

Praying the Scriptures: Prayers for Your Ministry

Here's a critical truth for Believers:

If we are alive, it's for the purpose of fruitful labor. (Philippians 1:22).

In a word, we are here for *work*... Building the Kingdom!

When we offer the Lord our five-loaves-and-two-fish worth of effort, He multiplies it in ways we cannot even begin to imagine!

The thing is, all too often we all distort this truth by forgetting that the work doesn't start with us, and it's not accomplished by our own strengths. God is the One who calls us, and He is the One – *the only One* – who can equip us for Building the Kingdom.

Prayers for Ministry:

Pray that all that is done in our ministry would be done in love (I Corinthians 16:14). We want to acknowledge to the Lord that any other motive will profit you nothing (I Corinthians 13:1-3), and ask Him to keep our purpose, motive and pure.

We want to come into agreement with God that He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, including our ministry and in all things, so that the Lord might have preeminence (Colossians 1:17-18). We want to share with the Lord that we want Him to be preeminent in our ministry, our lives, and our hearts!

We need to petition and ask the Lord to help us work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord we will receive the inheritance as our reward. We confess to God that we are serving the Lord Christ with the goal of pleasing Him, and not to be a people pleaser (Colossians 3:23-24).

We need to claim God's promise that as we wait for the Him, we will renew our strength, mounting up with wings like eagles, running and not growing weary, or walking without becoming faint (Isaiah 40:31).

We truly, sincerely thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, who came to earth not to be served, but to serve others and give His life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). We pray that we would be willing to sacrifice whatever God asks, in order to serve Him well through our ministry.

It is imperative that we pray that God's grace would equip us to let our light shine before others, so that they may see good works and give glory to our Heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16). When need to ask Him to keep us from serving with the purpose of bringing glory to yourself. We do not want to become selfish, haughty, or puffed up!

Undoubtably, we need to ask for God's grace to help us fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all our hearts, ever remembering what great things He has done for us (I Samuel 12:24). Praying that we would serve devotedly, from a heart overflowing with gratitude for all God has done for us.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for demonstrating to me a life sacrificially devoted to ministry and service. I confess that my natural tendency is to serve myself, and I pray that You would help me to follow in Your footsteps, remembering how much You have done for me. I pray this in the Mighty Name of Yeshua Jesus, Amen!