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Dear Ministry Partners and Prayer Warriors,

I was just completing my exercise and prayer time for the day, first thing in the morning and in blocks of time in the evening, when I thought how I might be a blessing to you, our Ministry Partners and Prayer Warriors, who are such a blessing to us, and to millions around the world, through your faithful financial support, and prayers for our ministry... and this is a big part of this letter (see "Quiet Time" below).

Jesus commanded us, "Ask and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

As you spend time with the Lord in prayer, please spend time to pray for our upcoming trip to Africa, as we will be leaving approximately the 3rd week of April. **We will be FLYING TO AFRICA** (Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania) and then minister in a place where we have never spoken, which is the island of Zanzibar off



the coast of Tanzania. Zanzibar is almost 100% Muslim! We have been successful in Western Kenya and in many Muslim countries as Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India, which have many hundreds of millions of Muslims. We have seen many, many thousands of Muslims come to Christ - praise the Lord! We believe the doors will open for us in Zanzibar, but things never go right unless you pray. **PRAY!! PRAY FOR THE MISSION AND US EVERY DAY!!** (Thank you.)

In addition to your prayers, will you please consider making an extra, special gift of \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$5,000.00 or whatever you could bless us with, we will as many thousands of others will forever be grateful. **This is big stuff, that needs big support!** Tanzania is one of the world poorest nations. Even though it's one of the largest countries in Africa with 60 million + people, the annual income per person, according to "Operation World," is less than \$800.00 per year.

Now, how is your daily **"Quiet Time"** (prayer, Bible study, time alone with the Lord)? I want to share with you a few insights on how you can make this, if it is not already, the single most important part of your day.

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Why should this be the most important part of your day? **Because the Bible commands us to make our time alone with God number one.** Look at Jesus' life. We see that, throughout His life, He withdrew early in the morning to be by Himself with His Father and pray. The disciples even marveled at His prayer life. The Lord was setting an example for us to do as He did. Now we must ask how: How can we have a dynamic prayer life like Christ?

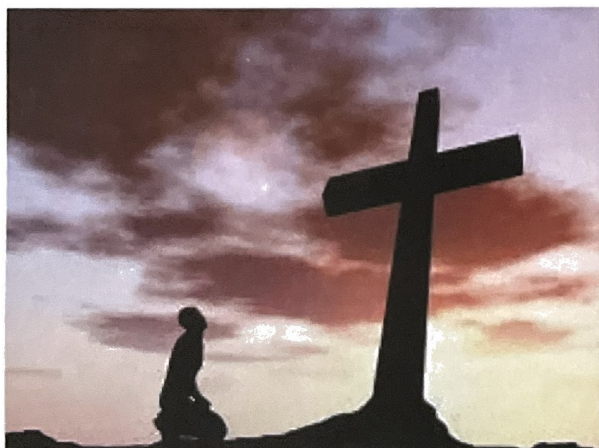
We begin by taking uninterrupted time each day, usually first thing in the morning, or for the "night owls," last thing at night, or a combination of the two. While Jesus instructed us not to brag about our prayer life and Bible study, He, nevertheless, expects us to take that time. The problem in America is not bragging about our time with the Lord, which won a lot of social status back in the time of Christ in Israel. No, **the problem in America is to take that time! It should be the most important part of our day!**

I have been told by people a number of times, "I just don't have the time to do that." I like to answer them, "Well, I appreciate that you are busy, but do you ever watch TV?" I say this knowing that the average American watches almost five hours of TV a day! Usually, they look a bit sheepish as they say, "Yes, I watch some TV." Some! I know it means lots of TV. **How can time watching television even begin to compare with time alone with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords?**

As for us, we have noted that the great evangelists throughout history spend at least two hours a day with the Lord. I (Bob) find it to be my privilege to do the same. How do we divide up our time with the Lord? Let me suggest these ways:

(In a two-hour block, each of these could take about half an hour, the basic "time with God" taken by disciples, in addition to going to church, discipleship groups, etc. – Hebrews 10:24, 25)

1. Bible Study: God wants us to read through the Bible. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Meaning we cannot be complete, much less equipped, for every work of God, unless we spend time regularly in God's Word, memorizing key verses and writing observations about the Scriptures and their application to our lives.



2. Prayer: It has been said of Christians; "Little prayer, little power; much prayer, much power." Prayer is the means for God to unleash His power in the world. If you want to see your life filled with God's power, or even miracles, take time to pray! For instance, take at least half an hour a day to pray. It is important to realize that prayer is a conversation, a communication with the almighty God. Many people think that prayer is talking to God. "Give me this and give me

that – gimmie, gimmie, gimmie, and by the way, my name is Jimmy”. But prayer is first and foremost not talking to God, but listening to Him.

When Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and nights to pray, for example, do you think He spent time saying, “Father can you please do this or do that?” No! He spent most of His time listening to His Father speak to Him, so that He would surrender himself to His Father’s will, as He said in the ultimate prayer, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done” (Luke 22:42). So, prayer is listening to God, discerning His will, and surrendering ourselves anew to Him so He may accomplish His good and perfect will in our lives.

3. Journal: The Bible does not say, “You must keep a journal.” But I have found that it is a great help to my spiritual life if I write down the things that God has said to me or done in or through me that day. I have thousands of pages of journal, in which I have written the stories of how God has done many great things in our lives, and in many others' lives.

4. Intercession: Make a list of your friends and family that you can pray for. I have the privilege of praying for many people each week, including every member of the Boyd and (Mallory’s) Burkett family. We have seen God answer those prayers by bringing many of them to Christ...He is still working on the others! Remember, through your prayers, you can give the gift of eternity to those you love. You can give the greatest gift you could ever give them...the gift of eternal life. Let us be diligent to pray and share Christ with those we love the most. And, of course, we appreciate your prayers so much as we seek to reach hundreds of thousands around the world, and millions through TV, with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of you are Prayer Warriors, who have made the commitment to pray daily, at least 15 minutes a day, for our ministry at New Fire for Christ. If you have somehow gotten away from this, please renew your commitment... or if you have not committed yourself to become a Prayer Warrior, please do so today. Let us know by calling 757-624-9001, or emailing info@newfireforchrist.org that you have made this commitment! You can literally change the world through your prayers!

Your prayers have made, and do make, all the difference, as well as your generous gifts to keep the ministry going and growing.

For His Glory,

Bob & Mallory

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