

PRAYER SCHOOL LESSON 4-----INTERCESSION

James 5:16 (New King James Version)

The effective (effectual) fervent (heartfelt) prayer of a righteous man avails much. (makes power available)

What is intercession?

1. Entreaty in favor of another, especially a prayer or petition to God on behalf of another. A mediator. Intercession is standing in the gap for someone else.
2. One hand on God and one hand on people.
3. Intercession can prepare a pathway, create things, prepare things, open doors, close doors, change perspectives, heal, restore, deliver.
4. Intercession runs on love---all Christian activity is based on love and compassion is an ingredient of love.
5. You weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.
6. Taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass.
7. Is warfare—we fight against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and spiritual power in the heavens (Ephesians 6:12)

God uses intercession as a means to release His power and works in partnership with His people through intercession.

What does intercession do?

- Intercession causes us to internalize God's Word and changes us.
- Intercession unites our heart to people and places we pray for.
- Intercession renews imparts life and renews our faith. (John 6:63)
- Intercession makes an impact beyond this age. (Rev. 5:8, Rev 8:1-6)
- Intercession humbles us.
- Intercession changes the spiritual atmosphere of cities and nations.
- Intercession causes multiple blessing to return to the intercessor (Luke 6:38)

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (New International Version)

¹I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in

all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 6:18 (New King James Version)

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

What Does Intercession look like?

Romans 8:26-27 (NKJV)²⁶

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself makes intercession for us** with groanings, which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Preparation for Intercession

Philippians 3:10 (AMP)

For my determined purpose is that I may know Him {that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly}...

God is restoring to us the **spirit of prayer** not just the principles or mechanics. Real faith comes from knowing the Person behind the principles. This attitude is the foundation of vibrant, powerful prayer. It is not just our mouth and mind that prays, it is our life that prays. Lack of spiritual hunger is at the root of our powerlessness in prayer.

I Corinthians 3:16 (KJV)

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” We are God’s house of prayer---our soul is like a container and if we relate to God from the surface of that container, our relationship with Him remains very superficial. It can be cluttered with spiritual debris and emotional junk. When we are honest before God and open and pour out our hearts to him we are changed.

God is calling us higher—there is always more in God.

Prophecy from 2009

Church has a platform of prayer—things increase because we are able to touch God—pray in the spirit—we are called to be a praying church
Pastors who are Shepherds

Pastors who are Spiritual Commanders

Corporate Prayer and Intercession

Personal Prayer and Intercession

Following Prompting and Cues

I John 2:27 (NKJV)

But the anointing which ye have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Romans 8:14 (NKJV)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

Sometimes tongues are in the Spirit, sometimes they aren't. To pray in the Spirit means to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit and pray as he directs. He may direct you to pray in tongues. He may direct you to make supplication for a particular person in a specific way. He may direct you to worship God. He may direct you to bind the devil. To pray in the Spirit, you must flow with Him.