

Memory Verse: 3:2

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Review: What You Do Comes Back to You

Lesson 9 Become a Prayer Warrior

As Paul finishes his letter to the Colossians, he extends a challenge to them and makes a special request. Read Colossians 4:2.

Discussion Starters:

Do you pray often? Do you pray for yourself or for others? Do you have a disciplined time for prayer?

Read Colossians 4:2-6

- What did Paul want prayer for as he sat in prison?
- Honestly, do you think that would be foremost in your mind if you were unjustly imprisoned?
- What should that tell us about what our prayers should be like?

Look again at verse 4. Paul said, "Pray that I may proclaim it clearly."

As Christians we need to make sure we proclaim our message clearly. We don't want to be defined by what we are against. We want to be defined by WHO we are for: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't Let Setbacks Stand in Your Way!

Look again at verse 3. As fore stated Paul spent a significant part of his ministry in prison, but he never stopped preaching, writing letters and encouraging churches.

Prison was not his only setback. Read 2 Cor. 11:24-28

Wow! Can you imagine facing those kinds of setbacks and still pressing on? Paul did not let any obstacle stand in his way.

Let's face the facts. Sometimes quitting seems like the easiest thing to do.

- Don't let quitting be an option you consider.
- You must remain faithful.
- You must stay in the battle.
- We must continue to pursue the ministry to which God has called us.

Sometimes we think God is not in something because it is so difficult!

That's bad theology and it is certainly not in the Bible. The Bible is quite clear on this subject. If you seek to do any good thing for the glory of God, you will face opposition. You can't throw in the towel just because things get rough. There will be obstacles and also setbacks.

Make prayer a greater priority!

This is why we need to commit our lives to prayer.

Eric and Leslie Ludy shared in a blog. "Prayer is an open invitation to spend time in the presence of the King of all kings to gain the peace, joy, and strength that each day requires!"

Agreement in Prayer

Consider Matthew 18:19

Remind yourself this is a powerful revelation coming from the Lord Himself.

- The reason that this type of prayer is called the prayer of agreement is due to the specific wording being used by the Lord. Notice in the very first sentence it says that if two people can **"AGREE on earth concerning anything that they ask."**
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- In other words, two people have to be in perfect agreement with one another on the specific prayer request they are wanting to put before the Lord. This means that two people are now approaching the throne of God and they are praying for the exact same thing. Can you imagine how much more God may be able to be moved if a group of sincere, passionate, and intense believers all approach Him with the exact same prayer request all at the same time?

Key Words: Did you notice the Bible says, 'It shall be done for **them!**'"

Churches need intercessory prayer teams. These teams should be comprised of prayer warriors who believe in and testify to the power of prayer.

The power of two believers is seen in Deut. 32:30a.

What can two do?

This means there is power in unity. We must remember the results are not caused by the two. God is the One who does the fighting for them and, likewise, for us.

What does it take to be prayer warrior? You must understand we are in a war! The war is between good and evil and we are not fighting flesh and blood. See Ephesians 6:12

I highly recommend Elizabeth Alves' book, *A Guide to Effective & Powerful Prayer: Becoming a Prayer Warrior*.

She, Elizabeth, believes God is calling out a vast army of His people to pray!