

Prayer... A Leaders Most Effective Tool

For the Christian Businessman, especially, prayer should be critical to how they live and lead. Jesus was always walking, in an attitude of prayer with his Father. He said, "I can do nothing except what the Father tells me to do". Why so? It's because, prayer taps into that deep, intimate relationship with God that gives you His wisdom and discernment, and His courage and boldness to make wise choices.

Max Lucado said, "The power of Prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it". The power in prayer is not in the process, but in the person. Prayer takes us before the throne of God...before our Lord and Savior...before our creator and sustainer...before our helper and provider.

Prayer is a primary focus in each Executive Business Forum. We are to pray for each other. We are to put on the Armor of God, not to fight, but to stand firm and let God work in us and through us,

You may have heard of the ACTS Prayer. It an acronym which stands for Adoration – Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication. It's an easy way to integrate a simple system to help us in our prayer time, to stay steadfast before the Lord.

You might also have heard of the of the Observe – Interpret – Apply method of reading and studying the Bible. When the two are combined, you end up with six elements of a daily quiet time with God.

1. Adoration (*praise God*)
2. Confession (*confess sin*)
3. Meditation (*read...study...and listen*)
4. Thanksgiving (*thanking God for all His blessings*)
5. Supplication (*ask and make requests*)
6. Declaration (sharing the Good News with all)

Here is another acronym...

P – Praise: Thank God for reigning in power and majesty and for supplying our needs

R – Repentance: Admit where you have been lacking in mercy, grace and love

A – Ask: Ask for wisdom, discernment, patience, generous, courage and boldness

Y- Yes: The Lord is with you and you will be a conqueror...On Mission with a Purpose

Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice.

Mother Teresa