

## Prayer Training - Revive Church

Incorrect teaching and thinking around this set of gifts have added much confusion to the church but it's really not that confusing.

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NKJV)** 1 Now concerning spiritual [gifts,] brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of all:] 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another [different] kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

**These 9 gifts only operate in the spirit filled believer of Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God gives these to believers as they are needed. These manifestations are power gifts given to fully equip the body of Christ and are given to equip the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit possesses all the gifts and the Spirit filled believer longs to be possessed entirely by the Holy Spirit. Therefore the Spirit can manifest any of His gifts through the one who is overflowing with the Spirit.** We are called to hunger for the gifts in order to see the body fully equipped and Jesus glorified. Holy Spirit wants to release ministry through every believer.

- **God wants us to understand what these gifts are so that we can operate in the spiritual and not in the natural.** We are His vessel to bring heaven to earth.

**Now concerning spiritual- *pneumatikos*.**

one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God, pertaining to the wind or breath; windy, exposed to the wind, blowing

- **There are different kinds of gifts but the Spirit distributes them.**
- We are born with certain abilities. When we are born again through faith in Jesus Christ and given the gift of the Holy Spirit **we are given access to the Spirit's gifts. His Gifts move forward His kingdom.**
- **To "each one" the manifestation (revelation, uncovering, laying bare,) This word manifestation is almost exclusively used by Paul. unveiling by God of Himself to his creatures,-**
- **God wants to continually unveil Himself to His church!** As He lifts up the veil we are given access to more and more of His glorious presence, **His treasures that are given to each one of us and are for the good of the entire body!** The common good-(it will profit everyone, no one is left out, no one person is highlight, bringing us together.)

**It is essential that we believe they not only exist but are available for you and necessary.** His gifts will not highlight you, they will highlight and give glory to Him. His gifts are worth going after and we are actually encouraged to actively pursue them ! We have many times taken the wrong approach to His gifts. We have taken inventory of what we are good at or able to do and assumed that this was the Spiritual gift that was given to us by God. What we should be doing is taking inventory of everything God tells us is available and pursue His heart with everything that we are. Spiritual gifts are not what you are able to do! They are what the Holy Spirit is able to do through you!

1 Corinthians 12:31 (NKJV) But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV) Pursue love, and desire spiritual [gifts,] but especially that you may prophesy.

John Wimber concerning ministering to others.

*The issue is dependence on the Spirit. If there's any pattern, it is simply this – depend on Him. Depend on Him. Depend on Him. Keep checking back with Him. Don't jump to conclusions. Don't try to recapture yesterday's experience."*

*"Several biblical methods can aid Christians in praying for the sick. I developed a procedure through trial and error that I call 'five steps to healing prayer.' Each element is based on Jesus' method of praying for the sick."*

*"You won't get a very good effect if you pray generally. **You need to pray specifically** if you want to be effective in your prayers."*

*"Jesus used a show, tell, deploy, and supervise method of training. After calling the disciples he took them along with him, teaching and healing the sick as he went."*

*"The most effective way to train and equip people is by providing effective models and opportunities to practice the skill itself."*

While physical healing is often the focus of prayer ministry, in its essence the **5 Step Prayer Model is a relational, interactive way of praying for others as we listen to the Holy Spirit** – a process that begins and ends with mercy toward the person requesting prayer, and that seeks both God's will and God's best for the person being prayed for. It is also relational in the sense that we are leaning heavily on our intimate relationship with God as we pray for someone, welcoming Him to speak insights into our hearts or minds that would directly impact the person being prayed for. Prayer ministry can happen in a church service, in a mechanic's garage, in a hospital room, or over a backyard fence.

**Over time, and with practice, this way of praying for people is meant to become internalized.** As we begin to see patterns when we pray for certain types of people or issues, we grow in our ability to hear God's voice as we are praying. We may begin to experience the Holy Spirit giving us spiritual gifts as we pray. What we thought in the past were random impressions, we actually learn are gifts of revelation from God! We may begin to see people physically or emotionally healed, or at the very least leaving a time of prayer with a deposit of God's love in their heart.

Each individual has a unique story, and God has something creative He wants to do. This keeps us humble, attentive, and ready to obey God as He leads us in praying for others.

## Five step prayer model

### 1. **The interview-** How can I pray for you, or what do you want Jesus to do for you.

Mark 10:51 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

- What can you see on a natural level?
- What do you sense on a supernatural level? Listen on two levels Ask God for scriptures, words of knowledge, insights, visions, images
- Just get the facts; not a medical interview or a counseling session
- God may want to touch something in the person's life other than the illness or topic of the prayer request! Be open to the Spirit's guidance.

### 1. **The diagnosis-** why does this person have this condition

- We are looking for root cause. What was the Genesis of their issue
- Are there natural causes here, such as a disease or accident?
- Is there sin involved, committed by the person or against the person?
- Are there emotional hurts causing physical symptoms?
- Are there relationship problems that are part of this issue
- Is there demonic influence?
- Continue to ask God for help
- Ask more questions if it seems appropriate

### 1. **Prayer selection-** what kind of prayer is needed to help this person

- We can assume that God wants to touch this person. However, He may not intend to heal the person in the way he or she desires. We want to agree with God in our prayers, rather than expect God to agree with us on what we want to see happen.
- **There are two categories into which healing prayers fall: Prayers directed toward God, Words received from God**
- Ask if the person is comfortable with the laying on of hands
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring healing to the person
- Pray in the Spirit (pray in tongues as able)
- Consider the command of faith (Acts 3:6)
- Consider the pronouncement of faith (John 4:50)
- Consider the rebuke (breaking the power) of demonic influences; binding them (containing), or expelling them (getting rid of)

### 1. **Prayer engagement-** How effective are our prayers right now

- As we begin, we may want to continually pray a prayer that has become vital in our Vineyard story: "Come, Holy Spirit." This prayer is a simple invitation for the Spirit to do the work that only God can do.
- Keep eyes open and watch for any effect (countenance change, tears warmth, tingling, shaking)
- Ask questions of the person to find out what God might be doing
- Stop praying when a) they think it's over, b) the Spirit tells you it's over, c) you've run out of things to pray, or d) it's going nowhere

- Remove your hands and talk to them to indicate you are stopping
1. **Post prayer direction-**
    - If the prayer focus is on physical healing, the results of healing prayer can be many. Offering some simple 'next step' direction may be helpful.
    - If the person was healed, or had a significant breakthrough in some area, encourage him or her to continue to walk closely with God, maintaining a rich life of worship, Bible reading, church connection, and avoidance of sin.
    - If a person was not healed, or did not have a significant breakthrough in their area of need, "...reassure them that God loves them and encourage them to seek more prayer"

Resource from- <https://vineyarddigital.org/app/5step/>

### **Basics**

1. Have the person give you a brief description of what they need prayer for. Do not let them go on too long or it will drain your faith and time.
2. Always begin by thanking God for the individual and His power over any and every situation.
3. Ask Holy Spirit how He wants to minister to the individual whom He loves so perfectly. Holy Spirit is very creative.
4. Have the person close their eyes and simply receive in rest.
5. Keep your eyes open so you can see Holy Spirit moving.
6. Pray in pairs.
7. Listen on two levels - with your natural ears and your spiritual ears.
8. Bless them and thank them for the opportunity to pray for them.
9. People should always leave ministry time filled with hope and feeling radically loved.

### **Ministry Team Core Values**

- Our ministry should flow from personal intimacy with Jesus. We give from overflow. (John 7:37-39)
- Always honor everyone with love and respect. We minister from a place of peace, hope and joy. (1 Corinthians 13:5)
- We pray from heaven to earth as sons and daughters.
- It is God's will to save, heal and deliver as demonstrated by the life of Jesus. (No backdoor prayer. Do not make excuses why a healing did not happen.) (Matthew 12:15)
- It's all about Jesus and the finished work of the cross. (1 Peter 2:24)

- Holy Spirit's Presence is our atmosphere for ministry.
- It is impossible to pray and have nothing happen...so pray with great expectation!
- Minister in your own armor while honoring the individual you are praying for.
- True ministry focuses on the answer and not the problem. Don't stare at the problem...Go to Jesus to get the answer.
- Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37)
- As we release the prophetic, it is always strengthening, encouraging and comforting. Always ask Holy Spirit how He wants to minister to the child of God in front of you. Check in with the individual to see if your word resonates. (1 Cor. 14:3)
- Your primary job is to release the Father's love. Love never fails. There are times when you see breakthrough and there are times you do not. If you always love, then you never fail. (1 Cor. 13:8)
- Take risks! Listen to the Holy Spirit and do what He says. Allow the anointing to flow through you. Desperately desire God to touch people and you will see it!
- You direct the prayer time. People are looking to be led and often times don't know what they really want.

### **Do Not's**

People are coming from many different backgrounds, so honor is ESSENTIAL!!!!

- Don't do anything without asking permission
- Do not yell or pray loudly in tongues.
- Your job on ministry team is not to counsel, preach or expose sin.
- Do not say "thus saith the Lord". You could be wrong.
- Don't give specific directional words (You will be moving to ....., you're going to marry Larry, etc.)
- Do not over-pray and not everyone has to pray. For healing-pray short prayers and have the person test it out. Don't lay your hands in offensive places unless strong word from the Lord and permission from the person.

### **Practicals**

- If you are not comfortable in a given situation, ask for help.
- Keep growing and learn how to use different prayer tools. The more you step out and minister the more your gifts will grow.
- No stank breath-use mints or gum
- Ministry is not all about you but Jesus does include you. It is a great honor and privilege to release Love, Joy, Peace, Healing, Identity and the Fathers love.

**Matthew 10:7-8** <sup>7</sup>And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Luke 10:8-9** <sup>8</sup>Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup>And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

**James 5: 13-16** <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

**1Corinthians 14:24-25** <sup>24</sup>But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. <sup>25</sup>And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.