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Today we take our Scripture text from the words of the apostle Paul, where he said, ***“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).***

As believers we can sometimes become weary and fatigued with our prayer lives. If we are not careful we can cease in continuing to seek the face and counsel of Almighty God. Believers are to never cease, tire, faint, or grow weary in their prayer lives. The truth is we are to remain steadfast and in fervent pursuit of Gods will and purpose for our lives.

The many anomalies sweeping over America are going to demand a greater dedication concerning our prayer lives. As believers we may not witness immediate results when we pray. Nevertheless, that should not discourage us in pursuing the plan and will of God, not only for our lives but for those around us.

Sometime ago while re-reading the Book of Mark, I discerned a very encouraging passage of Scripture. It spoke to my heart concerning prayer and I pray it will embolden and strengthen your prayer life as well.

We read, ***“And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how” (Mark 4:26-27).***

In this parable, Jesus uses a mystery concerning the growth of seed as an example and I pray it will speak directly to your prayer life.

Jesus describes a farmer as he scatters seed upon the ground. Jesus further explains the process concerning the farmer’s personal life as it evolves around the routine of his life both night and day. Meaning, the

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farmer sleeps and arises and this process of labor and rest continues after having sown his seed.

While the farmer is going through the process of sleep, awakening, and laboring in his garden, something is supernaturally happening to the seeds he has sown. The seeds are silently growing. One day the farmer sees a blade that has pushed forth and broken through the soil: but Christ says the farmer does not understand how it happened; ***“he knoweth not how”***. No man fully understands this mystery of growth. Throughout the years, I too have planted seeds and I have witnessed as they’ve silently grown in the soil.

Without doubt, growing seeds is divine in nature. The seeds planted die and bring forth much fruit. Jesus declared, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” (John 12:24).***

As we spend time in prayer we are actually dying to self. The spiritually disciplined understand what it means to die to the world. In essence, prayer is the exhaling of self and inhaling the Spirit of God. That should create a greater hunger and thirst for prayer in one’s life.

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools God gave the church. However it is rarely used these days. According to the Word of God, Jehovah still answers prayer. ***“The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry” (Psalm 34:15).***

I have often said, I can pray for you but I cannot do your praying for you. There is no doubting it, prayer

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not only changes our circumstances but changes us and those around us.

Many times I have gotten down to pray and after praying my immediate circumstances or situation may not have changed: however my disposition and spirit was changed because I had been in the presence of Jesus Christ. The psalm-ist declared, ***“... in thy presence is fulness of joy” (Psalm 16:11).***

As we pursue the Lord through our prayer lives, God is gradually but faithfully answering those prayers and preparing the people around us to be transformed by His divine grace. Many times it may seem God is not working in the lives of those for whom we are praying, however, God is busy silently working. In time He will bring them to where they will realize their need for Him.

As individuals, we cannot change anyone: only the God of Abraham can do that. This is why I am imploring every child of God to pursue a consistent, diligent life of prayer.

Hear me; the face and complexion of America is changing quickly and drastically. Satan is no longer hiding his craftiness but openly seeks to destroy America. There seems to be little interest or concern with what is taking place concerning the destruction of America.

By the millions our nation is being overrun by illegals. America does not have the infrastructure or means to accommodate these numbers without proper planning.

I would to God someone would shut down both houses of Congress until something changes but that hope appears to be fatal. Most pulpits have abandoned the Word of God and they are no longer crying

aloud against the sins of America. Political correctness is destroying the moral fabric of our nation. Sin is running rampant from coast to coast like an out-of-control wildfire.

Our schools are more perverted than ever before, sodomy is growing exponentially, and the most distorted perversities are finding places of residence in many houses of God.

Some weeks ago a Drag bingo night in Katy, Texas, at First Christian Church, stirred up controversy when the event raised money for the church's clothing boutique for trans-youth. Instead of training their young people in discipleship and following the tenants of Christ, they are being taught the evils and wickedness of sin.

Make no mistake about it; sin will be the ultimate demise and destruction of America. Scarcely can anyone find an honest man or woman in Washington, D.C. Christianity is dwindling as never before.

I read just the other day that by 2070 less than half of America would be deemed Christian. Atheism and agnosticism are now flourishing more than Christianity.

How many preachers will stand before a Holy God with blood soaked hands? I believe we have already reached the status where less than half of America is deemed Christian without having to wait another 48 years.

Due to this massive decline in Christianity, we cannot afford to risk our prayer lives any longer because, if we do, we may very well miss the will of God and His plan for our lives. It is imperative we serve our generation well just as those before us did theirs. We read, ***“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers” (Acts 13:36).***

We see in this passage that David both served his generation and fulfilled the will of God concerning his life. As Christian soldiers, are we

in hot pursuit of Christ concerning the soul of America? Joe Biden says he's fighting for the soul of America! The apostle Peter declared, ***“The Lord is not slack (will not delay) concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).***

Destructive change is overpowering all of humanity and the children of God are the only salt and light that can impede this onslaught of unruly change.

I would have a hard time explaining this sordidness to my grandparents who have been deceased now for a little over 20 years. All this abhorrent wickedness prevailing in America and around the world would be beyond their understanding. They would not be able to comprehend the sordid debauchery infiltrating our United States government and also the church.

America is awash in sin and filled with a plethora of workers of iniquity. Tragically, the changes we are presently witnessing are in no way positive but, rather, they are all negative and rotten to the core.

Today, young people seemingly have no guidance or direction for their lives. Most young people are lost and they have no certainty or stability within their lives.

The most popular kind of photo in the world is a “selfie”. That is powerfully prophetic since, ***“... in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves” (2 Timothy 3:1-2).*** One Greek translation reads: *“people will only love themselves”.*

As parents, my wife and I prayed and read the Scriptures nightly with our children when they were growing up. People will only reap that which they have sown and if they are faithful in sowing seeds of righteousness they can expect a righteous harvest.

There is a spirit of agitation in the land for both Civil and World Wars. It was Albert Pike who predicted three world wars and in the third war the Jews, Muslims, and Christians would be fighting one another.

Presently, the world is on the precipice of a catastrophic failure that will be followed by war, famine, and a plethora of untold diseases. When Christ opens the first four seals in Revelation chapter 6, we will witness war, famine, disease, and death. All of these prophesied events happening before His Second Advent will no doubt be very painful! This is why prayer is so needful at this present time.

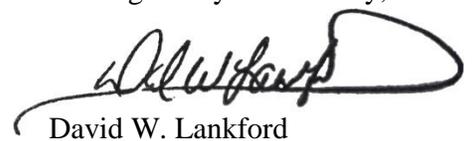
I humbly beseech everyone reading this newsletter please give serious consideration to your prayer life. We must enter into our prayer closet until the time of His indignation is past.

We read, ***“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain” (Isaiah 26:20-21).***

Soon the King of glory will return and then our toil will be passed.

As always, we humbly thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry. Truly you are touching souls throughout the entirety of the world. My prayer is that the Lord will forever order your steps in His Most Holy Word in the coming days.

Serving with you faithfully,



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