

Weekly Prayer Strategy

13 May – 18 May

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

What Every Believer Needs To Know About False Ministries Pt 4.

Prayer Point 1 - Demonic spirits can say true biblical statements

Acts 16:16-18

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

- Pray that we would carry the spirit of discernment that we may be able to identify and reject manifestations contrary to the Spirit of God.

Prayer Point 2 - In ministry there are complexities that come with "MIXTURE"

Phil 1:15-18

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Romans 11:29

²⁹ For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who formerly disobeyed God have now received mercy through their disobedience.

- Pray that the miracles, signs and wonders that take place in our Church would be led of the Holy Spirit and not by any work of the flesh.

Prayer Point 3 - People can change for the worse

Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

- Pray that we may be a Church that guards against legalism and that we would follow the leading of the Word and of Holy Spirit of God.

Prayer Point 4 - False ministries will always have an attractive enticing element

Jer 23:16

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

Luke 6:26

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

- Pray that we would be a church that strongly encourages the sheep to live right.

Prayer Point 5 - Satan uses agents that pretend to be true ministers

2 Cor 11:14

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵ It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their actions.

- Pray that we would be people that recognise false apostles and deceitful workers so that we are not fooled by those who may seek to masquerade as apostles of Christ or angels of light.

Prayer Point 6 - Occultic covenants come at a great cost

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’^[b]”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’^[c]” ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[d]” ¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[e]” ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

- Pray that we would be a people who are not tempted to augment the power of the Holy Spirit by satanic covenants.

Prayer Point 7 - False ministries always exploit people

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Luke 10:17-21

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." ²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

- Pray that we would be a Church that does not exploit people but would seek to empower them to perform great exploits in the Lord.

Prayer Point 8 - False ministries thrive on hidden secrets and revelation

2 Cor 12:7 ESV

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

2 Pet 1:20-21

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- Pray that we would be a Church that teaches the Word of good as it is without contaminating it in any way.

Prayer Point 9 - Miracles do not validate a ministry

Mt 24:24

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Acts 18:24-26

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervour[a] and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When

Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

- Pray that we would be a Church that disciples people holistically and teaches the full Word of God and not just what appeals to us.