

*24-7 PRAYER*  
*THE FIRST STEP IN GOD'S PLAN TO ESTABLISH THE*  
*KINGDOM OF HEAVEN*

(Restoring the Church of Acts step #1)

In a time when men are encouraged to seek and establish their own plans and will; it is good, even necessary, to stop and remember only God's plan will succeed. When it comes to establishing The Kingdom of God on this earth, it is clear from the word that the first step is prayer. In Matthew 16:19, 18:18-20; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; and Acts 1:14, we can see that the first step in establishing The Kingdom is consistent, daily, corporate prayer. It was after this type of prayer that the day of Pentecost came and the Church was birthed. Scripture indicates that it was probably 24-7 prayer. That is, prayer 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was a 24-7 prayer meeting for 100 years on Count Zinzendorf's estate in Germany that launched modern missions. In our day, God has used 24-7 prayer in Korea to touch that nation for Jesus. It is clear from scripture and history that this is the only type of prayer, which will effect the changes on this earth necessary to bring in The Kingdom.

There is a reason for this. Victories that come through this type of prayer are clearly not man made, but from the throne of God itself. It brings glory to no man, but God alone. Bringing in The Kingdom is a corporate effort. The very nature of 24-7 requires that the whole body of Christ get involved. We've known many great intercessors in our lifetime, but none of them are able to sustain 24-7 prayer for any length of time. Also, the more people who are involved in prayer the greater the Spiritual energy.

Many desire to see changes in society that reflect the standards established by God in His word. Much hope has been put in electing or appointing political leaders who love the Lord. Surely we should seek to have God's man in every position of leadership. Whether it is the president, attorney general, governor, mayor, or the father who is head of his house; all should be saved, and walk daily in fellowship with Jesus. But, this by itself will not establish the Kingdom. Godly leaders will only be able to change their society to the extent they are held before the Lord in prayer. People of God in leadership are not the answer, but simply the opportunity for God's people, the Church, to get on their knees and win the victory.

The Church in the book of Acts is a pattern for how to change society. The things they did produced miraculous success because they were undergirded with prayer. The more people prayed, the greater the results. If the Church is truly going to see God's Kingdom come they must continuously stand against the enemy of our souls in Spirit led prayer. The Apostle Paul put it this way, "Pray without ceasing." It is physically impossible for any one person to do this, but it is very possible for a Church dedicated to 24-7 prayer to do it.

Can The Church do great things for God without 24-7 prayer? Yes!! Can The Church fully accomplish all God has for it without it? The scriptures and history indicate, probably not. In the book of Acts, on Count Zinzendorf's Estate, and in Korea; 24-7 prayer was and is held continuously in a specific location. It was and is led by the Spirit, and not by any one man. The

people simply cried and are crying out to God about the things on their heart. The time for the church to be restored and rise up to take the land is now. The Spirit of God is calling His people to 24-7 prayer so this will happen. What is God asking you to do so it will happen where you are?

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