“Prayer; #HeartTalk Tools For Your Leadership”

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INTRODUCTION:
We will First:

- Explore the Biblical substance of #HeartTalks with God.
We Will Second:

- Identify #HeartTalk Tools that are essential for your leadership.
We Will Third:

- Discover how to use #HeartTalk Tools innovatively to impact our communities.
What is #HeartTalk?
#HeartTalk
Tools

PRAYER
Prayer

- Prayer is simply talking to God. It’s communicating with God your emotions, your concerns, your pains, your desires, anything and everything. We can give our petitions to the Lord in our prayers.

- Prayer can help keep our relationship with God strong and connected to Him.

- Prayer can open the door to for God to meet our needs, address our situations, and minister to our spirits.

- Prayer comes from our spirits and the depths of our hearts: HEARTTALKS
Prayer in Leadership

- Christian Leadership is spiritual work. Spiritual work depends upon spiritual tools. There is no spiritual tool that is as significant or powerful as prayer. “In Spiritual work everything depends upon prayer” (Andrew Murray, The Prayer Life (Springdale, PA: Whitaker House, 1981), 8

- Prayer is the ageless act of highly effective Christian Leaders.

- Prayer is certainly not the only act of leadership, but it is the indisputable common denominator of spiritual difference-makers in every generation in any setting.
Prayer in Leadership

- True prayer not only speaks, but also listens. Prayer connects us with God, and God knows everything. When we listen in prayer, God gives us insight into important matters. We have fresh perspectives on a complex situation or we may gain new understanding of the needs, strengths, struggles, and potentials of those we are privilege to lead.

- Effective Spiritual Leaders understand the unrestricted reach of prayer.
Prayer in Leadership

- As leaders we are to show and teach others to pray.
- Model Prayer: Matthew 5:5-15
- The A.C.T.S. Or T.A.C.S. Models
  - A- Adoration    T- Thanksgiving
  - C- Confession   A- Adoration
  - T- Thanksgiving  C- Confession
  - S- Supplication S- Supplication
Exploring the Biblical substance of #HeartTalks with God.
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- God is a person. He has personality. We are people. We have personality. Prayer is expressing the many facets of our personality and our situation to the many aspects of God’s personality. One type of prayer will not do. We need to pray with all kinds of prayers (Ephesians 6:18)
  - 18: praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.
Exploring the Biblical substance of #HeartTalks with God.

Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:

- Prayer is the way you defeat the devil (James 4:7)
  - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- Prayer is the way you get to lost saved (Luke 18:13)
  - "But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’"
Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:

- Prayer is the way you acquire wisdom (James 1:5)
  - 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
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Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:

- Prayer is the way for a backslider gets restored (James 5:16-20)
  - 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.[b] 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
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- Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:
  - Prayer is how saints get strengthened (Jude 20)
    - 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit
  - Prayer is the way to get laborers out to the mission field (Matthew 9:38)
    - 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
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- Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:
  - Prayer is how we cure the sick (James 5:13-15)
    - 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 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 one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
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Everything God Does in the work of the Ministry, He does in through Prayer:

- Prayer is how we accomplish the impossible (Mark 11:23-24)
  - 23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received[a] it, and it will be yours.
Identify #HeartTalk Tools that are essential for your leadership.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Your Role of Influence”

“Leadership is influence. Since leadership is the ability to move and influence people, the spiritual leader will be alert to discover the most effective way of doing this. One of the most powerful ways to influence others spiritual is through prayer. To lead effectively by influencing other for God, Christian leaders must pray. Prayer influences men by influencing God to influence them.” (J. O. Sanders, Spiritual Leadership (Chicago: Moody, 1974), 82

If you have a greater prayer life, you can have greater kingdom influence for God.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. “Take the Time”

- Taking the time to pray makes a difference.
- You can’t be too busy for prayer.
- Prayer is a powerful time saver. One of the amazing aspects of prayer that is it unlimited by day and time, location, or distance. Prayer invites God to work in people’s lives even when church is not in session or the small group isn’t meeting. You can’t be in two or more places at once but God Can! He is Omnipresent!
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. “Take the Time:” (Continue)

- Take Time to pray Daily and Often. Establish a daily prayer time!

- Effective spiritual leaders not only establish a time for prayer but also usually set an amount of time. Most set an hour, many set aside even longer.

- The more we pray, the more God works. The more God works, the better everything will ultimately be.

- “When we pray we are working with God to determine the future. Certain things will happen in history if we pray rightly.” (Richard Foster, Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home, (San Francisco,: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992)
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Take the Time:” (Continue)

“\textit{When God finds a person who will place as his priority a life of intimate, personal dynamic fellowship with Him, He directs His power, guidance, and wisdom into and through that person. God has found a man through whom He can change the world.}” –(LeRoy Eims Be the Leader You were Meant to Be (Carol Stream, IL: Victor Books, 1975), 19

Jesus knew and lived the life of human leadership. Jesus practice prayer. He was an amazing man of prayer.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.

“Pray for those you lead: Intercession”

- Effective spiritual leaders are passionate toward God and compassionate toward people. One of the purest and most powerful ways for a leader to express and exercise such love is in intercessory prayer.
- Intercession is a major part of Spiritual leadership.
- Intercessory prayer is a primary tool used by effective spiritual leaders.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.

“Pray for those you lead: Intercession” (Continue)

- Pray for other as you wish others to pray for you.
- Focus your intercessory prayers more on the spiritual issues of eternal significant than the material, physical, temporal needs of the other person.
- Use scriptural prayers as appropriate.
- Allow others to pray for you.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Fast and Pray”

- Fasting also known as self-denial is essential tool that goes hand and hand with prayer.
- Fasting is a powerful aid in spiritual warfare. (Matthew 17:21)
- Some benefits of fasting:
  - Emptying yourself of every barrier to God so you can be filled with His presence.
  - Disciplining yourself even as Jesus did
  - Growing spiritually into the image of Jesus
  - Gaining spiritual perception of God’s world.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Fast and Pray” (Continue)

- Fasting is a secret service to God, often where deep heart desires are expressed. God who sees in secret, promises to reward it openly. (Matthew 6:4. 6,18)

- Fasting brought a nation back to God. (Daniel 10:2,3)
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Fast and Pray” (Continue)

- Fasting purifies soul and body. (Daniel 1)

- Fasting is a great aid in building the spiritual life of a leader.

- “When you long to strengthen and discipline your prayer habits and to add a new dimension to your prevailing in prayer, add fasting. When you seek to humble yourself before God in total submission to His will and in total dependence of his almighty power, add fasting. When you face an overwhelming need, a human impossibility and your soul hungers to see God intervene by supernatural power, add fasting.” (Duewel, Mighty Prevailing Prayer), 183
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. “Be Specific and have Bold Faith”

- The more precise the prayer, the more faith it takes. If you want specific answers to prayer, you need to make specific requests. Pray about what you really desire and request with boldness.

- Search your heart and make sure your motives are pure. Make sure it’s something that will glorify God.

- Ask Big!!!!!
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
“Prayer Retreats”

- High impact leadership can feel overwhelming after a while. The more success we have, the more responsibilities we are given, the higher the expectations we face, and the tougher the criticism we endure. Jesus ministry grew, crowds multiplied, the pace increase, the states were amplified, and the energy expended intensified. Jesus dealt with the pressures of high-impact ministry by withdrawing to lonely places and praying. (Luke 5:16)
Personal prayer retreat can be a great joy and aid to your prayer life. They can help you briefly escape the pressures of leadership and untangle gnarled ministry issues.

Benefits of personal prayer retreats are manifold. Stress is reduced and life is place back into perspective. Spiritual tanks are refueled.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. “Prayer Retreats” (Continue)

- During your personal retreats, try to do the following:
  1. Get away from the routine
  2. Start with solitude and rest
  3. Create some space in your soul
  4. Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise
  5. Confess Sin
  6. Make your requests known to God
  7. Reflect on and record what God might have been saying to you.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.

Involve Others: Inclusive Praying

- You shouldn’t be the only one praying diligently and fervently but so should those who you lead. Encourage all to participate in prayer for the success of the work that is before them.
- Establish Prayer Partners. Ask God first to give you someone to pray with regularly.
- Create Prayer Teams or Prayer Groups within your ministries, churches, organizations to pray for various issues that may arise.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. Involve Others: Inclusive Praying (Continue)

- Include Prayer Foci or Prayer Themes along with the projects and ministry work.

- Maximize the members of your Groups, Teams, Ministries, Organizations. Remember those who you lead also have gifts, talents, and callings. Through prayer God can reveal the strengths and skills of group members to help you delegate assignments and tasks to do the work before you

- Constantly communicate to those who you lead the importance of prayer. Corporate prayer is just as important and valuable as personal prayer time with God. Inclusive praying can keep everyone connected to God and together as a unit.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership. Check the Progress of your Prayers

- Leaders take time to check the progress of the work that’s taking place. It’s important to do the same in prayer as a spiritual leader. Take time to see where God is moving and working. Identify those prayers God has answered. Once you identify those prayer God has answered, take the time to Rejoice and Give Thanks Unto the Lord! Keep seeking God for those unanswered prayers until God speaks and gives you answers and clarity.

- Keeping a record of prayers in journals and notebooks can be good for testimonies and sharing with others.
Essential Prayer tools for your leadership.
Communicate and Maximize

- Constantly seek God in prayer to give you strength and wisdom as you lead.

- Seek God in prayer to help you serve in the spirit if humility and service. And for those you lead see you as someone who is a person of integrity, a leader who is known to be trustworthy, hardworking, dedicated and honest.
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For the week of: September 12th
RESOURCES


The Holy Bible- Eastern Standard Version