

The Power of Abiding in the Spirit of Prayer

John 15:4-7

- God trains His children to know His voice and grow in His character through the intense noises that life throws at us.
- Too often people try to do God's will without the abiding of His presence through the spirit of prayer.
- This causes one to operate out of duty, perfectionism, and the professionalism of kingdom assignments.
- The Apostle Paul says in **Romans 8:6 AMPC**:
[6] Now the mind of the flesh which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit is death, death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter. But the mind of the Holy Spirit is life and soul peace both now and forever.
- So when I operate in ministry or Kingdom living **ONLY** in my intellectual and cognitive reasoning without the influence of the ABIDING spirit and mind of God, I am by scriptural definition, a carnal person.

The key to all of this is defining and walking in the abiding presence of God that the spirit of prayer can produce in our lives.

- This word abide means:
To practice bringing and keeping your spiritual blood pressure at a level God can talk to us and move through us in the crisis of any daily challenges. No doctor can operate on a patient when there blood pressure is too high. In fact, when the doctor checks your blood pressure they ask you to sit down and wait a few minutes for you to relax or (abide) so they can get an accurate reading of your blood pressure.
- So it is with God. He desires for you to abide in the spirit of prayer to bring your carnal appetites and the intense cares of life to a level where He can speak and direct His will through you. This is an abiding process.
- To abide means to practice waiting, and bringing all thoughts under captivity to the obedience of Christ by the spirit of prayer.
- The challenge for many believers is they multitask God while praying. They can go through the grocery list of prayer and not always experience the power of abiding prayer with Jesus Christ.
- To abide means you allow God to remove the personal anxieties and the controlling self-interest to certain issues you need His help on. This produces a disciplined spirit to the intimacy and nature of Jesus Christ.
- To abide means to submit with joy and not compliance with a restless disturbed attitude. All through the spirit of prayer.

- To abide means having an intentional attitude of dependence on the vine, Jesus Christ. I show an abiding attitude in the crisis of my day because the spirit of prayer has taught me to abide under the shadow of the Almighty according to Psalms 91.

Psalm 91:1 AMPC

[1] HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty Whose power no foe can withstand.

- ❖ Abiding implies dependence as branches on the vine in patiently tolerating your circumstances around you.
- ❖ To abide is to reside, to stay, to display continual trust in a restful posture.
- ❖ It means to endure and sustain oneself without opposition to the presence of God for a particular period of time. This practice reduces worry, stress, and the attacks of the spirit of fear in our lives.
- ❖ To abide is a commandment from Jesus. This impacts our daily relationships with people in and out of the Kingdom.
- ❖ Martha found it very difficult to abide while doing Kingdom business. Yet, Jesus points us to a Mary who demonstrates what abiding looks like.
- ❖ This is a mindset from prayer that dictates the quality of our relational interactions with others off our knees. Jesus says without practice the attitude of abiding you will not bear spiritual fruit no matter how busy your day becomes.
- ❖ Only through abiding can we take on His engrafted nature into our character through the spirit of prayer. This is the highest level of Kingdom wealth we can attain.

How to pray:

1. God help me to practice blocking out the noises of life to abide in you by the spirit of prayer.
2. Expand and increase Your Abiding Presence in me, that I might impact others around me for the gospel of Jesus Christ. For I am a living epistle read among men.
3. Release Your Abiding Presence on the leaders of my church so they may hear God's clarion voice for the people of God.
4. Release a greater capacity of Your Abiding Presence amongst Your people in combating the forces of darkness and the execution of Your miracle working power in the harvest.

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