**A Fervent Vision to Birth a Prayer Movement**

This is very close to my heart.

The Kingdom of God is advanced by prayer.

Churches are usually started through prayer.

Churches receive opportunities to harvest through prayer.

A Vision for a strong praying church –

Monthly Prayer Nights,

Weekly Dawn Prayer,

Prayer Chains,

Prayer Partners,

Etc.

We need a church with a strong prayer movement. After all, prayer is not merely preparation for ministry – prayer IS ministry.

**The Discipline of Surrender** see 1076-31

The foremost spiritual discipline to cultivate is the discipline of surrender. This fundamental building block gives spiritual vitality to the other disciplines. At the heart of this discipline is prayer. Surrender is an act of prayer; and prayer, an act of surrender. It is hard to pray because it is hard to surrender. It is hard to surrender because we do not pray. He who prays well surrenders well. Likewise, he who surrenders well prays well.

A soul in true prayer is a soul in true surrender. And a soul in true surrender nourishes a soul in true prayer. Thus, for a soul to be truly nourished, it must be a soul that is truly surrendered. Such surrender is the ability to sleep the perfect sleep of faith. It is to be rested in the perfect rest of God. A rest that is profoundly blissful even in the midst of a restless world.

The spiritual discipline of fasting is also a mark of such prayerful surrender. Prayer then is the key to a surrendered life. And surrender is the key to prayer. The discipline of such prayerful surrender and surrendered prayerfulness nourish the soul. Make time to pray.

**The Discipline of Solitude**

Solitude cultivates awareness.

Awareness is the birth of maturity.

Thus time is needed for the aloneness of the soul.

Make time for deliberate solitude.

Make time to create a space in our inner lives to touch base with ourselves,

And for a fresh encounter with God.

It will be a refreshing space of silence into which God speaks.

For many, the discipline of solitude would involve finding a quiet place, in regular seasons, for undistracted times to be alone with God.

*Make time to be alone with God*.

**PRAYER THOUGHTS**

Isaiah 58:9 The Beautiful Key verse – You cry – God says “here I am!”

Our responsibilities:

Contrition – 2 Chron 7:14

Consecration – Jeremiah 29:13

Confidence – 1John 3:21 Mark 11:24

Constancy – Matthew 7:7 James 5:16

Compliance – 1John 3:22 Romans 6:1-2

Conclusion –

Such 5 point believers purposely conform

“To be a believer without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.