

## DIGEST DAY 2

### REVIVE OUR PRAYER LIFE “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”

#### LUKE 11:1-4

#### INTRODUCTION

- Jesus was a man of prayer  
Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28
- Jesus taught His disciples the Model Prayer  
Matthew 6:9-13
- Prayer is not just words, prayer is about how we live

#### I. In these days of complacency: Lord teach us to pray!

“A lack of commitment on the part of believers is marked by shallowness of fellowship, flabbiness in evangelism, absence of body ministry, neglect of spiritual gifts, feebleness in prayer and a general lack of love” – David Watson

This is the Laodicean day and age in the church, where God’s church has become superficial, lazy, luxury loving, loveless and lacking. And a lukewarm commitment is an abomination to God (Rev. 3:14-22)

The prayer meeting has become the Cinderella of many churches. Many will strive spectacular experiences – an emotional kick in lively worship, but the prayer meeting- boring!!! “I wont go tonight, it’s only the prayer meeting”.

No man is greater than his prayer life. A pastor who is not praying is playing. People who are not praying are straying. A sinning man will stop praying, but a praying man will stop sinning” (Cf Psalm 51)

Prayer is to the believer what capital is to the businessman – we cannot do without it.

The ministry of preaching is limited to a few, but the higher ministry of prayer is open to all”.

In these days of complacency, Lord teach us the secret of devotional prayer!

#### II. In these days of change: Lord teach us to pray!

- All those in authority and government are human beings like you and me who need the Lord.
- 1 Tim 2:1,2 – *“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*
- One praying man stands as a majority with God. The Holy Sprit described the life of Elijah in two words – ‘He Prayed’ (James 5:17).
- If the church today had as many agonizers as she has advisers, we would have contiuous revivals.

- “Elijah was a man skilled in the art of prayer, who altered the course of nature, strangled the economy of a nation, prayed and fire fell, prayed and people fell, prayed and rain fell”
- *In these days of change, lord teach us the secret of intercessory prayer*

### **III. In these days of challenge: Lord teach us to pray!**

- We are living an apologetic day and age, where our faith is being challenged
- “... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15)
- False prophets are on the increase – the prosperity gospel.
- All religions do not lead to the same God – the big lie of the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Acts 4:12)
- “The Christless cults and deity-dishonoring mushrooming religions of this midnight hour tempt the Lord our God. Will no one sound the alarm? We are not Protestants anymore – just simply non-Catholics” - Leonard Ravenhill
- We cannot compromise Christ – our God has no equals (Isaiah 46:5).
- *In these day of challenge, lord teach us to the secret of authoritative prayer*

### **IV. In the days of crisis, Lord teach us to pray!**

- Jesus warned, “In this world you will have trials and tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).
- When last have you prayed for your unsaved family members?
- *In these days of crisis, Lord teach us the secret of family prayers*

### **CONCLUSION**

- *In these days of complacency, lord teach us the secret of devotional prayer!*
- *In these days of change, lord teach us the secret of intercessory prayer*
- *In these day of challenge, lord teach us to the secret of authoritative prayer*
- *In these days of crisis, Lord teach us the secret of family prayers*
- “When God intends great mercy for His people, the first thing He does is to set them a-praying” – Matthew Henry.