

“Devotion in Motion”
(Acts 2:42)

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Marks of a healthy believer/church:

**Lordship, discipleship, fellowship
and partnership!**

The key word that makes all the difference is devotion! The early believers and church were continually devoting themselves to Christ and His Church!

**Your spiritual health as a believer is linked
directly to your prayer life!**

2 Questions to consider about your prayer life:

**1. What would happen if you prayed more and
did other things less?**

2. Is there “any area” of your life where you would be worse off if you prayed more and did other things less?

- Dr. Stephen Rummage

⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

¹⁴These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. ¹⁵At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said,

**The early church was a healthy church because
it was a praying church.**

¹⁸With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

²Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; ³praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; ⁴that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak

¹⁷pray without ceasing;

**Prayer is our communication headquarters
to talk to and listen to God.**

Key Bible Passages on Prayer:

1. The Pattern of Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-4)

- Teach us to pray.**
- ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication)**

⁹“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our

debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'

Matthew 6:9-13

Key Bible Passages on Prayer:

2. The Purpose of Prayer (Matthew 6:10)

- God's will be done!**
- Lost people saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8)**

¹First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved

and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a

teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
⁸Therefore I want the men in every place
to pray, lifting up holy hands, without
wrath and dissension.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

**The Great Commission Prayer Center (GCPC)
meets every Wednesday at 6:00 directly across
from the Pastor's study. The purpose is to
leverage our prayers to advance God's Kingdom
by impacting the lostness and pushing back the
darkness in Cleveland County and beyond.**

Key Bible Passages on Prayer:

3. The Persistence of Prayer (Luke 11:5-13)

- Don't be discouraged.**

⁵Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been

shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.⁹ “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;

knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹²Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a

scorpion, will he? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

**Have you stopped living for God
over a prayer issue?**

**Have you given in to discouragement
due to an unanswered prayer?**

**It doesn't matter what you pray about.
Anytime you and the Lord are talking
together is never a waste of time!**

- Dr. Charles Stanley

It pays to pray!
It pays not to give up!

- Dr David Jeremiah

**God always answers our prayers. Sometimes
the answer is direct, denied, delayed or different
than we expected!**

- Dr. O.S. Hawkins

Name:

Operation B.L.E.S.S. Card

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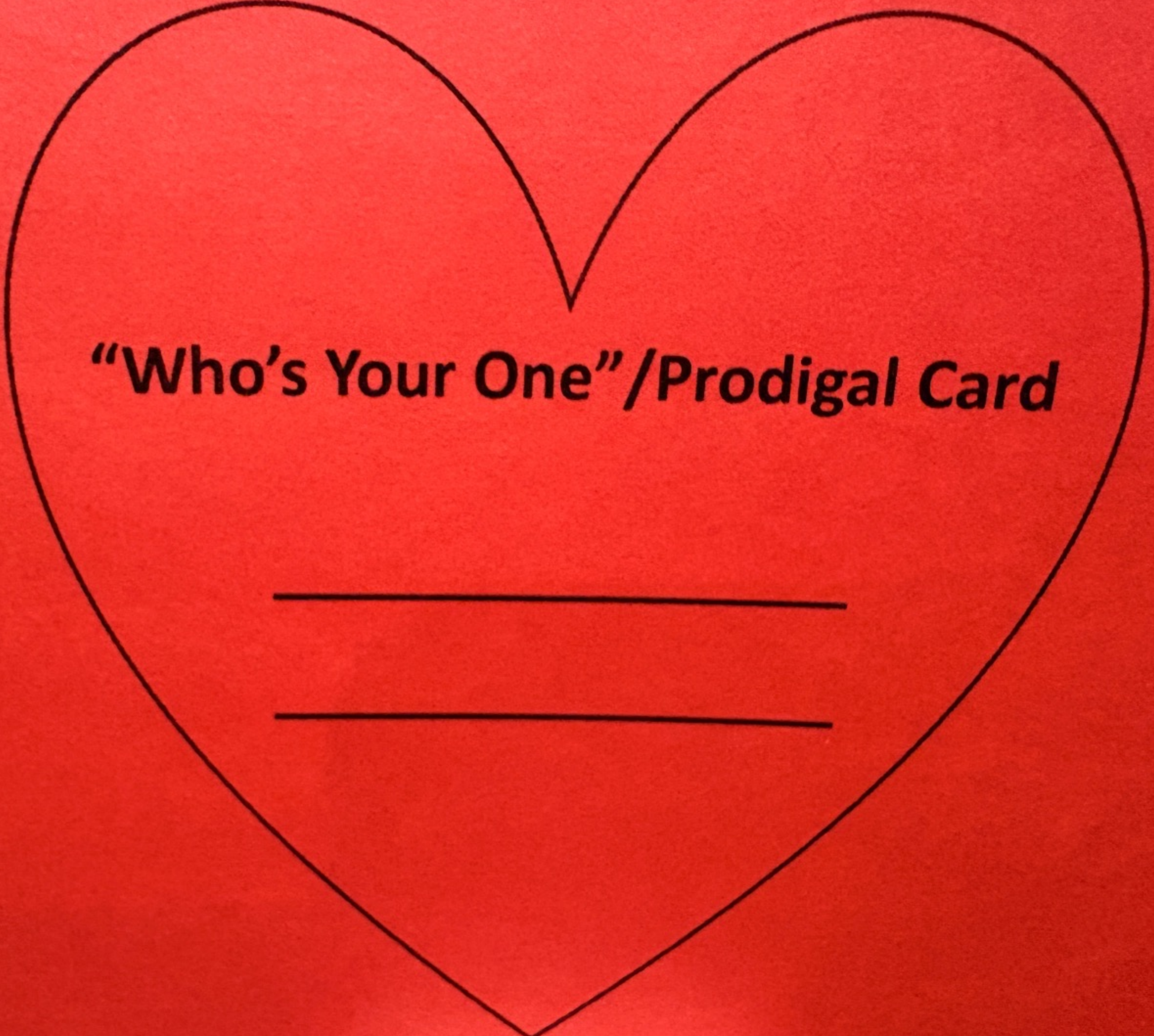
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Context:

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	Text		Visit		Other:

Response:

Once you are finished, add your "response," snap a picture of this card and send the picture to Mimi Rollins (704-466-8435). Thank you so much for B.L.E.S.S.ing someone!



“Who’s Your One”/Prodigal Card

Prayer & Praise

Date: _____

- ☐ New Prayer Request
- ☐ Update Prayer Request
- ☐ Praise

Contact Information

Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

Request:

(over)

Sermon in a Sentence:
Daily devote yourself to prayer!

Application:

- 1. Begin to pray 10-15 minutes longer in your prayer time this week. If you don't currently set aside time for prayer, begin this week. Use the "ACTS" acronym to guide your prayer time for the next seven days.**
- 2. Start a prayer journal of praises, thanksgiving, requests, and answers to prayer. Ask a friend or family member for advice concerning their prayer life or journaling.**

Application:

3. Begin to pray intentionally for lost people and prodigals in you do not already. Use the HEARTS acronym to help you. Fill out a “Who’s Your One?”/prodigal card.

H-Pray for receptive HEARTS (Luke 8:5-15).

E-Pray for their spiritual EYES AND EARS to be opened (Matt. 13;15; 2 Corin. 4:3-4).

A-Pray for unbelievers to have and understand God’s ATTITUDE toward sin (John 16:8).

R-Pray for the lost to be RELEASED from barriers and strongholds that hinder faith (2 Tim. 2:25-26).

T-Pray for unbelievers to experience a TRANSFORMING life in Christ (Rom. 12:1-2).

S-Pray for Christian witnesses to be SENT to share Christ with the lost (Matt. 9:35-38).

Application:

4. Join the Monday Morning Prayer Team at 9:30 AM or the GCPC on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.