

## THE MOST POWERFUL ACTIVITY ON EARTH

### **Ecclesiastes 2:11**

**But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.**

These are the famous words of an old man who pondered his accomplishments in life and seemed to be quite disappointed.

It's interesting to note that usually when people get towards the end of their lives the idea that they used to have of what was important in life changes dramatically.

Let me give you an example of one of the things that most people regard as very significant in their lives: money.

For most people, they see money as the most powerful thing that there is and that's why they run after it like crazy.

But, if money is apparently so powerful why are so many wealthy people unhappy with their lives? So, apparently, the whole world is running after something that is over-rated and does not deliver the happiness and security that it promises.

King Solomon who was very rich came to the conclusion that what he had accomplished in his life was not worthwhile and did not give him the satisfaction that he had expected! (refer to the first Bible verse of the message).

Jesus said:

**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Matthew 16:26**

We all have to do the things that pertain to this life and that includes working and earning money, but that should never be our primary focus or the main goal in our lives. There is a spiritual activity that is more powerful than all the money in the world and we should pursue it with all diligence.

### **THE MOST POWERFUL ACTIVITY ON EARTH IS PRAYER!**

When we look at the life of Jesus we see that the success behind His ministry was due to prayer. He impacted the spirit realm and the natural realm.

The spirit realm is real, and the Bible is full of references to it.

### **Colossians 1:16**

**For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.**

**2 Corinthians 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

What happens in the spirit world is reflected here on earth. **That's why prayer is the most powerful activity on earth.**

## **1. PRAYER TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD OF THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE WAY TO ACCESS THE SPIRIT REALM.**

The Bible warns us that there are incorrect ways of accessing the realm of the spirit.

Examples of spiritual practices of the wrong kind: Witchcraft, trying to contact or praying to the dead, new age channeling, following the horoscopes, palm reading, worshipping of angels, Ouija board, praying to idols.

**2 Corinthians 11:14 'And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.'**

According to the Bible, when people engage in these spiritual activities they are not connecting with the kingdom of light, with Jesus, but with darkness and therefore they are being deceived.

Seeking mediums; healers, witchdoctors, psychics

**Leviticus 19:31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.'**

**Example of Solomon who asked a medium for help.**

Idol worship or praying to idols is strictly forbidden by God:

**Leviticus 26:1 'You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.'**

**Exodus 20:4-5**

**"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. (...)**

**The apostle Paul also said to the Corinthians: flee from idolatry. Why?**

Because when people pray to idols they are connecting with the wrong side of the supernatural and will open a door for the devil to attack them and put them under bondage.

**Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

**In the spiritual realm there are only two cultures: the culture of the Kingdom of God and the culture of the kingdom of darkness. This reality is above any culture that we may be a part of. We either belong to one or the other.**

## **2. PRAYER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE BORING**

Praying to God will never be boring if we remember that every time we pray we are impacting the spiritual and the natural world.

**John 14:13-14** “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

### **3. GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO PARTNER WITH HIM TO BRING FORTH HIS WILL ON EARTH.**

The will of God is not always done on earth. God respects the will of men, we were created as free moral agents, and that is why we need to pray.

**Matthew 18:18 -19**

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

**James 5:16** (...) The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

### **4. BE CONSISTENT AND PERSISTENT IN PRAYER**

**Luke 18:1** (...) “men always ought to pray and not lose heart,” (not to get tired or to give up praying)

What if Elijah had given up on the fifth or sixth time he prayed for the Lord to send rain?

What if Jesus prayed only once in the Garden of Gethsemane instead of three times with such intensity that He literally sweated drops of blood? Would He have been able to make the decision to endure all that lay before Him to save mankind?

### **5. EFFECTIVE PRAYER FOLLOWS A SIMPLE FORMULA**

It must be Word-based, Word-led, and Word-sustained. Have faith in God and His promises when you pray.

**Mark 11:22-24** “So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

There is also an element of spiritual warfare in prayer, of pushing darkness back and resisting the enemy. Remember the authority that Jesus gave us.

**Luke 10:19** “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

**James 4:7**

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

### **PRAYER EQUALS POWER**

Let's be more pro-active and engage in the most powerful activity on earth – prayer!