

040: ASK FOR PRAYER

SHOW NOTES

God wants us to humble ourselves under His mighty hand, He wants us to ask for help.

Luke 11:9 NKJV So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 21:22 NKJV And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

- When you are asking for help from God, you are realizing your dependence on Him.
- This is an exercise in humility.

Mark 11:24 NKJV Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

- You shall receive...That's the authority of God's Word. Ask believing and you shall receive. You have the authority once you prayed and believe you receive to say, "I shall receive" before you have it.

Mark 11:23 KJV For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

- If you are saying what you believe you received when you pray.

- There is nothing too hard for God, there's nothing too small for God to help you with. But you must show God that you realize your need for help.

In Ephesians 6:18-19, the Apostle Paul was not afraid to ask for help. Paul is the premier church leader and premier Apostle in his day… but he never got to the place where he didn't sense the need to ask for prayer.

Every one of us need help but we have to have that humility in our life to ask for prayer.

1 Peter 5:6 NKJV Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

- God wants us to humble ourselves under His mighty hand, He wants us to ask for help.

- You have to have people in your life that you can share a need with that will be confidential.

- That's why it's so important that you become a part of the locale church and get into a small group.

James 5:14-16 NKJV Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **16** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- You have to acknowledge that you have a problem and when you do, it's your humility that brings God on the scene.

- There has got to be people in your life that you can take your deepest needs to and ask for help because there's things that you're not going to be able to handle all by yourself.

Matthew 18:19 NKJV Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

- Sometimes its going to take two, not just one to get the job done.

2 Corinthians 13:1 NKJV This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

Ephesians 6:10-11 NKJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:18 KJV Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- The real battle prayer warrior is a person that cares for other people.
- The qualities of this prayer warrior in verse 18:

    1. **With all prayer and supplication** – these people know all the different kinds of prayer; prayer and supplication, intercession, groaning and travailing, prayer of faith.

    2. **Watching thereunto with all perseverance** – you stick to it, you don't give up easily, you don't quit until the job's done.

    3. **Supplication for all saints** - This is an all-inclusive verse… for not just the members of my church, that means for the body of Christ universally.

Ephesians 6:19-20 KJV And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

You need to pray for your church leaders. 3 things we need to pray for our leaders:

1. **That utterance may be given unto me** – pray for me that I will be anointed, filled with the Holy Spirit.

    Acts 2:4 NKJV And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

    2 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

    John 6:63 NKJV It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

2. **That I may open my mouth boldly** – pray that I will be bold, that I won't back down through fear and intimidation from speaking the truth of God's Word.

    Psalm 34:4 NKJV I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

King David was the greatest battle warrior in the Old Testament...but he still had to battle with fear

Acts 4:18 NKJV So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

This is where many pastors are today, they've been silenced by fear and intimidation of the canceled culture, of carnal Christians.

Acts 20:20 NKJV how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

3. **To make known the mystery of the gospel** – pray that I will have revelation, that I may speak that which is not yet being revealed.

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