

Weekly of Prayer Strategy

15 January – 20 January 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Higher Dimensions of Character & Lifestyle Pt 1.

Prayer Point 1 – Your lifestyle must match your calling

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the character cracks/fractures in you that require healing or mending so that you may not be hindered in effectively following Christ.
- Ask God to reveal to you the lifestyle associated with your calling and then make the necessary adjustments that align to the Word of God. Pray that your lifestyle will match your calling. (If you are not sure what your calling is, seek God that He may reveal it to you or if you have not embraced your calling begin to do so).
- Pray that everything in you may be completely yielded to the life of Christ so that you may produce the fruit of the Spirit.
- Pray that the choices you make this year may stem from a character that is full of Christ.

Prayer Point 2 – Walk in love

Ephesians 4:2-5

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- Pray that these virtues will characterise your life:
 - humility
 - gentleness
 - patience

- love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- Pray that we may be a Church that speaks the truth in love to the people we say we love.
- Pray that we may be a Church not prejudiced against others in any manner but walks in the love of Christ.

Prayer Point 3 – Remain grounded

Ephesians 4:14

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

- Pray that we may a people grounded in the truths of the Word.
- Pray that we may be a people that will not pursue false doctrines.
- Pray that we may desire to be disciplined in the things of God.

Prayer Point 4 – Speak the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

- Pray for wisdom to choose friends that tell you the truth not those that placate you. Develop the habit of telling yourself the truth too in love.
- Pray that we may be a Church that is set on attaining maturity in Christ in all manner and not just some respects.

Prayer Point 5 – Know your work and do it in love

Ephesians 4: 16

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

- Pray for diligence to do and complete what you have been called to do. Resolve in your heart to never compare yourself with others or become envious of their calling.
- Pray that we may be a united Church that works in oneness of purpose and vision.

Prayer Point 6 – Embrace the Christian lifestyle that is different from the world

Ephesians 4:17-24

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you:

- What has not changed about you since getting saved?
- What aspects of your lifestyle are yet to be sanctified?
- What aspects of your attitude are yet to be sanctified?
- Which areas of your life are hardened toward the things of God?
- Which areas in your life are not enlightened with regards to the things of God?
- In which areas you have lost sensitivity to God.
- What type of sensuality are you still involved in?
- What type of impurity are you still indulging in?
- Are you completely free from greed?
- What deceitful desires do you have? Do you know which ones are from your old life and which ones are from the new?

In each of the above ask God for His guidance on how to change in those areas.