

PRAYER – Trough love serve one another

Eph 4:15-16 ... *“but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love”*.

Thought 1: A physical body only functions at 100% when every part is healthy, strong and functioning as it was designed to do. If parts stop working the body becomes handicapped; the severity depending on which parts are not functioning. In some cases the handicap or malfunction may lead to chronic illness, or in extreme cases it may lead to death.

Similarly, the spiritual body, the church, only functions at 100% when every part is healthy and strong and functioning in love as it should. We want to show a healthy, loving body to the world that they may be attracted to Christ.

Prayer 1: That every member of the body would arise in the strength of the Lord and serve in their God designated function. Let us pray that each one would find their place, and in Christ’s strength, begin to function there.

Gal 5:13 ... *“through love serve one another”*.

Thought 2: The greatest way we can show gratitude and love to God for all He has done for us in redeeming us and giving us His abundant life is by being available to Him and letting His light and love shine through us to others.

When we think of the harvest we automatically think of it in terms of people reaching out to others; touching, loving, serving and winning their hearts. But, when we misplace or lose our perspective on the harvest – when we stop reaching out and serving others – we find that this cuts off blessing in our own lives.

There is a common denominator in every individual that grows bitter ... that falls into self pity ... that complains all the time ... and wonders why nothing good ever happens to them. That common denominator is a lost perspective on ministry and serving. It’s a lost perspective on the harvest. They fail to serve, love, help, encourage, and reach out to others in Jesus name. As a result they end up all bent out of shape.

Prayer 2: Pray that we, all of God’s family, would not be inward looking and self serving, but rather that we would be upward and outward looking, serving others in Jesus name. Pray that the love of Christ would be seen in action, continually, in everyone.

Pray that we, God's people, containers of Christ who is the Light of the world, will let Him shine through us to those in darkness. Pray for believers that they may have **boldness, confidence, courage and trust** to let Christ shine out of them. That they will be available to take Jesus to the lost. To be salt and light so that the lost can be saved.

1 Tim 2:1-4, 8 ... *"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ... Therefore I want the **men** in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands"...*

Thought 3: Men are the authority figures in our homes and families. It's time our men took their rightful places and stood up and lead in prayer. Our fight is not against flesh and blood it is against the rulers and forces of darkness. There is so much darkness being leveled against our society and children that we must do something about it. We have authority over all the power of these forces of darkness. Lu 10:19 Jesus said, *"I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy"*.

It's time that the men got up off the lounge or lazyboy recliners and engaged in battle. It's time the strongholds were torn down and captives set free. Men can't expect the women to do all the work. It' time the men did their part too.

Prayer 3: That the men of the church would arise in holy boldness and pray and do the work of spiritual warfare so that our wives and families, our sons and daughters and grandchildren and generations to come, may live godly lives in peace and tranquility and in particular that they may have about them an environment or atmosphere of peace and love in which they will be drawn to intimately and personally know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. Shake up the men, Lord!
