The Prayer Warrior’s Way: How to Pray with Power, Purpose and Precision

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Why Become a Prayer Warrior?
Main Ingredients

*Time

*Preparation

*Spontaneity

*Intention/Passion

*Vulnerability

If our religion does not set us on fire, it is because we have frozen hearts. God dwells in a flame.

The Necessity Of Prayer by EM Bounds
This means War!

The Christian Warrior

- Helmet of Salvation: The foundation of which the warrior stands.
- Breastplate of Righteousness: To protect the warrior from the evils of the world.
- Sword of the Spirit: Used to attack his enemies with the word of God.
- Shield of Faith: To extinguish the arrows of the evil one.
- Belt of Truth: To stand firm in the word of God.
- Sandals of Readiness: To leave a righteous trail for others to follow.
The Prayer Warrior’s Tool
Praying the Armor

“Wrap truth around his waist as a **belt**”

“Let God’s righteousness fully protect his torso as a **breastplate**”
Praying the Armor

“May her footprints be marked with God’s good news of peace”

“May she take up faith as a shield”
Praying the Armor

“Wrap God’s salvation around her head like a helmet”

“And let him take up God’s Word as a sword”
WARRIORS ARE NOT ALWAYS THE FASTEST OR STRONGEST MEN. STRENGTH AND SPEED CAN BE DEVELOPED THROUGH TRAINING.

WARRIORS ARE THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO STAND BETWEEN THEIR ENEMY AND ALL THAT HE LOVES OR HOLDS SACRED.
The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God who lives in you.
Prayer Warriors...
Pray with Power
Prayer is the conduit to God’s power
“Knowing” God = Impacting Kingdom

• Know the God’s...
  • will
  • heart
  • character
  • attributes
• Know how God works.
A PRAYER WARRIOR

HAS A HEART OF COMPASSION FOR SUFFERING PEOPLE AND BAD SITUATIONS,
AND DESIRES TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PRAYER WARRIOR, STORMIE OMARTIAN
Prayer Warriors EXPECT God To Move

“To pray without expectation is to misunderstand the whole concept of prayer and relationship with God.”

-- AW Tozer
Divine Intervention happens every day...
It's called Synchronicity

- Wayne (Wirs)
synchronicity · noun

1. the experience of two or more events that are apparently causally unrelated or unlikely to occur together by chance, yet are experienced as occurring together in a meaningful manner.
Prayer Warriors... Pray with Purpose
Transformational Leadership: Leading Change that Positively Impacts the Kingdom
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Galatians 2:20
LED by the SPIRIT
FOR WE DO NOT WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, AGAINST THE COSMIC POWERS OVER THIS PRESENT DARKNESS, AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.

-EPHESIANS 6:12 ESV #BATTLEPLANDC
Definition of Insanity... Expecting Something Different from the Same Stuff

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change is difficult.
not changing is fatal.
Pray, thy **will** come

- James 4:3
- You ask and do not receive, because you ask **amiss**, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.
Guidelines for Purposeful Prayer Warriors
Guidelines...

1. Keep an active list of prayer concerns/people.
2. Pray specifically by name/issue for each person on your list.
3. Use Scripture prayers in addition to your personal prayers.
4. Find others to pray with/for you.
Guidelines...

5. Sit silently in prayer, enjoying time with God.

6. Seek to hear God’s voice. Allow God to speak to you.

7. Pray for your church, your pastor, pre-believers, God’s will, eternal interests.
Purposeful Prayer
Warriors Understand Culture
Culture is the pond in which we swim and the lens through which we see the world.
Opportunities:
1 in 4 Americans is Unchurched

Five Million Fewer Mainline Protestant Adults Than in 2007

Source: 2014 Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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1 Million Unchurched in DMV Alone

There are approximately 160 million unchurched adults in the U.S.

85% of people didn’t go to church last Sunday.

More than 9/10 of the unchurched said they would attend church if they were invited.

If we invite them, they’ll come.
Prayer Warriors...
Pray with Precision
There is a general kind of praying which fails for lack of precision. It is as if a regiment of soldiers should all fire off their guns anywhere. Possibly somebody would be killed, but the majority of the enemy would be missed.

Charles Spurgeon
Being Led by the Spirit of God

since we live by the Spirit we must also follow the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:25

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Logistical Praying

Focuses on...

• own personal needs
• temporal perspective
Sample Logistical Prayer

"Lord, help us to do well this morning. Help us to get through our program on time, help the microphones to work and help us to be calm. Amen."
Tactical Praying
Focuses on...

• others needs
• temporal perspective
Sample Tactical Prayer

"Lord, please bless all who participate in the service today, and bless the people who attend. May it be inspiring to everyone.
Amen."
Strategic Praying

Focuses on...

• God’s ultimate objective
• eternal perspective
Sample Strategic Prayer

"Lord, raise up disciples from this service today. Regardless of what happens to the microphones, the musicians or anyone else on the platform, use this service to glorify Yourself and bring Your Kingdom more fully to this earth. Amen."
Questions?
Thoughts?
Discussion...
"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"

Erma Bombeck