

Prayer/Fellowship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Paul prayed for others and asked others to pray for him. (Romans 1:9)
- B. Fellowship in prayer is partnership.
- C. We can have a partnership through prayer with Christians all over the world.

II. Who should we pray for?

- A. We have a responsibility to pray for the specific people in our sphere. (1 Samuel 12:43)
- B. Those that we have the opportunities to pray for.

III. How can we know what to pray for when it comes to other Christians?

- A. We should pray for their specific tangible needs. (Romans 15:31-32; Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)
- B. We should pray for their intangible but fundamental needs. (Ephesians 1:17ff)
 - 1. We should pray that they would know God better. (Ephesians 1:17; John 17:3; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Philippians 3:10)
 - 2. We should pray that their hearts will be enlightened to the hope of our inheritance. This hope is what allows us to value spiritual things above our earthly cares. (Ephesians 1:18; 1 Peter 1:4, 6; Colossians 3:1ff; 1 John 3:1-3)
 - 3. We should pray that they would personally know the power of God. (Philippians 3:20-21; Proverbs 20:21; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
 - 4. We should pray that they would experientially know the love of Christ. (Ephesians 3:17ff)
 - 5. We should pray that they would know the will of God so that they can obey it. (Colossians 1:9)

Application questions:

1. Do you pray for the deepening of the faith of people in your life? That they would know God, His love, and His will better? How can you incorporate this kind of prayer into your prayer life?

2. How can you know what practical needs the people around you have?

3. Who are the people in your life that you believe God has called you pray for? How can you make a habit of praying for the people in your life?
