tribal, LEADER, ELDER, PERCEIVER LEADER /SEER was going to in any way AUTHENTICALLY RESEMBLE who the REAL CHRISTIAN SENIOR MINISTRY FOUNDER LEADER truly was, then he/she would need (attempt, via true prayer) to RESEMBLE the ISAIAH 11:2-3 MESSIAH ...

AND they would never ACCUSER SPY, UNJUSTLY PRESUME and/or make, use MINISTRY LEADER BIASED, BIGOTED RACIAL, GENDER unloving ministry stereotypes.

ALSO, they would observe God’s Whole Counsel according to the following New Testament manner:

“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.” PROVERBS 29:25

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:” ACTS 10:34

“God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

IT WOULD THEREFORE BE TRUE THAT, with all of this being clearly done, that NONE of them would have FEAR OF (any) HUMAN, OTHER PEOPLE PLEASING and/or base their leader perceptions of certain HUMANS via old timey passed down, mostly Old Testament Levitical Bible TRADITIONS /back under the Law.

NOW, with that being stated, we now will use TERMINOLOGY which in the PAST has often TRIGGERED (even hysterical) MINISTRY HISTORIONICS. (NOTE: at a later time, Taveau will put forth a BIBLE EXPOUNDING on 1 KINGS 18 About King Ahab, Jezebel, Revelation 32:18-29 Church of Thyatira Jezebel):

CLEARLY there as VALID reasons for addressing these common human FORMS, just as long as we use CAUTION and never MAKE UNLOVING DISRESPECTFUL accuser reproducing (divisive) stereotypes:

SPIRITUAL PEOPLE GROUPS TO KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

ABSALOMS

2 Samuel 13-18 Absalom rebelled against his own father (David, God appointed Hebrew King)

Absaloms USURP. They come in to undermine the authority of the pastor or leader. They will watch for any signs of discord among the brethren and any chance to sow seeds of disunity and discontent. Absaloms have a secret agenda: they are jealous of those in authority and want power for themselves.

Males or females can be a "King Ahab." There is no "one size fits all" in ministry, prayer or need for possible deliverance.

Usurping, often undermining King Ahabs mostly display negative spiritual fruit which is deceitful and unsubmitive. REALIZE that their motives are selfish.

You must ask the Lord to help you discern Absaloms or any Absalom producing situations. Be watchful. Don't be weak. Keep a healthy eye and ear toward those who are in your midst.

If the Lord gives you an uneasy feeling or a "check" in your spirit about someone, go to God in prayer. Pray that He will expose any wolves in sheep's clothing before they undermine your ministry and your God-given authority as leader.

2. JEZEBEL'S (male or female earth suit)

I Kings 18, Revelation 2

Jezebel's, named after the heathen wife of King Ahab in Book of Kings, are men and women with controlling spirits.

They usually have strongly held opinions and forceful personalities. Most of them want their own way and will exert coercion or manipulation to get it. Usually they act out in an obvious manner. But sometimes they can appear meek and unassertive.

In almost every case the controller has a secret agenda. He/she is looking for the chance to rule. Whether the controller is a nursery worker or a ministry board member, the product of control is PARALYSIS of your God ordained vision. Controllers stop the move of the Holy Spirit in your midst. They hold weak leaders hostage through fear and intimidation.

Controlling people usually come when leadership is weak and indecisive. Controlling people are bound by the Deceiver and are convinced that they "know better" than the leader, and even God!

Usually these people will not back down unless they are confronted with a display of strength from the pastor or prayer team leader.

BIG POINT:

It is better to pray in advance that the Lord will KEEP OUT these forceful, domineering ones than to have to deal with them after they have already become of your group.

POSITIVE LEADER ASIDE

Due to the dark spiritual doctrines in many grass roots part of Christ's very many charismatic bodies, the writer urges the reader and all mature prayer warriors to remain balanced by keeping their mind renewed in God's Holy Bible and off of overly much "ferreting out darkness" by looking up straight into the Face of the Living Risen Jesus Christ, whom the Bible stated in Acts 10:38 "Went about doing good."

BIG CONTROLLER OBVIOUS SIGNS

Obvious Controllers

Nothing stops the flow of the Holy Spirit more than one person drawing attention off the Lord and onto him/her-self. This may be done by praying too loudly, acting in a disorderly manner, interrupting a meeting by breaking up the concentration of the group, etc.

Distractions may be subtle or loud. Someone may pray an extremely long prayer or give a "word from the Lord" that is out of order. There may be inordinate dancing or an attempt to take over

the meeting by announcing in a very loud voice, with no sanction from leadership, "Now let us pray!"

SUBTLE CONTROLLERS

There are many sweet subtle controllers. These people use emotional manipulation by wheedling, cajoling, seducing or browbeating their way in a church prayer group or ministry.

Others are less dramatic. They stand **IMMOVABLE**: silently stubborn, having learned to get what they want by silently intimidating leadership and standing their ground. They simply get their way by wearing down leadership.

Others use anger, rage, and being offended to get their way. Controlling personalities hold leaders hostage, if they are left unchecked and undealt with. Prayerful firm and decisive confrontation will be needed.

PLEASE DON'T BE AN AHAB

The burden of dealing with controlling personalities is on the pastor or prayer team leader. Revelation 2:20 states, "But I have this against YOU, You tolerate the woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophet, and she teaches and leads bondservants astray, so that they commit immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."

Let this be known: If you are weak, indecisive or fearful in any area the enemy will send someone to test you in that area. Be ready, then, and **RESOLVE** that you will rise to the occasion and be ready to **LOVINGLY** and **FIRMLY** confront any person who tries to exert control over you or your meeting.

Controlling people are dealt with by **CONFRONTATION**. And since they get their way through intimidation and manipulation,

don't be ignorant of satan's devices! Be willing to confront anyone's attempt to control you or your ministry head on. You will further the advancement of the Gospel!

A DIRE WARNING

Simply due to the fact that the mature prayer warrior, author has identified such TYPES and now called your attention to them, DO NOT, we repeat DO NOT DO as too many have done...meaning: LET US NOT GET HYPER, TOO DEEPLY DARK, EVEN PARANOID...which breeds SUSPICIOUS, FEAR BASED, ACCUSATION, CHARACTER ASSASSINATION, even "US AGAINST THEM leadership /(frightened) MINISTRY/apostolic paranoia!) *

*AGAIN: RE-READ the GOSPELS (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to duly note how JESUS CHRIST related to all KINDS, TYPES, GENDERS, NATIONALITIES of human persons, minus ACCUSATION, BEING SUSPICIOUS or ever AFRAID.

PLEASE NOTE: that that was back when the FIRST CHURCH had all of the SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD (Acts 2, but also ISAIAH 11:2) flaming upon each of them! (And notably "God's supernatural power and MIGHT!)

AND so did the FIRST CHURCH behave...meaning way back when there WERE a lot of roving Temple of Diana Jezebels ...before there was a BIBLE WRITTEN and way before accusative ministry DARK APOSTOLIC DEMON SPYING (on fellow CHRISTIANS) came along.

CHAPTER 3

FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR HEALTHY PRAYER GROUP

1. KNOW YOUR VISION

2. HAND PICK YOUR LEADER

The pastor/ministry leader makes or breaks the foundation of the church prayer group by choosing the right person to lead it. If at all possible the pastor should lead the group. If he/she is unable to do so, then he should state clearly what his vision is. This provides the rock solid foundation for the prayer group. It will also serve as a point of reference and stability when needed.

1.THE VISION WOULD INCLUDE

*The pastor's vision for his life and ministry

*The scriptures that support the Vision of the House

*Insights and leanings of the Holy Spirit revealed to the pastor and other authorities in the church/ministry

When picking the right person to lead intercessory prayer, it is important to pick one that is loyal to the pastor and in agreement with his vision. There should be no conflict of interests or agendas.

A prayer leader should be non-critical and a mature believer that is wise and Christ centered. Watch out for "Capital I " Intercessors: ego driven rather than spirit led.

The leader should be well known to the pastor and not have a controlling nature. He or she must be a Team player: first on Christ's team and secondly on the pastor's team.

However, the leader must not be a yes-man to the pastor, as it is crucial that the pastor be given The Word of The Lord in All Truth. The life of the church, and sometimes even the pastor's life, depends upon this.

Hand picked leaders must also be strong in spirit and in mind because they will at one time or another deal with personality conflicts, points of disagreement in theology that come up, as well as, outright demonic influences and attempts to bring division, error and strife into the midst of the prayer group and the church. There will eventually be some sort of effort put forth by the enemy, to destroy the work of prayer and/or the growth of the ministry.

Be Wise and Not Ignorant of Satan's Devices

The secret of forming and maintaining a successful intercessory prayer group is to remember “ faith works, by love and that love covers a multitude of sins.” One of my favorite verses is, "There is a love that surpasses know-ledge. " (Ephesians 3:19)

WHY all this emphasis on love? Well, to put it bluntly, love will be needed as the prayer group grows and the prayer warriors begin to get close to each other.

Little differences in doctrine or personal opinion can break up entire prayer groups. Leaders' shortcomings, or errors and omissions, will be pointed out by "The Accuser of the Brethren." Offenses and shortcomings among believers will surface.

It is then when prayer warriors need to "default" to the **love covers a multitude of sins mode" (and errors and omissions!).

Because you can expect a truly meaningful/successful prayer group to encounter the unusual (personality clashes, attempts to corrupt and even bring death to the work of prayer), it is best to pray protection from these things in advance.

It is also helpful, if yours is an immature prayer group, to take 5 minutes at the beginning of each prayer time to focus on scripture, that will teach the. group about 'not being ignorant of satan's devices' and what these devices are!

This will establish a common awareness, among the prayer warriors, training them to watch for first signs of trouble (before it can come in!)

Establishing Team Prayer

The concept of team prayer is very important. It gives each warrior a sense of purpose and helps them realize that they are appreciated. Referring to the members as a "Team", plays down egos. It focuses upon the Lord as the Coach. All members of the team are viewed as being equal in importance. The Team Leader is the Quarter-back calling the plays.

The Team Prayer approach focuses upon the unity of the teammates, their common purpose, their loyalty to God, the pastor, and the ministry to which they are called.

Having a servant - leader for a Team Captain helps. This kind of leader uses wisdom rather than force with the group. He or she makes each member of the Team feel valuable. The members know that they will be treated with respect and gratitude.

A good leader will not play favorites with those perceived as 'spiritually gifted'. He/ she will make sure that even the meekest member's words are encouraged and valued.

Preparing Individual Hearts for Team Prayer

A wise pastor or Team Leader shows up on time or ahead of time of the meeting to prepare his/her heart for prayer. Keep in mind that the flow of the meeting will be set by the 'atmosphere' of prayer and reverence that is or isn't there.

A good Team Leader reminds the prayer warriors to prepare their hearts before their arrival. Their minds should be renewed in the Word of God. Their hearts should be fine-tuned in an attitude of consecration and holiness.

Prayer is an opportunity to minister to the Lord. Prayer warriors should be ready to come into His Presence whenever they set foot inside the place of prayer. No prayer warrior should come to the intercessory meeting with unconfessed sin or regarding unforgiveness in their life.

Equally important is the attitude that prayer time not be wasted with undue talking. Prayer requests should be stated briefly.

3. HAND PICK YOUR PRAYER TEAM LEADER

The Prayer Team Leader sets the tone of the meeting.

He/she should be in prayer, seeking the Lord, and praying about what the Lord wants to do during the corporate prayer time.

His/her heart attitude is responsible for

setting the spiritual tone of the prayer meeting.

Should there be reading of scripture? Does the group begin by ministering to the Lord in praise or worship? How does the LORD want this meeting to go?

All these are starting points from which the Holy Spirit will give direction as the meeting progresses.

LEADER MENTORING, PRETRAINING, PREVENTION

Because there are immature as well as very mature believers on every prayer team, it is wise to train each warrior to take their cues from the Leader.

They need to observe what the leader is doing when they come into the prayer room. Is he/she already praying? Then there should not be joking around. Is there an atmosphere of worship? Is the glory of God about to fall?

If any or all of the above are already the case, then instruct them to please don't interrupt the flow of the Holy Spirit with loud tongues, because it may completely defeat the move of God in your midst.

HAVING MORE THAN ONE TEAM LEADER

In some instances it may be wise to have 2 or 3 Team Leaders. There is (spiritual) safety in numbers and two can carry the vision, and the accountability to hear God as well as one.

This may be especially true if you have a large or varied group of prayer warriors or if your church/ministry has had unusual occurrences with the occult or controlling spirits, etc. Then dual leadership would be preferable, even strongly recommended.

AND: Depending upon the time and location of your meetings you may want to choose two leaders for reasons of safety.

CHAPTER 4

FOUNDATIONS AND OPERATIONS FOR ANY PRAYER GROUPS

MAIN MENTORING

Walking in Love must be stressed as a basic premise for any prayer group or any other church group. Love must prevail in each team member's behavior and attitude.

Psalm 133 states that where there is unity among the brethren that, "there is where the blessing is pronounced."

We also all know that "Love never fails" (I Corinthians 13:8) and that "Faith works through LOVE" (Galatians 5:6)

YET, what IS REAL JESUS CHRIST kind of abiding, enduring, overcoming, REAL LOVE?

Therefore we know by Christ's examples that while He did hero role model "Sweet infant Jesus, meek and mild, turn the other cheek, walk the extra mile" probably MOST of His entire LIFE..there were certain Holy Spirit directed times when CHRIST equally hero role modeled His Father's Eden Garden (Genesis 3) up front, tough love confronting, yet never accusing, demeaning or abusing, (Matthew 18:15-17) "face to face, holding them accountable) Real Jesus Love(Note: other Scriptures: Matthew 18:15-17, Acts 5 Ananias and Saphira, Rev 2 Church of Thyatira, when Jesus tossed over the temple office high priests mammon chasing tables Mark 11:15/Matthew 21:12)

AND..where rubber really meets the road in the life of a prayer group and its' individual warriors is, Love (will have to cover) a multitude of sins (and errors and ignorant behaviors and omissions and offenses).

Undivided Overcoming, Enduring Love Must Prevail

A quality decision needs to be made when egos, conflicts or disagreements show up, and that is, that LOVE MUST PREVAIL. In every prayer group worth its spiritual salt, sticky situations DO COME UP: personality conflicts, doctrines and demons.

Decisions will need to be made that would make Solomon scratch his head.

And, because each of you, them, us are all too human, one or all of us is bound to make an error, sooner or later. This is simply just a part of life in the Body of Christ in these days.

Thus, before you agree to lead prayer, mentor the participants to train them to determine in advance

This is a KEY thing. "UNITY" and "LOVE AMONG THE BRETHREN at all costs" is the basis for this book.

Dealing with proud prayer people

In some prayer circles, prayer warriors become PROUD as they sense POWER coming forth when they pray. Some individuals

may come in with certain ego needs or secret agendas that they are not even aware of. Satan is trying to destroy your work of prayer from within so WATCH OUT!

Yes, POWER should be released in times of prayer. But it is when an individual, or individuals, cross over the line into exerting their own PERSONAL POWER that the Team Leader needs to rise up and call THE FLESH what it is.

(See Fourteen Things that Cause Pastors and Ministers Trouble)

AVOID HUGE EGO DIVISIVE ISSUES

To avoid ego conflicts it is wise from the outset to promote the TEAM concept. (See Chapter 4). In order to foster a HEALTHY (rather than ingrown, unbalanced, or dead) prayer group it is wise to promote "The Prayer Team" concept. Avoid massaging, flattering or encouraging personal prayer warrior "performances."

Instead of encouraging individual prayer 'talents' in the group, a wise leader is led by the Spirit of God and the fruits of the Spirit in making sure that no one personality is lifted up. Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit are the only ones to be magnified!

If a conflict does come up the leader can hold Rev. 3:7-8 as a standard, the Church of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia).

The Philadelphian church is the ONLY CHURCH of the 7 churches where God says He "sets before them an open door

that no man can closed It is better to have 2 or 3 peaceable, mature prayer warriors, than 20 overly loud, self seeking, self righteous individuals, praying with impure hearts.

Remember, if there is no LOVE among the brethren at the foundation of your prayer group, then THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE NO LIFE!

TAKE HEED that what goes on in a church intercessory group will either bring LIFE or DEATH to your vision, the prayer group's vision and THE VISION OF YOUR CHURCH.

It is for this reason, good common sense, that the pastor visit the prayer group often and to make some of these visits, as the Spirit leads, unannounced.

CHAPTER 5

5 MAINTAIN YOUR JOY, MAINTAIN YOUR STRENGTH!

(Don't Become a Joyless Prayer Warrior)

It's quite clear, we're in a war. But have you noticed...that once Satan robs you of your JOY you're NO GOOD at being a prayer warrior? That's a hallmark for your effectiveness in prayer, as well as, your effective-ness in all other areas of your life.

It is hard to be a prayer warrior. First, you are always on the front lines. Secondly, it usually feels "lonely in the Spirit" in one way or another.

On top of that the devil uses his trickery (really a "smokescreen") to make it LOOK as if we are defeated, hopeless, and not making any headway in what we are praying for.

At other times he uses our own pride, a wounded heart, or even self reliance and self righteousness, to block our flow from the Lord.

Loss of Our First Love: Jesus

Many wonderful intercessors have gotten sidetracked and have gone off base when they have unknowingly lost "their first love," Jesus. In times of intense pressure and pain, they became wounded.

The wound was either overlooked or missed and bitterness and offense came in. Instead of being discerning, they grew critical. Very sensitive by nature, some wounded prayer warriors have allowed hurts to blossom, and resentments to go unattended.

They were not aware when hardness of heart began and with it, the deafening of their spiritual ears. Deception came in on them unawares!!

There has been a falling away of many good prayer warriors with sincere motives. Sadly these good people, with sincere calls to pray, got 'off base' and did not even realize it. PERHAPS THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH PRAYER WARRIORS PRAYING FOR THEM!

THIS NON NOVICE AUTHOR'S life long experience can attest: It is CRUCIAL for every one who ministers or prays, to have LAYERS UPON LAYERS OF PRAYER PROTECTION.

Each one of us needs to ask for more grace for ourselves and for others in order to remain faithful to the end. We cannot afford to allow any resentments to creep into our lives!

And most sincerely, we must always pray that we remain humble and teach-able before the Lord.

CHAPTER 6

WE ARE IN A REAL ONGOING WAR!

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12-13

“The Lord said to My Lord, “Sit at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool”

NOTE: Both verses addresses different SEASONS in apostolic PRAYER, and various ministry exceedingly different foundational teaching.

THE PRIMARY VERSE this author perceives in her own senior ministry is the LATTER but always needing to have the **FORMER** at least on official STANDBY... but mostly by realizing about GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT POWER and MIGHT, plus balanced New Testament Positional Teaching: That JESUS CHRIST ALREADY WON THE VICTORY by His death on the cruel cross.. but a lot more elsewhere... definitely not here.

We are in a war and we need to know what the enemy is "UP TO."

The enemy of our souls wants to make the Beauty of a Life Called to Prayer, something ugly and distorted. He wants to make each believer with a sensitive nature, self- centered or super critical.

Satan seeks to take the beauty of "supernatural prayer" and turn it into a freak show of the "super spiritual" or "spooky spiritual."

Recognize Signs of Battle Fatigue

Many times a well trained, perceptive, intercessor will become weary and succumb to battle fatigue.

Some symptoms of battle fatigue:

****You cannot stop praying** (obsessed with prayer). Your mind is over tired. You cannot "turn your mind off and relax."

****You become so preoccupied with "routing out demons",** that you cannot enjoy the beauty of the natural world that God has made. You feel continually compelled to "look inward" or to look "down into the dark " to search out the demons instead of LOOKING UP into the Light.

Remember, the cutting edge is BALANCE.

God made everything good for you to ENJOY. Yes, the warfare docs become intense, but He wants you to be balanced and not over tired. Are you enjoying your life in this natural world?

****You always feel under the gun.** You are always working for the Lord and you just can't seem to STOP. Remember, above all else, God is kind. He is not a harsh taskmaster. He loves you.

****If you are feeling drained,** simply QUIT being so SPIRITUAL. Go out and do something IN THE NATURAL. Exercise, have fun. Think of all the good things in life. Focus on the Glory of God.

Lose yourself (“rinse your soul”) in filling, cleansing, perceptive ongoing praise and worship.

NORMALLY...It is NOT WISE to become over burdened or too introspective. In the Book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon cautioned about being "too wise or too spiritual." You can get so involved in discerning everything that you eventually can succumb to BURNOUT emotionally, physically, and even spiritually.

Remember: "The Cutting Edge is Balance!"

This is another reason why intercessors need their own layers of prayer people who pray for them. Re-member the motto: **Every prayer person needs another prayer person, praying for them. Every prayer group needs another prayer group praying for them.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11 “Don't Be Ignorant of satan's Devices”

Every prayer warrior knows the pressures that are exerted against each person who prays. Each pastor, each leader, and each mature prayer warrior must continually “guard” his/her own heart.

REALIZE

That the enemy is out to kill you, steal from you and, if he is left unchecked, will DESTROY you and your work in the prayer closet. And if he cannot destroy you, he will try to discredit you and accuse you before others.

This is the real reason why it is sensible and wise to ask God to help you find as many personal prayer warriors as possible. (see:

Final Chapter: Fourteen Spirits that Come Against Every Pastor and Ministry)

ACKNOWLEDGE “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. “JOHN 10:10

CHAPTER 7

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MATURE PRAYER LEADERS

LEADERS HELP TO KEEP THE JOY ALIVE IN A GROUP

A mature group leader will sense the flow of the Spirit within a group. He/she will discern whether the atmosphere is one of victory or of oppression.

A mature, good leader will make adjustments at the direction of the Holy Spirit flow. He/she guards, guides and governs each group meeting by seeking the Lord beforehand, paying close attention to the way the Lord leads during each meeting, and when guided by the Holy Spirit, taking authority (binding) satan, under his/her breath, even overtly.

A wise, mature, perceptive prayer group leader will know just how and when to rise up to confront, seek help from the senior pastor, or use some form of Bible, spirit directed excommunicative, nonjudgmental, yet even tough love and firm disciplinary form of action.

A wise mature perceptive leader will not allow him/her self, nor permit the others in the group, to be pulled along by their own

human wills or emotions or any other spirit except God's Holy Spirit.

“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: THEY SHALL SEE GOD” MATTHEW 5:8**

*** (In our ministry we state, “Blessed are the pure in heart they shall PERCEIVE and DISCERN GOD, HIS HOLY SPIRIT MOVE more ACCURATELY. They shall even ‘perceiver SEE” Him move actively on their behalf even more clearly)*

It is the duty of the prayer team leader to encourage the people to prepare their hearts before coming in to the prayer meeting.

The wise pastor, leader occasionally reminds the immature intercessors to arrive PREPARED and PRE-PRAYED (in a consecrated, expectant attitude of holiness and reverential “fear of the Lord.”)

1. There should be no unconfessed sin in their life
2. Again, they should come in an attitude of reverence
3. When they arrive, during , following the team meeting, there should be no time wasting, needless chatter much less gossip or accusative complaining.

4. When testimonies are allowed : they watch the leader for the signal for this time, but keep them to a minimum

5. Prayer Needs: it is up to each leader to seek the Lord about what to do with intercessors own needs.

6. Perhaps they can arrive put them on a piece of paper, chalk board, until the Lord reveals that it is now the time to share.

7. Once again: each member should be mentored to automatically check out the leader, with the Holy Spirit, to see what tone is being set, what is the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit? (the leader is the big cue)

8. Each leader must endeavor to arrive on time

9. Each leader needs to appreciate the fact that most people need to promptly arrive, seek God, pray then be released due to work, family, other real reasons.

10. When both the leader and attending prayer warriors are discerning, *Ephesians 5:21* “*mutually submissive, mutually respecting in the fear of the Lord*’ (with head team leader over all in authority) this and Accuser prevention ongoing mentoring, reminders, can assist greatly in a long enduring, loving, equally submitted mature prayer group.

THE PRAYER TEAM LEADER

The prayer team leader seeks the Lord concerning the format /Holy Spirit directed flow, of each week's meeting.

Q. Should there be singing?(2-3 songs at most)

Q. Should there be Scripture read?

Q. Should 2-3 praise reports be allowed? When?

These and other extremely important directions should be left to the leading of the Lord and the Prayer Team Head Leader.

TO BE FOREVER CONTINUED...as this is a SUBMITTED REALISTIC SELAH for pastors, leaders, all who are mature and who may be in need of PREVENTIVE MATURE PRAYER.

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