

## PERSONAL PRAYER

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### Importance of Personal Prayer Life

- We cannot build our ministries until we defeat our real enemy in prayer.
- Prayer is not a ritual but an intimate encounter with God.
- Prayer brings confidence, clarity, and creativity to a leader's life.
- Prayer helps us as leaders stay focused, engaged, and connected to God's will.
- Cultivate a prayerful culture by making prayer a personal priority.

"You can't create a culture. You can only be one." - *Chris Hodges*

### Developing a Personal Prayer Plan

- Create a prayer plan for effective prayer time.
- You can create tools and resources to help make prayer easier.
- Everyone needs an intentional and specific place for prayer to avoid distractions.
- Be sure to pray for God's will for your congregation, team, and vision.

"I think one of the best things I've learned, for me, is to go into the prayer time with a prayer plan." - *Chris Hodges*

### The Power of Personal Intercessory Prayer

- Leaders are the primary target of the enemy.
- As a leader, be sure you are covered in prayer by others.
- You can organize your prayer teams into three levels:
  - Close Personal Intercessors: Trusted people with full transparency into your life.
  - Personal Intercessors: People that care about you and know general details.
  - Intercessors: People praying for your church, team, vision, and organization.
- Involving intercessors is crucial in battling spiritual attacks against you and your family.

"It's crazy to think that prayer, in just our personal lives, could be the most beneficial thing we do as leaders." - *Matt Minor*



- Prayer is not just about content, but also encountering the persons of prayer:
  - Father – Who loves us.
  - Jesus – Who provides grace and intercedes for us.
  - Holy Spirit – Who is our intimate friend.
- End your prayer time with confessions of who you are in Christ.
- Be a leader who leads out of security and trust in God's guidance.
- Create a couple worship playlists that align with your prayers.

“There's a creativity, there's a confidence that comes when you spend time with God.” - *Chris Hodges*

### Discussion Questions

See the next page for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

### RESOURCES

- [Complementary Mentoring Call](#)
- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Join us for 21 Days of Prayer](#)
- [21 Days of Prayer Resources](#)
- [Pray First App](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
- [Great American Family Network](#)
- [Compassion International](#)



**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

**Importance of Personal Prayer Life**

- 1. How can you approach prayer as an intimate encounter with God?

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- 2. What aspects of your life can you incorporate prayer to make it a personal priority?

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**Developing a Personal Prayer Plan**

- 1. Do you currently have a prayer plan / guide to structure your prayer time? What elements will you include?

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- 2. What specific place or environment can you designate for your prayer time to help minimize distractions and enhance your focus?

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**The Power of Personal Intercessory Prayer**

- 1. Do you have intercessors in your life? List a few people that fit into the three categories below and commit to reaching out to them about praying for you.

*Close Personal Intercessors:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal Intercessors:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Intercessors:* \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. How can you incorporate more worship and deepen your relationship with each of the three persons of prayer?

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