

Revival with the Holy Spirit: A Prayer Culture

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[Act 2:42 NASB95] 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- The culture of prayerlessness needs to be broken. There is no rising up above your prayer life.
- In developing the prayer culture at YFGC, Dr. Lee said, “As the Bible is food, prayer is breath.”
- Developing a new culture is hard, yet, in time, it will happen.

What does a prayer culture look like?

Here are four aspects to a prayer culture that God wants us to develop.

I. The prayer culture God wants us to have will have an hour of prayer.

- [Act 3:1 NASB95] 1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth [hour,] the hour of prayer.
- You will never find time to pray. You have to make time to pray.
- When are you going to pray? What does your prayer schedule look like?

II. The prayer culture God wants us to have will have a place of prayer.

- [Act 16:13 NASB95] 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.
- [Act 16:16 NASB95] 16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.
- JFB - The words imply that it was on their way to the usual place of public prayer, by the river-side.
- Clark - but the place, the oratory, in which these proselytes assembled for the purpose of praying.
- Vincent - but only a proseucha, or praying-place.
- Do you have place to pray? Public place and private place.

III. The prayer culture God wants us to have will have manners of prayer.

- [Eph 6:18-20 NASB95] 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and [pray] on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in [proclaiming] it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- JFB –
 - with all — that is, every kind of.
 - prayer — a sacred term for prayer in general.
 - supplication — a common term for a special kind of prayer [HARLESS], an imploring request. “Prayer” for obtaining blessings, “supplication” for averting evils which we fear [GROTIUS].
 - in the Spirit — to be joined with “praying.” It is he in us, as the Spirit of adoption, who prays, and enables us to pray (Romans 8:15, 26; Galatians 4:6; Jude 1:20).
- Types of prayers: prayer of faith, prayer of agreement (2 or more), prayer of petition (formal request based upon the precedent of the Bible), prayer of consecration (to do the will of God), prayer of authority (binding and loosing), prayer of praise, prayer of intercession, and praying in the Spirit (tongues.)

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- d. Learning the types of prayers and practicing them will allow you to see to experience great results.

IV. The prayer culture God wants us to have will have a motivation to pray.

- a. [1Pe 4:7 NASB95] 7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober [spirit] for the purpose of prayer.
 - b. Albert Barnes: Men naturally pray when they suppose that the end of all things is coming. An earthquake induces them to pray. An eclipse, or any other supposed prodigy, leads men to pray if they suppose the end of the world is drawing near. A shipwreck, or any other sudden danger, leads them to pray, Psa. 107:28. So men often pray in sickness who have never prayed in days of health.
 - c. Vincent Word Studies: Unto prayer (εἰς προσευχάς). Lit., prayers. The plural is used designedly: prayers of all kinds, private or public. Tynd. renders, Be ye discreet and sober, that ye may be apt to prayers. Compare Ephesians 6:18, "with every kind of prayer, and watching thereunto."
 - d. Dr. Sarah Coakley – all good theology should drive to the prayer closet. If it does not, you have the wrong theology.
- **The culture of prayer that God wants us to have will include a time to prayer, a place to prayer, different types of prayer, and have a motivation of prayer.**
 - Corporate prayer schedule:
 - Current: Monday noon online, Wednesday preservice, and 4th Friday Soaking prayer.
 - Adding (beginning) January 2025: Sunday preservice and Thursday 7-8AM.
 - Individually, we encourage you to develop a daily prayer life. Set a time. Show up.
 - Corporate and individual prayer is a must for a successful Christian and church.