

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Cultural Agility Pt 4.

Prayer Point 8 – Egalitarian VS Hierarchical (Power Distance)

Titus 2:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

- Pray that we would be a Church with a healthy biblical balance of power distance.
- Pray that the young ministers in our Church would be seen after the spirit and that they would not fear to teach or rebuke the older in a respectful manner.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Jeremiah 1:6-8

Ah, Lord GOD," I said, "I surely do not know how to speak, for I am only a child!" 7But the LORD told me: "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' For to everyone I send you, you must go, and all that I command you, you must speak. 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

- Pray that we would be a Church that is not too fixated on power and/or authority but that we (young or old) would be exemplary to those around us in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Timothy 5:17

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

- Pray that we would be Church that obeys our leaders and submits to them, recognising that they watch over our souls.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. 12 We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. 13 As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

John 13:23

One of His disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining close beside Jesus.

- Pray that we would be a Church whose practise of kingdom hierarchy is primarily based on relationship, tenderness and affection.

Prayer Point 9 - Confrontation VS Avoidance

Galatians 2:11-13

But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. 12 When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. 13 As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

- Pray that we would be a people that confronts issues in a healthy manner, with love and respect.

2 Timothy 2:23-24

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

- Pray for wisdom to not involve ourselves in vain and stupid arguments but only to engage in wholesome conversations.

Romans 12:17-19

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone. 19Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written: "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord".

- Pray that we would carry the heart of God as we relate to each other, always remembering that vengeance belongs to God.

Prayer Point 10 - Masculine vs Feminine

1 Timothy 6:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world, and neither can we carry anything out of it. 8But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9Those who want to be rich, however, fall into temptation and become ensnared by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

- Pray that we would be a people with a healthy balance between masculine and feminine attributes.
- Pray that we would reflect a contentment in our lives that is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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.

Matthew 25:24-30

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- Pray that our desire would be to perform great exploits with diligence to the glory of God.