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The Family Prayer Center

Extended Hours of Prayer

Dear Friend,

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I believe the heart cry of God presently is a call to the church for a recommitment to extended hours of prayer and fellowship in his presence.

I believe that our Heavenly Father is asking us to examine ourselves in the light of Luke chapter 14.

Luke chapter 14 is what I like to call the "Perfect Excuse Parable". In this parable Jesus summarizes by giving an example of all the types of perfect excuses that Christians give in why they cannot commit themselves to the call of ministry. For teaching purposes, we will call that ministry the Ministry of Prayer in this letter.

Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

The amazing thing about all of these excuses is that none of them of themselves are Inherently wrong.

There is nothing wrong with purchasing land. There is nothing wrong with purchasing equipment. For example, the yoke of oxen. There is definitely nothing wrong with marriage.

The problem is when anything of these things or types of things keeps someone so occupied that it interferes with what God has asked them to do spiritually.

The first thing that God has asked each of us to do is to hold to our first love and never let it be diminished.

Jesus spoke from heaven in the book of Revelation to the church at Ephesus. Although he had many wonderful praises for the church at Ephesus, he also had one serious reprimand.

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

It seems that the Lord holds our intimate relationship with him almost above any other thing that we can do for him.

That intimacy of course comes through time spent with him in prayer and fellowship. The first love and the first works go hand-in-hand. The first thing that anyone ever wants to do when they fall in love with Jesus as Savior is to spend time with him in prayer and fellowship.

I believe that you are probably hearing the same voice from heaven that I am hearing in these days. It is a call to come apart as much as possible from the things of this world and give ourselves to him in prayer.

This is going to make a tremendous difference in the outcome of the lives of many people in the days ahead. In regard to the great harvest of souls for the kingdom it is very catalytic for God to work.

Blessings,
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Jesus is Lord...!

