

Another Call to Prayer

The apostle James asked us to confess our faults, then he said this: "...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Contrast this prayer with the vain, ineffective prayer that Jesus warned us about in Matthew 5:5-8.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church of Colosse about a certain brother named Epaphras, "...who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, ...always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12).

Apparently, Brother Epaphras was a prayer warrior who believed in the consistent work or "labour" of consistent prayer. That's exactly what prayer is. It's a work! It's a labor of love!

We even know through the example of Jesus in Luke 22:44 that there are certain times when we are compelled to pray "more earnestly." Can you feel it? In this day, in this hour, can you sense it?

If you have been feeling what I've been feeling, it's as if we are consistently edging toward the precipice of something wonderful and mighty in the Apostolic movement. Locally, people have renewed their efforts and have been committing to prayer. It has been consistent. It has been exceptionally good. It's clearly evident.

Unfortunately, with the anticipation of something great and miraculous, there usually comes a predictable attack from the enemy.

Our present situation is no exception.

We have two choices:

Effective prayer or ineffective prayer.

Together we can deal an effective and collective blow to the kingdom of darkness that surrounds us.

The enemy thinks he can make us quit.

The enemy thinks that we can never be healed.

The enemy thinks that we can never have revival and great growth.

I believe and know he's wrong.

Real prayers are more than just words spoken in a darkened room.

Real prayers are weapons. And they are mighty.

"For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." (2 Corinthians 10:4)

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We have an opportunity to unify effectively and fervently believe in an unprecedented breakthrough.

Let's join faith. Let's believe.

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