

## Constant Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing,



**Mark 9:14-28**

- This kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting
- They obviously were not praying or fasting, at least in combination
- Some things will not happen without prayer

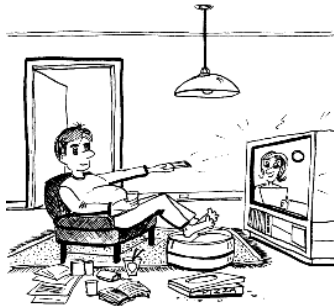
**Acts 1:14; 2:1-4**

- Many people are trying to do the works of Jesus without praying like Jesus!
- Many times we get a formula down pat and we rely on it instead of the power of the Holy Spirit energized by prayer.
- We operate in the flesh and run our own lives instead of operating in the Spirit and are led by the Spirit!



**Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

- Prayer changes people and circumstances
- We need to live in prayer, not just pray in a time of crisis
- If we pray before we hear and avert disaster. If we pray only in crisis we are running a clean up operation.



### Lack of Prayer

### Prayer

Acts 12:1-4 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.  
 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.  
 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.  
 4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered [him] to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.  
 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.  
 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by [him], and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

**Acts 4:29-31: Acts 4:33**

- I am believing God for a habitation beyond the visitation!
- I want great grace!
- I want us to have power to be consistent witnesses!



## Conclusion:

Luke 18:1 Men always ought to pray and not lose heart,



## Call to Intercessory Prayer

"The Prayer Life of Church will expand ministry borders"

Jack Hayford

"In order to have something you have never had before  
you must do something you have never done before"

Mike Murdock

### God Chasers prayer meeting (Tuesday 6-7 am)

Mark 1:35-39 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

The world is sleeping in the dark  
That the church just can't fight  
Cause it's asleep in the light  
How can you be so dead  
When you've been so well fed  
Jesus rose from the grave  
And you, you can't even get out of bed

Oh, Jesus rose from the dead  
Come on, get out of your bed

-- Keith Green (Lyrics from "Asleep in the Light")

### Harvest Prayer meeting (Saturday 10-11 am)

Luke 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Acts 4:31 When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. ...33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

### Hour of Power (Saturday 6-7 pm)

Luke 6:12; 19 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God ...

<sup>19</sup> And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.

### Upper room prayer (Sunday 9:30-9:50 am)

Acts 1:13-14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication,

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled the whole house where they were staying.



Attendance at the prayer meeting rocketed when it was announced that revival would bring about an improvement in the national football team.