
Weekly Schedule

Wed, Jan 21st (Fort Worth) Finny & Susan's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Jan 23rd (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Jan 23rd (Metro) Bible Study & Impact @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Jan 24th (Metro) Fasting Prayer: (3) Sessions @ Metro
1st Session: 10 AM - 1 PM (Combined)
2nd Session: 2 PM - 4 PM (Ladies & Youth separate)
3rd Session: 5 PM - 7 PM (Combined)

Words of Wisdom

We're tempted to take our standards from the worldly standards around us.

In a Lancashire town there was a large clock in the window of a clock makers shop. Each day a factory owner would stop at the shop and adjust his watch to the clock. And never would a day go by without him checking that his watch was in time with the clock.

One day he met up with the owner of the watch shop. He told him how much he relied on the accuracy of his clock because the factory buzzer was always timed by his watch. 'That's funny,' said the watchmaker, 'I always time my clock by your buzzer!'

We are bound to be in error if we take our standards from the world and have no fixed standards.

-1500 Illustrations for Preachers & Teachers p267-268

Prayer for the Nations: Botswana (Africa) *

- Botswana has been described as an African success story. After achieving independence in 1966 it immediately discovered three of the world's richest diamond mines! It is now the world's third largest producer of diamonds.
- By African standards Botswana has good levels of healthcare and education but whilst it is one of the richest countries in Africa most of the population live in poverty.
- One in three Botswanans have contracted HIV – the highest rate of infection in the world. 60,000 children have been orphaned through AIDS and half the student population are infected. Pray for the ministry of churches in Botswana as they deal with this crisis.
- The Tswana peoples were some of the first to hear the gospel through British missionaries in the 19th century. A hundred years later most are still 'Christian' in name only – without it having any real meaning in their lives. Pray that the amazing truth and love of Jesus would be a reality!
- The Kalahari Desert covers 80% of the country. The San, who once lived in the desert, have seen their way of life completely destroyed as mining, farming and tourism have taken over. Now living in poverty on the outskirts of towns and cities, thousands have become Christians. Pray that their cultural identity and identity in Christ can survive as they adapt to these changes.

*http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=59

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Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. (Ps 70:4)

Welcome

“And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will” (1 John 5: 14)(NLT)

Greetings to all of you in the sweet name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the time of worship and fellowship with one another and essentially with the Triune God.

We all struggle on a daily basis as to what we should we pray for and how to know what we pray for us or for others is in perfect line with the will of God.

EM Bounds deals with this dilemma and notes this: What is God’s will about prayer? First of all, it is God’s will that we pray. Jesus Christ “spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”(Luke 18) Paul writes to young Timothy about the first things which God’s people are to do, and first among the first he puts prayer: “I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men” (1 Tim. 2:1).

In connection with these words Paul declares that the will of God and the redemption and mediation of Jesus Christ for the salvation for all men are all vitally concerned in this matter of prayer. In this his apostolical authority and solicitude of soul conspire with God’s will and Christ’s intercession to will that “the men pray everywhere.”

Note how frequently prayer is brought forward in the New Testament: “Continuing instant in prayer”; “Pray without ceasing”; “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving”; “Be ye sober and watch unto prayer”; Christ’s clarion call was “watch and pray.” What are all these and others, if it is not the will of God that men should pray?

Prayer is complement, make efficient and cooperate with God’s will, whose sovereign sway is to run parallel in extent and power with the atonement of Jesus Christ. He, through the Eternal Spirit, by the grace of God, “tasted death for every man.” We, through the Eternal Spirit, by the grace of God, pray for every man.

But how do I know that I am praying by the will of God? Every true attempt to pray is in response to the will of God. Bungling it may be and untutored by human teachers, but it is acceptable to God, because it is in obedience to His will. If I will give myself up to the inspiration of the Spirit of God, who commands me to pray, the details and the petitions of that praying will all fall into harmony with the will of Him who wills that I should pray.

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Sermon Notes

Prayer is no little thing, no selfish and small matter. It does not concern the petty interests of one person. The littlest prayer broadens out by the will of God till it touches all words, conserves all interests, and enhances man’s greatest wealth, and God’s greatest good. God is so concerned that men pray that He has promised to answer prayer. He has not promised to do something general if we pray, but He has promised to do the very thing for which we pray.

May the Lord enable us to engage in this holy pursuit with our heart and mind and knowing certainly that when we stand praying we are in fine tune with the perfect will of God.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar