

5y80™ Teams - The Strategic Prayer Initiative™ (SPI™)

A Super Easy And Proven Way To Help Individuals Become More Effective In Prayer

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also, you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. ¹If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matt. 21:21-22

PrayerCords™ and SPI™ Small Groups are excellent tools; nevertheless, if you want to help others, (and yourself if needed) in a simpler, and more streamlined fashion, we highly recommend you form your own 5y80 Team. Here's how:

- 1) Make a commitment to yourself, that if you already have a "Good Prayer Life" that you will maintain it. However, if you don't, you will start to work on developing one, and not stop working on it until you are able to actually reach it, and then to maintain it. [There are some prayer guides and other resources at www.PrayerCords.org.]
- 2) Help at least one or two others, who do not have a Good Prayer Life, to develop one. The way we recommend you do this is as follows.
 - a. Prayerfully give one friend or acquaintance the 14 Question SPI Survey and see if they are unsatisfied with their prayer life and want to get better. If they want to, make them part of your 5y80 Team.
 - b. Explain to them that you will take on the personal commitment of praying for them each and every day for the Holy Spirit to help them grow in fervent, righteous, and strategic prayer.
 - c. Their responsibility will be to work daily on getting to a "Good Prayer Life,"
 - d. and to let you know how they are doing, on a regular basis (this should be weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly).
 - e. Additionally, you will be responsible to contact them regularly and ask them to self-rate their prayer life as: Poor, Fair, Good, or Mature (the answer you are looking for is either Good, or Mature, both are fine.)
 - f. Using just the first question on the backside of the Long-Yellow Card is helpful to track your own prayer life self-rating, and the one or two individuals you endeavor to help. You don't need to take on helping more people, unless you think the Lord might be asking you to.
 - g. You are also free to give them copies of SPI Materials, to assist them, if you feel it that would be beneficial to them. [Again, copies of most SPI downloadable masters are available at www.PrayerCords.org]
 - h. Lastly, the SPI Team is working on a simple way that you can use to track how well you and your 5y80 Team is doing in developing and maintaining "Good Prayer Lives." [A version should be available in the Fall or '18]

*"The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26c (**Christians and disciples are synonymous**). [In the New Testament the words Christian or Christians are used three (3) times, while the words disciple or disciples are used 266 times. So, it stands to reason, that Christians are meant to be disciples, and if we call ourselves Christians, we should also call ourselves disciples.]*

*"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of His disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1a (**Growing more effective in prayer is something that is normal for a disciple/Christian.**) "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all of the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, that we proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:2 "I urge...that petitions, prayers, intercessions...be made for...those in authority. 1Tim 2:1-3*

*Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...[we are told to] 'make' disciples of all nations [In the Greek, the word "make" is in the imperative]...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Mt.28:18-20a. As we make disciples and teach them to do what Jesus Christ asks of them, one of those things is to **teach them to pray**. Furthermore, they must also learn the Word of God (the Holy Bible), because His will is in His Word, **and if we pray in His will, He promises to answer**.*

*¹"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that **if we ask anything ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, He hears us**. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—**we know that we have what we asked of Him.**" 1 John 5:14-1*

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. **The effective prayer of a righteous [person]...can accomplish much.** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Jam. 5:16-18*