

MOVING THE HANDS THAT MOVE THE UNIVERSE

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18

- The purpose of being strong in the Lord and putting on the whole armour of God is to be able to enter the prayer ministry.
- Vs 18: “All prayer and supplication”.

THE MIRACLE

NEWSPAPER FRONTPAGE STORY

***WOMAN AWAKE, ALIVE, HEALTHY AFTER
TWO YEARS IN COMA***

HER CONDITION

No Hope: According to the doctors, the outer layer of Diane's brain had been destroyed by a virus and she had been in a coma and sick for 1 ½ years.

THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

We don't wait well. We're into microwaving.

Galatians 6:9- "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not".

Before the miracle

- (i) 1 hour of prayer every week for about **a year**
- (ii) Have you stood beside death and asked for life?
- (iii) Jesus spoke and said "Lazarus (a dead man), come forth...(John 11:43)
- (iv) We have working within us God's divine power that quickens (gives life) to the dead. A dead situation such as
 - dead financial situations
 - dead careers
 - dead family situations
 - dead immigration situations
 - dead spiritual conditions
 - dead medical situation

THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

- You can speak life into any dead situation and receive life through the power of persistent prayer.
- Persistence and endurance are some of the most important spiritual attributes; a lack of them is one of the greatest causes of defeat in prayer
- Charles Spurgeon said, "By persistence, the snail reached the ark".
- Through our persistence and endurance, not only do we end up with the blessing but we become changed- Gen 32:28-29.

QUESTIONS

- Is prayer really necessary? If so, why? Isn't God sovereign? Doesn't that mean He accomplishes what He wants, when He wants? If so, why pray?
- Is God's will for a Christian automatically guaranteed or is it linked to prayer and other factors?
- Why does it take so long to get a prayer answered? Why is persistence required? Jacob wrestled with God. Is that what we are to do in prayer? I don't like the thought of wrestling with God- do you?
- What about prayer for the lost? How can I be more effective? I get a little frustrated trying to think of new ways to ask God to save people, don't you? I thought He *wanted* to save them. Then why do I feel as though I'm trying to talk Him into it? Is there a better way? Do I ask for their salvation again and again or simply petition Him once and then just thank Him in faith?
- What about spiritual warfare? If Satan is defeated and Christ has all authority, shouldn't we just forget about the devil? Does God bind the devil or do we?
- What exactly is intercessory prayer? And don't just tell me it's "standing in the gap". Enough religious quotes and spiritual jargon. I know the thought is taken from the Bible, but what does it mean?
- What about protection? Is everything that happens to me or my family simply allowed by God? Or is there something I need to do to procure safety?
- How do we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2).
- Is there a right time for answers to prayer or does the timing depend on me?