

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Cultural Agility.

Prayer Point 1 - Individualism vs Collectivism

Genesis 2:24

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Galatians 6:4-6

Each one should test his own work. Then he will have reason to boast in himself alone, and not in someone else. 5For each one should carry his own load. 6However, the one who receives instruction in the word must share in all good things with his instructor....

Galatians 6:2

Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the Law of Christ....

Romans 12:5

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

- If you come from the collectivism way of thinking and you know that it has affected your marriage negatively, repent and ask the Lord to change your way of thinking as well as heal your marriage.
- Where you may have adopted an extreme individualistic mentality that has caused you to shut people out of your life, pray that the Lord will give you the wisdom to carry another's burdens.

Prayer Point 2 - Internal Locus of Control VS External Locus of Control

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. 8The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life....

James 4:14-16

You do not even know what will happen tomorrow! What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that." 16As it is, you boast in your proud intentions. All such boasting is evil....

- Pray for the boldness and faith to believe that with God you have the power to shape your destiny and not allow your circumstances to control you.
- Pray that you will be one who consistently navigates with God in every aspect of your life undeterred by distractive forces around you.

Prayer Point 3 - Task vs Relationship/People

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Acts 16:14-15

Among those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay" at my house. And she persuaded us.

Acts 21:1-2

After we had torn ourselves away from them, we sailed directly to Cos, and the next day on to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2Finding a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we boarded it and set sail....

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and a door stood open for me in the Lord, 13I had no peace in my spirit, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

- Pray that your goals will be God-breathed and that you will have the tenacity to see them through.
- Pray that you will have a heart for people but without losing focus on the goals to be achieved.
- Pray that the Lord would raise helpers of your destiny, in the right time and place.

Prayer Point 4 - Direct Feedback vs Indirect Feedback

James 5:19

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20consider this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover over a multitude of sins....

Galatians 6:1

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Do not rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as to a father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity....

Mt 18:15-17

“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault (confront him) in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16“But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. 17“If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 12:34

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

John 8:3-11

3The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” 6They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where

are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life sin."

John 4:15-19

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." **16** He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." **17** "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." **19** "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet."

- Pray that you will be one who tells the truth in love.
- Pray for wisdom to know how to confront the situational and relational dynamics around you effectively.
- Pray that you will have a heart that is respectful of people and empathetic toward them when addressing issues with them.