

This week 1 couple left to pioneer/2 to take over. Never lose sight of the fact that pioneering/ministry is a supernatural work of God – so the real battles will be fought/won on our knees, in prayer.

I. PRACTICAL PIONEER PRAYING

A. We begin our work by prayer: Acts 16:13 where we expected to find a place of prayer.

1. We need to pray for ourselves:

a. Equip me for the task: Give me wisdom/anointing/revelation

b. *James 1:5* If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

a. *Don't let my words fall to the ground: Let my words make impact when I witness/preach or counsel*

c. Let there be dominion in my life: *The ability to rule – or to overrule/change things in my life*

1. Dominion in fruitfulness 2. Dominion in money 3. Dominion over assaults

a. *Luke 10:19* Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

c. This is all dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit: Pray that we be filled/keep getting filled

1. The Holy Spirit gives faith/wisdom/guidance/power/deliverance – just like having Jesus!

2. We pray for God to supply: Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

a. Housing: *Affordable – that will be a blessing; Favor with neighbors*

1. *Acts 16:15* And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

b. Job/employment: *Hours that are conducive to pioneering – within decent distance/enough salary*

c. Building: *Affordable – that will be a blessing*

3. We pray for people to be prepared:

a. Work on people's hearts in advance: Cause them to be hungry/open to the Gospel

1. *Acts 16:14* Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened (or already opened)

b. Let us come into contact with people who will help us

4. We pray for guidance: Gen 24: Eleazar...let me find the right woman!

a. *John 16:13* When He, the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

1. Show me where 2. Show me who 3. Show me how 4. Show me when

a. *In Johannesburg I Prayed: I don't want to waste time, so lead me to the right place*

b. Let us come into contact with the right people/right place/right time: Divine appointments

1. *Acts 16:14* One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

5. We pray for protection: Ezra 8: They called a fast to pray for protection...

a. Physically – from danger b. Spiritually: Against demonic strategies

1. *I pray that God will bring those he wants to be there – and keep out those who would do harm*

6. We pray for conversions: Everything depends on this

a. People who have revelation/leave their sin/follow Jesus/win their family and friends

1. I pray for more than just people who attend – they have to get it!

2. *John 15:16* You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

b. We pray for key converts: *Converts that open doors!*

1. *Acts 16:15* And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

c. We pray for powerful baptisms in the Holy Spirit: *That makes all the difference!*

d. We pray for converts that will become disciples: *That's why we're there*

7. We pray for miracles/supernatural demonstrations of power that will convince and draw people

a. *Acts 8:6* When the people there heard Philip and saw the miracles he was doing, they all listened carefully to what he said.

II. THE PERSONAL DIMENSION

A. All of this praying begins with faith: Do you believe God wants to do this?

1. *Can you identify from the word of God what God promises about all of these issues?*