

Marriage of Prayer & Missions

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Throughout the Bible and church history there is a clear connection between Prayer & Missions.

Jesus weds the two together by this living example and especially with his words in Matthew 9:37-38

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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The movement of Christianity was birthed in a 10 day prayer meeting, an outpouring of the Spirit, and then multi- people, city, and national missions.

Every true revival meeting in church history was birthed in prayer and resulted in the mission of disciple making (which is the true fruit of real Holy Spirit revival).

Yet there has been a diabolical attack by the enemy on the church personally and corporately to divorce these two that are ordained for one another.

Monastic hiddenness was one extreme of this.
But prayerless missions was also an extreme in the other direction.

The church today must fight to keep action in the spirit and action in the natural combined.
In fact Jesus will begin heaven and earth together - Ephesians 1:10

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as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

The enemy either wants you personally to neglect both or to divorce the two by emphasizing and walking out only one.

How do we keep them connected:

1. By vision for both
2. By obedience in doing both
3. By radically being committed to the centrality of them both
4. By accountability among us all for the doing of both
5. By practically linking both

I challenging us as a spiritual family in ministry to the marriage of these two activities in a practical and exaggerated way.

I mean, may all who hear this be challenged to becoming active in praying into the mission of making disciples.

May we pray every day for ourselves and we as a family to manifest the mission of making disciples in the Lord's harvest.

Postlogue

- The decision to be practically organic as opposed to organizational.
- The call to radical simplicity in ministry.
- The decision to disciple through people instead of through programs.
- The activation of the priesthood of the body of Christ as opposed to emphasizing professionals doing the ministry.
- The George Mueller nature of this ministry.