

Weekly 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 5.

Prayer Point 9 – Apology

Matthew 5:23-25a – 23

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court.

- Pray that you will have a heart that always desires to right wrongs as soon as they occur.
- Pray that your posture will always be one that upholds the biblical manner of apologising (one that is truly repented to God first then to man) instead of a mere “I’m sorry”.

1 Samuel 15:24-26

Then Saul admitted to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so that I may worship the LORD.” But Samuel replied, “I will not go back with you! Since you have rejected the LORD’s command, he has rejected you as king of Israel.”

- Repent for where your apologies to those around you have been half-hearted or intended to preserve self.
- Repent for where your additional sacrifices or enthusiastic giving has been an over compensation because of your lack of obedience.

2 Samuel 12:13-14

Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin. Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the LORD by doing this, your child will die.”

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

- Pray that when you wrong others you may receive a revelation of Godly sorrow and how sin is offensive to His holiness.

Resolve to practise the following process of apology in your relationships:

- Admission of guilt/Confession
- Acknowledgement of the impact
- Remorse
- Restitution

Luke 19:8

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

- Reconciliation
- Request support and help

Prayer Point 10 – Letting Go

Luke 17:4

"And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him.

Ephesians 4:2

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

- Pray that you will carry the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit patience as you relate to people so that it might be easy to let go when wronged.
- Ask the Lord for a revelation of His love toward you so that you may exercise the same love to those who wrong you.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- Pray for a revelation of God's forgiveness and patience toward you and ask Him to help you forgive those who sin against you.

Ephesians 4:26-27

In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

- Repent for where you have remained angry because you were not willing to suspend judgment.
- Repent for where you got angry because of conceit i.e. because you overestimated your own righteousness
- Repent for where you got angry because you entertained and agreed with the enemy's thoughts.
- Pray that you will always guard against these stages of anger (that if left unattended to may result in regrettable consequences) in your relationships:
 - Frustration
 - Blame
 - Thoughts that those who have wronged you deserve to be punished
 - Desire to punish those who have wronged you.