



MULTIPLYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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NOTE: These notes are taken from a transcript of comments and quotes on the writings of E.W. Kenyon. Kenyon was an evangelist, pastor, president of a Bible Institute, and author whose writings significantly impacted multiple Christian circles in the early to mid-20th century. He is often referred to as the "Father or Grandfather of the Word of Faith Movement."

DOES SATAN FEAR YOUR PRAYERS?

Something is sobering about this thought: the devil is probably not afraid of your prayer life. He's not trembling because you pray long, loud, or often. He doesn't fear the number of hours you spend in your prayer closet, nor the emotion in your words. But there is one thing, one thing alone, that causes hell to shake. And unless your prayer life is built upon that, the enemy will watch you pray and smile, knowing it changes nothing.

THE DEVIL IS PROBABLY NOT AFRAID OF YOUR PRAYERS.

The early Church understood this difference. They prayed, and buildings shook. They spoke, and demons fled. They declared, and entire cities turned toward God. Today we pray, and often not much moves. Why? Because the power of prayer is not in the act, it's in the position. It is not in the length of your request, but in the life that backs it. Jesus's prayers always worked because he prayed from identity, not from insecurity. He didn't pray for authority; he prayed from it. And that is precisely why the enemy fears him, and why he fears anyone who prays the same way.

E.W. Kenyon wrote, *"Prayer is not begging God to do something he is unwilling to do. It is taking our place in the family and acting on our rights as sons."* That sentence alone dismantles

the religious misunderstanding that keeps millions powerless in prayer. The devil loves it when believers pray as though God were reluctant, because that kind of prayer is rooted in doubt, not in faith. It's the prayer of the servant, not the son. And as long as you see yourself as a servant pleading before a distant throne, your prayers will lack the authority heaven recognizes. This is why the devil doesn't fear most prayers, because they're built on uncertainty. They're filled with words that sound spiritual but lack revelation. They beg for what has already been given. They ask God to do what he has already accomplished in Christ. That kind of praying might sound humble, but it's powerless.

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James 1:6 tells us to ask in faith, nothing wavering. The wavering heart prays much, but sees little. But the heart that knows, that stands firm in the finished work, prays few words and mountains move. When Jesus stood before Lazarus' tomb, he didn't plead with the Father to act. He simply said, "*Father, I thank Thee that thou hast heard me, and I know that Thou hearest me always*" (**John 11:41-42**). Then he commanded Lazarus to come forth. That was prayer at its highest level. Not petition, but cooperation. Jesus didn't ask for resurrection power to come. He released what he already carried.

That's the kind of praying that terrifies the enemy, because the devil knows that the moment you stop praying as a beggar and start praying as one seated with Christ in heavenly places, his strongholds begin to crumble. Paul wrote in **Ephesians 2:6** that God hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Think about that. You are not kneeling before the throne, hoping your cry reaches heaven. You are seated with Christ, sharing His authority, His access, and His life. The problem is, most believers don't know where they're seated. They still see prayer as trying to reach God, not as partnering with Him. And that ignorance is precisely what the devil exploits.

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Kenyon said, *“The greatest tragedy of the Church is that we pray as though redemption were not a fact.”* The devil fears revelation, not repetition. You can repeat prayers all day, and he won't flinch. But when a believer stands up with revelation, when they say I know who I am in Christ, and I refuse to beg for what's already mine, that's when all of Hell's strategies begin to unravel. The devil doesn't fear your prayer life; he fears your understanding of righteousness within it.

That's why Paul's prayers for the church weren't that they would pray more, but that the eyes of their understanding be enlightened (**Ephesians 1:18**). He knew that once a believer saw who they were, prayer would become an extension of dominion, not desperation. Once you know you are the righteousness of God in Christ, you stop pleading for favor; you walk in it. You stop asking God to move. You release His will on earth as it is in heaven. That's the posture that hell dreads. But here's the subtle danger. We can spend our lives praying without ever shifting that posture. We can sound holy, yet operate in unbelief. We can use words that sound right but come from fear instead of faith. We can say, “Lord, please do this,” when the Spirit is urging us to speak and declare that it is done. The devil thrives in that confusion. He knows if he can keep you in the realm of petition instead of possession, you'll always feel sincere, but never walk in victory.

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Jesus showed us what confident, righteous prayer looks like before He multiplied the loaves and fishes. He didn't cry out for a miracle; he simply looked up to heaven and blessed (**Matthew 14:19**). He blessed because He knew. He thanked before He saw. That's the language of faith. And every believer has been invited to pray in that same consciousness. The same Spirit that moved through Jesus moves through you. **Romans 8:11** says, *“If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ shall also quicken your mortal bodies.”* Prayer isn't about trying to pull that power down; it's about letting it flow out. This is the single element that makes all the difference. The devil doesn't fear prayer until it's joined with revelation.

Prayer plus revelation equals authority. Without revelation, prayer becomes form without force. But when revelation lights the heart, prayer becomes the voice of God through man. That's why Jesus said in **John 15:7**, "*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*" It's not the act of asking that carries power; it's the abiding life behind it. Picture this: a soldier on the battlefield shouting commands but without understanding his rank. The enemy doesn't move because the authority isn't recognized. But when that same soldier realizes he carries the command of the King, his words suddenly matter. Every order echoes the authority of the throne. That's what revelation does for prayer. It transforms your words from requests into decrees backed by heaven's power.

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And yet many still whisper, "Why aren't my prayers working?" The answer is rarely in the length or sincerity of the prayer, but in the foundation beneath it. Is it rooted in sonship? Is it spoken from fear or from faith? The devil doesn't mind you praying as long as you keep seeing yourself as powerless. But the moment you see yourself as God's righteousness in Christ, your voice becomes dangerous, because that's when prayer ceases to be an act and becomes an expression of divine life. The great secret to a prayer life the devil fears is this: consciousness of union. Once you awaken to the reality that you and the Father are one through Christ, you stop asking for what you already possess. You begin to operate as one authorized to act in His name. That name, Jesus said, was not given for us to close our prayers politely. It was given to us as legal authority.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). That's covenant language. To ask in his name is to stand in his stead, to speak as his representative. The devil understands that authority; he just hopes you never do. The devil's entire strategy is built on ignorance, keeping the believer unaware of what Christ has already accomplished. He doesn't mind a praying Christian who still feels unworthy because that kind of prayer carries no authority. But the moment light comes, a believer begins to see prayer as an act of partnership with the indwelling Christ. Everything changes!

WHEN THE BELIEVER PRAYS FROM THE FINISHED WORK, HE STOPS TRYING TO CONVINCe GOD TO ACT AND BEGINS ENFORCING WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DECREED.

E.W. Kenyon said, *“When you know you are what He says you are, and that you can do what He says you can do, Satan becomes a defeated foe beneath your feet.”* Revelational knowledge is what makes the difference between empty praying and effective praying. When Jesus said, *“What thing soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them. And ye shall have them”* (Mark 11:24), he was not giving a formula. He was revealing the inner posture of faith. Prayer is not a method to move God. It is the expression of a life already united with Him.

Believing that you receive is not mental gymnastics. It is resting in the fact that everything you ask for, if it aligns with his word, already belongs to you, through redemption. The devil trembles at that realization because it removes all his leverage of delay, doubt, and defeat. When the believer prays from the finished work, he stops trying to convince God to act and begins enforcing what God has already decreed. The believer becomes an enforcer of victory, not a seeker of help. That is why the name of Jesus was given to us, not as a closing tag to our petitions, but as a weapon of delegated authority. To use the name is to stand in his place, to command as his body on the earth. That’s what the early disciples understood.

THE DEVIL DOESN’T FEAR YOU ASKING; HE FEARS YOU COMMANDING IN FAITH.

When Peter said to the lame man, *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk”* (Acts 3:6), he was not praying a request; he was exercising a right. That distinction is everything. The devil doesn’t fear you asking; he fears you commanding in faith. There is a deep, quiet strength in the one who understands this true authority. When Jesus rebuked the storm, he didn’t wrestle or panic. He said, *“Peace be still”* (Mark 4:39). The storm obeyed not because of volume, but because of position. The one who spoke had mastery over it, and that same mastery has been extended to every believer born of God. The issue is not whether you have it, but whether you believe it.

E.W. Kenyon wrote, *“Prayer is the exercise of righteousness.”* Think about that. The righteousness of God within you is what gives your prayer power. When you speak, it is righteousness speaking. When you command, it is righteousness acting. That is why

Proverbs 15:29 says, *“He heareth the prayer of the righteous.”* It’s not because the righteous plead better. It’s because their words carry the fragrance of divine sonship. The enemy knows the difference between the cry of fear and the command of faith. Many Christians spend their prayer lives trying to feel worthy enough to be heard. But worthiness is not a feeling; it’s a fact established by blood. You are as welcome before the Father as Jesus himself. That’s not arrogance, that’s redemption.

Kenyon said, *“We stand before God as though we had never sinned because the sin problem has been settled.”* When you pray from that consciousness, fear dissolves. You stop trying to twist God’s arm and begin to stretch forth his hand. You stop wondering if he will answer and start expecting that he already has. This is why the devil attacks your identity more than your circumstances. If he can make you doubt who you are, he can make you doubt the power of your prayer. He’ll whisper, “Who do you think you are to speak like that?” But revelation answers, “I am who Christ says I am.” The devil knows he cannot resist that kind of faith.

Luke 10:19 declares, *“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.”* That power is exercised through words spoken in the consciousness of authority. It’s not emotional intensity that drives demons out; it’s revelation uttered through faith. Consider the Roman centurion in **Matthew 8**. He told Jesus, *“Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”* Jesus marveled at that faith. Why? Because the centurion understood authority. He recognized that spoken words carry power when backed by rank. Jesus called it great faith. The centurion didn’t need a sign, a feeling, or a touch. He knew that once the word was spoken, the matter was settled.

PRAYER IS NOT ABOUT GETTING GOD TO HEAR YOU; IT’S ABOUT YOU HEARING HIM, ALIGNING WITH WHAT HE ALREADY SAID, AND ENFORCING IT.

The devil hates that kind of simplicity because it’s the faith that cannot be shaken by sight. The truth is, prayer is only as powerful as the revelation behind it. If your prayers are filled with uncertainty, they will waver with the wind. But if your prayers are anchored in identity, they will hold even when the storm rages. Prayer is not about getting God to hear you; it’s about you hearing him, aligning with what he already said, and enforcing it. **1 John 5:14-15** says, *“This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He*

heareth us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.” That’s not mere confidence, it’s the calm assurance of oneness.

So why doesn’t the devil fear most prayer lives? Because most are rooted in reaction, not revelation. The enemy fears only the believer who prays from rest, from identity, from union. He fears the one who prays knowing that the same life that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells within. **Romans 8:37** says, **“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”** That more than conquerors’ life is the soil from which effective prayer grows. Prayer is not what makes you victorious; it’s what expresses your victory. The real question isn’t whether you’re praying enough. But whether you’re praying from the right place. Are your words rising from fear or from fullness? Do you speak as one reaching for God, or as one carrying Him? True prayer begins with this revelation: **“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).**

Until that becomes your consciousness, you’ll keep trying to pull heaven down instead of letting heaven flow out. Once that truth grips you, your entire spiritual life shifts. You’ll find that prayer becomes less about pleading and more about releasing. You’ll start to pray fewer words, but see greater results. You’ll sense authority rising where anxiety used to reign. That’s when the devil starts losing ground. Not because you’ve prayed longer, but because you’ve prayed from the right place. Revelation prayer is what enforces Calvary’s triumph on earth. And here lies the great secret that many overlook. Freedom always begins in the place of revelation.

WHEN YOU BEGIN TO PRAY FROM REVELATION, WHEN YOUR HEART SAYS I AM ALREADY FREE, ALREADY SEATED, ALREADY RIGHTEOUS, YOU STEP INTO THE FLOW OF GOD’S UNSTOPPABLE LIFE.

Before a man ever sees change around him, he must see truth within him. The devil knows that the moment you see what’s already yours in Christ, the chains he built through ignorance fall away effortlessly. So he fights to keep you praying from guilt, striving for what’s already yours. But when you begin to pray from revelation, when your heart says I am already free, already seated, already righteous, you step into the flow of God’s unstoppable life. Because once you understand this, you’ll begin to realize something far greater. The freedom you’ve been asking God for has already been granted. The victory you’ve been pursuing has already been placed within you. The very thing you thought you lacked was hidden in your new nature all along. And when that light dawns, you’ll never pray the same again.