

Weekly of Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Higher Dimensions in Relationships Pt II.

Prayer Point 4 – Loyalty

2 Timothy 4:9–10a

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any traces of the love of the world that might act as a deterrent to achieving the purposes of God in your life or to being loyal to your loved ones.
- Pray and break these traces as the Holy Spirit reveals them to you.
- Pray that loyalty will become your value system in all your relationships.

Hebrews 13:7-9

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.

Genesis 4:9

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfil the law of Christ.

- Repent for where you have back bit or slandered your brother or spread rumours about them or failed to bear their burdens.
- Pray that God would give you a heart that seeks to protect and nurture your “brother” (your family, brothers and sisters in the Lord) in a manner that draws them closer to the Lord.
- Pray that you will always be loyal to God first before any other allegiance.
- Examine your relationships and repent of any blind loyalty.
- If you are experiencing the sting of betrayal in your life, ask the Lord to give you wisdom to confront the situation as well as to bring healing to those areas of your life.

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Matthew 24:10

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if any of the following causes of disloyalty are resident in your life:
 - independent spirit
 - erratic personality that makes decisions based on impulse
 - resentment, offence and bitterness
 - envy
- Repent of any ill-attitude in you as the Holy Spirit reveals.

2 Samuel 15:1-5

In the course of time, Absalom provided himself with a chariot and horses and with fifty men to run ahead of him. He would get up early and stand by the side of the road leading to the city gate. Whenever anyone came with a complaint to be placed before the king for a decision, Absalom would call out to him, “What town are you from?” He would answer, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.” Then Absalom would say to him, “Look, your claims are valid and proper, but there is no representative of the king to hear you.” And Absalom would add, “If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that they

receive justice.” Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him. Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

- For those of you in leadership, repent for where:
 - your leadership style has been substitutional instead of representational.
 - you have harboured an Absalom spirit.

Malachi 2:13-16

Another thing you do: You flood the Lord’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favour on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, “Why?” It is because the Lord is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. [d] So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the Lord, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,”[e] says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

- For those of you who have been disloyal to your spouse by committing adultery, repent to God and to your spouse and seek counsel for the restoration of your marriage.