

Monday Agreeing Prayer

Prayer was never intended to be solely a personal matter. God wants His church to be actively involved in both personal prayer and corporate prayer. Having so many people pray about a single matter could present a unique challenge, getting everyone to agree on how to pray for that matter. What did Christ desire and teach concerning corporate prayer?

1. Read Matthew 6:9-13 – There are five requests that are plural; they ask a request for more than one person or ask the request as a group. Give the plural request that goes with each verse below.
 - a. v. 9 –
 - b. v. 11 –
 - c. v. 12 –
 - d. v. 13 –
 - e. v. 13 –
2. Tell what each plural request teaches you about corporate prayer and agreeing prayer.
 - a. v. 9 –
 - b. v. 11 –
 - c. v. 12 –
 - d. v. 13 –
 - e. v. 13 –
3. One of the major lessons that agreeing, corporate prayer teaches us is that we must pray with humility. How does praying together with someone else help you to learn and practice humility?

Agreeing, corporate prayer is a great blessing for the body of Christ. It is beneficial in many ways. Learning to get along is a huge benefit of agreeing prayer.

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Just because corporate prayer is happening doesn't necessarily mean that agreeing prayer is happening also. Two people can pray together and totally disagree on how they should pray for the situation. Jesus gave us clear instruction on that issue so that when we do come together in corporate, we can also participate in agreeing prayer.

1. Read Matthew 18:18-20 – According to verse 19, how many people need to be in agreement in order for their prayer to be answered?
2. Where does the agreement need to take place?
3. About what can we be in agreement and see God answer the prayer?
4. In verse 19 the word “touching” gives the idea of completely surrounding the issue. The issue about which we are praying needs to be completely surrounded by agreement between those who are praying. What is the promise that God gives for those who are in agreement when they pray?
5. Who answers the prayer?
6. According to verse 20, where did Jesus say He would be when His people gather together?
7. How many people need to be together in order to experience the presence of Christ?
8. Jesus gave the important requirement for their gathering. They must be gathered in His name. What does that mean?

Agreeing prayer comes with very special promises. We can be sure that God will hear and answer when we agree in prayer!

Wednesday Agreeing Prayer

God wants us to agree together when we pray. Jesus gave instruction about agreeing prayer, about its requirements, and about its benefits and promises in Matthew 18:18-20. These are not the only benefits of agreeing, corporate prayer.

1. Read Matthew 18:18-20 – Jesus taught about two people who agree when they pray together. One benefit of praying together in agreement is that we pray better. How can it help you to pray better?
2. We pray better with other people for simple reasons like it is harder to break our concentration, and as a result the matter becomes more of a burden to us, and we pray more fervently for the matter. What promise does James 5:16 give concerning fervent prayer?
3. Another benefit of praying together in agreement is that we are forced to pray honestly. Jesus said that we can agree as touching any thing. Any situation is fair game for prayer. How does praying with someone force you to pray honestly?
4. When you pray with someone, and you want to pray in agreement, you can't pray generally. You must be honest about the situation so that everyone can pray together. What could happen if you kept back part of the information?
5. Another benefit of praying together is that you pray effectively, something happens when you pray. What promise did Jesus give in verse 19 to teach us that agreeing prayer is effective prayer?

Agreeing prayer is also beneficial because as you see answers to pray, your faith is strengthened, and you have faith to ask for more.

Thursday Agreeing Prayer

Agreeing prayer is vital to the health and success of the body of Christ. Since it is so important, it is necessary to know exactly what agreeing prayer is. Jesus described it well, and the word picture that comes from Jesus' description of it helps us to understand it so much more fully.

1. Read Matthew 18:18-20 – According to verse 19, what word did Jesus use to describe how we needed to pray on earth?
2. Jesus used the word “agree.” Jesus used the Greek word from which we get our word “symphony.” In a symphony there are many different parts and many different people who play many different instruments. Even though they all play different notes, they all play in the same key, they must all be playing in the same measure on the same beat, and they must all play together. When all of those things happen, the sound that the symphony makes is beautiful and very pleasing to those who are listening. What does that illustration teach us about agreeing or “symphony” prayer?
3. Another important part of playing together in a symphony is following the leader. If everyone came in whenever he felt like it, and played whatever song he felt like playing, the sound would be awful. What does that teach us about agreeing prayer?
4. Agreeing or “symphony” prayer happens with people. Symphonies aren't full of soloists; they are people who have dedicated themselves to playing together. How can you dedicate yourself to praying together with people?

Take the necessary steps to be able to pray well with people!

Friday Agreeing Prayer

Agreeing prayer has many benefits, not only for the people of God, but also for His reputation or His testimony. Agreeing, corporate prayer is good for everyone involved. Let's look at some of the other benefits of agreeing prayer.

1. Read John 10:30 – This is a short, but it is full of important doctrinal truths. How did Jesus describe His relationship with His Father?
2. As far as agreeing prayer is concerned, when we agree in prayer, the members of the body of Christ reflect that same relationship. How?
3. How does that benefit God?
4. Read John 17:20-22 – Jesus prayed for us at the Last Supper. These three verses apply specifically to us. What request did He make concerning our relationship with each other?
5. When the members of the body of Christ agree in prayer, that prayer is answered. How?
6. How does that benefit God?
7. Read Matthew 18:19 – What did Jesus promise would happen to agreeing prayer?
8. That obviously benefits those who pray. How does that benefit God?

Agreeing prayer is a win/win situation. We benefit because our prayers are answered. God benefits when we tell how good He is.

Saturday Agreeing Prayer

There are many benefits of agreeing prayer for both the people who pray and for God Who answers the prayers. There is another benefit, and it's a big one. A great deal of damage can happen if this isn't part of prayer.

1. Read Ephesians 4:3 – This verse tells us a big benefit of agreeing prayer. What did Paul tell us that we need to endeavor to keep?
2. Agreeing prayer provides a great sense of unity within the body of Christ. Everyone is focused on one common need. How does that benefit both God and the body of Christ?
3. A lack of unity can have devastating effects on the church. Read Philippians 4:2 – What two ladies were having a conflict in the church?
4. Disunity hurts the church. How?
5. Read Mark 11:25-26 – What is another negative effect of disunity?
6. How could that hurt the whole body of Christ, specifically in the matter of corporate prayer?
7. Read Galatians 5:19 – What is the final negative effect of disunity?
8. Though we are new in Christ, we still fight with the old habits of the old man. How could displaying any of those characteristics hurt the church?

Agreeing in prayer provides great unity in the body of Christ. Without it everyone suffers!

Sunday Agreeing Prayer

Agreeing prayer is more than saying the same words as someone else says. Talk is cheap. Anyone can say anything. The important part of agreeing prayer is your attitude. Remember that God sees the heart. What is the proper heart attitude for agreeing prayer?

1. Read Philippians 2:1-4 – The first important attitude to display is humility. Paul called it “lowliness of mind.” How is that so important for the matter of agreeing prayer?

2. What could happen if you are not humble as you pray for someone else?

3. A second important attitude for agreeing prayer is similar to humility, but it is still distinct. It is selflessness. Paul told us to look “on the things of others.” How is that attitude important for agreeing prayer?

4. What could happen if you are not selfless in prayer?

5. Read Ephesians 5:21 – The last attitude necessary for agreeing prayer is submission. Why is it necessary to submit to others when you come together to pray?

6. What could happen when you pray if you are not submissive to the others in the body of Christ?

7. Read Matthew 12:34 – What did Jesus say was the source of our words?

If we pray one thing, but we really aren't in agreement in our heart, we are really lying to God, and that is a serious offense!