



Week 11 September 18 – 24, 2022

As we read in chapters 21 and 22 of *The Battle Plan for Prayer* this week, we will better understand the will of God concerning prayer. As explained in chapter 21 by the authors, Stephen and Alex Kendricks, our best strategy for beginning to seek God's will for specific questions to pray – like Jesus did – is to pray in surrender to His will. And second, pray in accordance with what we already know for sure to be His will.

In chapter 22, the authors write about the “whatever” from God in our prayer life. There's a balance between just praying selfishly and praying for good things that our heart desires. This chapter goes into detail regarding that balance. The authors mention that the word “desires” is actually the word petitions. That's where “whatever you wish” becomes not just a pleasant thought but a powerful prayer strategy. 1

The more we pray the more we change. The more we change the more the desires of our heart begin to align with the desires of God's heart. The more our desires become aligned with God's heart, our petitions take on a different approach.

For the last 4 years on Tuesday mornings, I had the joy of praying with a group of men and women that have the same heart's desire: to equip every people group and every age group to witness to every person. My prayer group has really become united in one accord as we share a beautiful time of prayer, praise, testimony, and relationship every week. I have grown in my love and appreciation for each of my colleagues in ministry through our weekly prayer time. I hear personally how their “whatever” from God is their heart's desire.

One of my EE ministry colleagues is named Vince Varriale. Vince became a child of God 50 years ago in 1972. He served the Lord in South America for 14 years and in Spain for 4 years. In 1996, he became familiar with the ministry of Evangelism Explosion. In 2010, he began to train others in a local church and then joined the staff of EE in 2014. Vince's role with EE is referred to as an IFW (Implementation Field Worker). The role of an IFW is to assist the church to equip the body of Christ to share the gospel with confidence. Each IFW serves a 100-mile radius from the home in which they reside. Vince's radius served the following states: Maryland, Virginia, DC and New York since 2014 until just recently. Now Vince and his wife Susie live in Myrtle Beach, SC. The role of an IFW in the North region of MD, VA, DC and NY has now been transferred to a young man named Dan. Please pray for Dan as he endeavors to maintain relationships with churches that Vince had a relationship with. And pray for Dan to have God's

favor as he advances the kingdom in this region. Please pray for Vince as he is now tilling the ground in SC. Vince has already made great connections with pastors from the AME denomination and is working with some other pastors in SC, but pray for God's favor as Vince trails new territory and seeks to advance the gospel within a 100-mile radius of Myrtle Beach. One of Vince's greatest joys, as an IFW, is knowing that when he gets to heaven he will be able to see every person he was able to win to the Lord and every person he was able to train to be a soul-winner. He says that we all have influence with those around us and we therefore do not know where the ripples on the water reach. But, one day, we will get to see all the fruits of our labor when we get to heaven. Jesus said, go into the highways and by-ways and compel them to come into the kingdom. It gives Vince incredible joy and is the love within him to know that he has been and continues to be a part of bringing others into the Kingdom of God.

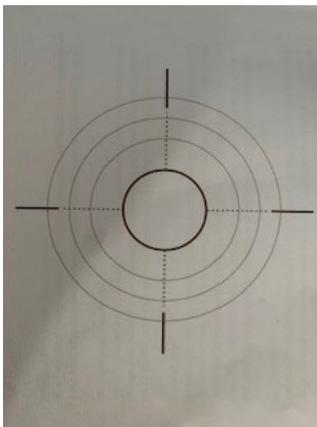
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1 Stephen and Alex Kendricks, *The Battle Plan for Prayer* (B & H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN) 2015, p. 139.

-----Daily Reflections-----

Why do you think God's will has often seemed difficult to discern? What does our struggle to follow His known will for our lives indicate about the condition of our hearts? How have you experienced His peace when seeking His will?

What is it like for you to put God's will before your own? How might your prayers reflect this in a more thoughtful way?



Back to the crosshair symbol again. The circle in the middle will be where you will write the names of the people you are praying for. The circle in the middle represents the heart of the person praying. The condition of your heart affects your prayers. Read James 5:16 and Psalm 66:18. The condition of the heart matters when we pray. What are some areas of your heart where you feel the Lord is convicting your right now? And what are some ways you need to talk with Him about those things? Read and pray Psalm 139: 23 – 24. Spend some time praying about the motive of your heart and making sure your "whatever" prayers align with God's whatever.



Week 11 Prayer Requests September 18 – 24, 2022

ADORATION: praising God for who He is and what He has done.
All the earth sings joyfully to You, O God!
The earth sings the glory of Your name,
Making Your praise glorious,
We say to You, "How awesome are Your works!
Through the greatness of Your power
Your enemies submit themselves to You.
All the earth will worship You
And sing praises to You;
They will sing praise to Your name."
My mouth is filled with Your praise,
And with Your glory all day long.

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!
Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity
And forgives the transgression of the remnant of Your inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
But delight to show mercy.
You will have compassion on Your people;
You will tread their iniquities underfoot
And hurl all their sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:18-19)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANKSGIVING: thanking God for specific things that He has done.

Even in my old age, You are the same,
And even when my hair is gray, You will carry me.
You have made me, and You will bear me;
You will sustain me, and You will deliver me. (Isaiah 46:4)
I will watch in hope for You, O Lord;
I will wait for You, the God of my salvation;
You will hear me. (Micah 7:7)

Join EE in praising God for the following:

- Shibu Oommen taught a SYFW on 9.10.22 in New Jersey with 20 participants from 6 different churches.
- Keith Hood taught a SYFW on 9.10.22 in Leesburg, GA with 12 participants from 2 different churches.

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving. In prayer this week, thank God for His provision in your life.

SUPPLICATION: asking God for our needs and our wants.

May I be on my guard against all covetousness, for my life does not consist in the abundance of my possessions. Luke 12:15

May I keep my life free from the love of money and be content with what I have, for You have said, "I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

My eyes are upon You, O Sovereign Lord;

In You I take refuge; You will not leave my soul destitute. Psalm 141:8

- PLEASE make the following request a matter of intercessory prayer.
WE need field staff in the state of Montana. We held an Equip America in Billings and Helena, Montana in July. We need staff and EE trained people to carry on the work in this area of the country. There's a lot of work to be done in Montana, including American Indian Reservations that need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with us about this important need.
- Pray for SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA!
- Pray for our nation's churches: that the church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ, unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world, integrity – that God's people look and act differently from the world. Colossians 2:6-8
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- For the safety of children and youth as they return to school. Pray for favor and blessing over the school year in the state you live in.
- Pray that Christian boys and girls will shine the light of Jesus in their schools. Ask God to give them eyes that see children that are lonely, hurting and those that need a friend. Lord, we pray that kindness will dwell in their hearts and overflow to others.

- Pray that the 2 churches that attended the SYFW in Georgia on Saturday, September 10th will begin implementing Everyday Evangelism at their churches. Pray that these churches will follow through with doing an OJT that was planned post event.
- Pray for the churches in Newton, New Jersey that attended the SYFW to begin implementing Everyday Evangelism.

(Ministries of EE: Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope for Kids)

SYFW	9/24	DOXA Church Without Walls	Baltimore, MD
SYFW	10/1	Wildwood Church	Tallahassee, FL
SYFW	10/2	North Macon Presbyterian	Macon, GA
SYFW	10/7	Hutto Bible Church	Hutto, TX
SYFW	10/15	FBC Caldwell	Caldwell, AR
SYFW	10/22	Brush Creek Baptist	Springdale, AR
SYFW	10/22	Zion Baptist Church	Brownsville, TN
SYFW	10/29	Stecoah Baptist Church	Robbinsville, NC
SYFW	10/29	Discover Church	Surfside Beach, SC
EV2 Clinic	9/29 – 9/30	Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Cordova, TN
EV2 Clinic	10/14	HCAC Trinity Fellowship	Houston, TX
EV2 Clinic	3/30/23 - 3/31/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
EV2 Clinic	8/3/23 – 8/4/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
HFK	9/23	Journey Christian Church	Tracey, CA
HFK	9/23	Fluvanna Community Church	Jamestown, NY
XEE	10/14	San Francisco Bible Church	San Francisco, CA
Classic Clinic	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN