

# POWERHOUSE: Our Father's House

*"...My house shall be called the house of prayer..."* Matthew 21:13  
*"One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."* Ephesians 4:6

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Let's take it to the **"TOP"**! The Optimum Prayer (TOP) is where the POWER is in the HOUSE. Get connected to the Power Source and become a POWERHOUSE for God! Experience apostolic power, the supernatural, and the Book of Acts...in action! Discover how to position yourself to allow the "pinnacle of prayer" to usher you into the very presence of God. Let's go to Our Father's House and experience the dynamic power of prayer!

## I. Dedicate Your Temple (House) to Prayer

- A. Solomon built God's Temple; God said *"...mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house..."* (II Chronicles 7:14-16).
- B. God associates prayer with His presence. *"...for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people"* (Isaiah, 56:7); Who will stand in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30)? You and I will!
- C. You are the temple of the Holy Ghost. If you want to be a "Powerhouse," you must have "Power" in the "house." You must be connected to the Power Source (God), through prayer (Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 28:18; Acts 1:8, 4:31, 10:38; I Corinthians 2:5, 4:20; II Corinthians 4:7; Ephesians 1:19, 3:20; II Timothy 1:7)!

## II. Furnish Your Temple

- A. **To be a Powerhouse and reach a prayer pinnacle, you must be equipped (furnished).**
  - 1. Develop your educational skills, communication skills, and spiritual skills.
  - 2. Cultivate practical disciplines in your life. How do you expect to impact or lead *others in public* ministry if you have a problem leading *yourself in private* matters (personal lifestyle)?
  - 3. Pray consistently. A great musician, once said, "If I omit practice one day, *I notice it*; if two days, *my friends notice it*; if three days, *the public notice it*."
  - 4. Maintain a positive attitude. *"Your attitude often determines your altitude."* Get rid of excuses and implement practices for tangible results. Take responsibility and learn from every mistake.
  - 5. Face your obstacles (Giants). Magnify the Problem Solver, not the problem! Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, *"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."*
- B. **To be a Powerhouse and reach a prayer pinnacle, you must "grow" and "know."**
  - 1. Personal and ministerial growth should be a continual process. Seek to know God. We all like "new and improved" products. *To improve your prayer leadership, improve yourself.*
  - 2. Are you an *optimist* or a *pessimist*? Do you see a problem in every circumstance or a solution in every challenge? Take healthy risks that are in the best interest of the kingdom of God and others.
  - 3. Healthy Christians are not only *teachers*, but *students*, ever learning (II Peter 3:18). They at times are not only *leaders*, but *followers*, ever serving...committed to God, having purpose and destiny!
- C. **To be a Powerhouse and reach a prayer pinnacle, possess the right motive in your motivation.**
  - 1. Be a servant-leader. "If you want to lead on the *highest* level, be willing to serve on the *lowest*."
  - 2. Work under your pastor's supervision in prayer. *Discard any negative hidden agendas.*
  - 3. It's a "go" when you set "goals." Goals give motivation/create momentum to go forward. Andrew Carnegie said, *"You cannot push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb himself."*

## III. Yield to the Owner (Spirit) of Your Temple

- A. God's anointing empowers you for multiple ministries. *"...ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things"* (I John 2:20). A goal of prayer ministry is to help your church become a house of prayer.
- B. *"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God"* (II Corinthians 2:21); To experience God's anointing we should not seek self-importance, else we may fail (I Corinthians 6:20; Psalm 24:3-5). In Exodus 30:32, God said that He will not pour his anointing on men's flesh.
- C. You usually get what you preach/pray (Spirit words). *"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"* (I Corinthians 2:4).
- D. Allow the supernatural to operate. God also can speak through visions, dreams, miracles, signs, wonders, etc. Share examples. *If you show up "in prayer" privately, then God will show out "in power" publically!*

#### IV. Turn on the Power in Your Temple (The "Power" in "Em...Power")

- A. Put the prayer/ministry plugs in the sockets, and “turn on the power”! Henry Ford said, *"you can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."* In other words, “Just do it! You are complete in Him (Jude 1:20; Colossians 2:10; II Timothy 1:6;), lacking nothing at all (Psalm 23:1; Luke 12:32; Philippians 4:13, 19)!
- B. To be a leading example in prayer is to “empower.” An influential intercessor is not successful because of their ability, but because of his or her ability to invest in others and empower them to labor in prayer also. So, empower others to reproduce and to influence others to pray.
- C. “Team...work” will “work.” The adage is true *"individuals play the game, but teams win championships."*
- D. Pray, “Anoint my...mission that I may...minister effectively in your kingdom, through You” (Isaiah 61). Pray, “Anoint my destiny...that Thy may...teach me ALL things by that same anointing” (I John 2:27).

#### V. Establish a Thriving Prayer Ministry in The Temple

- A. All should work in cooperation under the supervision of the pastor and in harmony with ordained church leadership, and pray or minister in accordance to the spiritual needs/level of the local church.
- B. Attend scheduled prayer meetings, and get involved in the prayer structure.
- C. Everyone has a place and each person is encouraged to participate. Prayer is regarded as a total ministry (Prayer fosters unity and broadens the scope of outreach).
- D. Individuals can be an active part of prayer services and render focused prayer and be used in their “prayer gifts.” Jesus often asked, “what is your need?” Pray specifically.
- E. Fulfill prayer assignments in designated areas of interest/proposed. Strategic intercession can occur. (Progressive flow: *burden*→ *prayer* → *anointing*). Expect great things! *“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things”* (Joel 2:21).

*“...they went forth... the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following...”* (Mark 16:20).

BURDEN ↓		
<p><b><u>Burden for Self</u></b></p> <p>We as Christians are subject to trials and hardships that occur in life, as part of God’s plan to help develop spiritual maturity and stability that will greater equip us to become better saints, and prepare us to be ready for His coming. Personal burdens bring an increasing awareness of our need for God, and motivate us to pray for divine help.</p> <p><i>Romans 8:26-28; Job 23:10; Ephesians 4:13</i></p>	<p><b><u>Burden for Others</u></b></p> <p>Upon fulfilling the commandment to love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, then we will sincerely bear the burden for others. This outward focus brings a greater awakening to the needs of others and broadens our scope in reaching out to humanity, in a spirit of Christian love and servitude.</p> <p><i>Galatians 6:2; Luke 10:25-37; Ezekiel 22:30</i></p>	<p><b><u>Burden of the Lord</u></b></p> <p>The burden of the Lord is the “deep concern of God.” This burden will initiate a strong desire and zeal towards manifesting the kingdom of God upon the earth, with the pinnacle (peak) of Apostolic results. It is descriptive of being burdened (concerned) about what God is burdened for. It is asking God, “What are Your prayer requests?”</p> <p><i>Luke 10:2; John 17:20-23; Hebrews 7:25</i></p>
PRAYER ↓		
<p><b><u>Seeking the “Hands” of God</u></b></p> <p>Seeking God’s divine intervention for personal affairs to maintain an individual level of consecration</p>	<p><b><u>Seeking the “Head” of God</u></b></p> <p>Seeking God’s authority, and seeing him face-to-face and eye-to-eye with a vision for others and revival</p>	<p><b><u>Seeking the “Heart” of God</u></b></p> <p>Seeking God’s heartbeat and His will pertaining to Kingdom issues and things mainly of eternal value</p>
ANOINTING ↓		
<p><b><u>Private Anointing</u></b></p> <p>Personal, and internal anointing which assists in maintaining one’s own salvation and relationship with God</p>	<p><b><u>Public Anointing</u></b></p> <p>Social, and external anointing which includes the interest of ministering to others, with an “outreach” mentality</p>	<p><b><u>Priestly Anointing</u></b></p> <p>A powerful, sovereign anointing that releases God’s divine display of supernatural power in ministry</p>