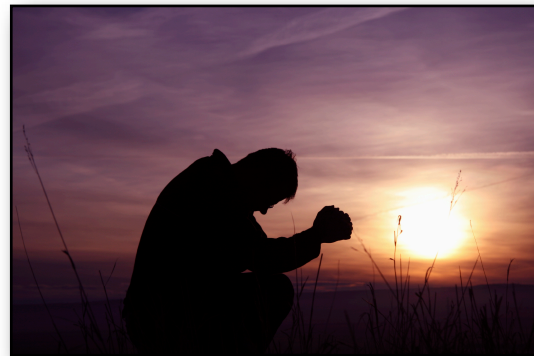


Prayer Assignments

God has assignments for us. These assignments aren't just to bless us, but they are given so that His will may come to pass on this earth. The plans of God aren't carried out until they are first prayed out. I'm hungry to know and accomplish the plan of God for me and my church, but I have to go after it. It's so important to pursue God and His plan with determination and passion.



Matthew 5:6: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.”

Being righteous means we are in right standing with God. When we are in right standing with God, then we desire to pursue the righteous things of God. If we do this, we will strive to live holy, be obedient to His word, and listen to His voice when He speaks to us.

His written and spoken word are His will. If we are pursuing righteousness, then we need to be in pursuit of His will or plan. God accomplishes His will on earth through you and me. We all have a part to play or an assignment from Him.

I believe God gives out life assignments as well as prayer assignments. How do we get these assignments from our Heavenly Father? First of all, each assignment, call of God or direction, originates from somewhere. For example: Moses got an assignment at a burning bush. God said, “Go tell Pharaoh to let my people go!” He was assigned to carve the Ten

Commandments on stone tablets on a mountain. Moses received direction and calling at the place where he met with God. The more we are in God's presence, the more likely we are to get the assignment!

We have staff meetings at the church on a weekly basis. At these meetings, Pastor meets with the staff members to keep the church running smoothly and to keep everybody on the same page. Along with discussing each area of the church, Pastor also gives out assignments and projects to each employee. What would happen if we didn't show up to the meeting? What if our attendance was hit and miss? Well, other than our position being in danger, we wouldn't get our assignments and the church wouldn't function the way it should.

Think of this, if a college student wanted to be a successful student, he would need to show up to class to get his assignments. What if he didn't show up to class? Would the professor contact the student to make sure he didn't neglect his daily assignments? Very doubtful indeed! It is the student's responsibility to go to the place where the assignment originates.

It's the same way with our assignments from the Lord. We have to show up in His presence to get our assignments of direction or instruction. We could get some great information from others who have studied the word and spent hours in prayer, but God has specifics for you and me only! We can't always rely on another's understanding and revelation to get us through. First hand information is always the best! No one else can do our praying for us. We may get some good results, but it won't bring about the fullest potential. We must do the praying.

Ephesians 6:18 says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Daily we must get into His presence. I shudder at the thought of missing something that He wanted to say to me or show me. But when we do show up, He sees our faith and trust towards Him. When we come to the place where assignments are given, the rewards are great!

Hebrews 11:6 says: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him."

Ezekiel 22:30 says: "And I sought for a man among them, that should

make up a hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.”

God is always searching for one who will pray and seek His face. He is looking for someone willing and obedient to receive and carry out His assignments. I don't ever want Him to have to look for someone else because I was too apathetic or too busy. I am sure I have fallen short, but I am determined with all my heart to press in to hear what He would say to me. Thank you God, my Father and my rewarder.

