

**BI-PARTISAN**

**PRAYER**

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# CHAPTER ONE

## BI-PARTISAN PRAYER

### PARTISAN POLITICS

Partisan politics has been around for thousands of years. The rich, Pharisees and Sadducees, and poor, Essenes and Nazarenes, were mixing politics and religion during Jesus' time. Actively using the traditions of men to render the Word of God ineffective.

In these days of hate and fear, it has gotten worse (If that's even possible.) The left hates the right and the right hates the left. We are fed lies through social media, the national news and sometimes from the pulpit. The enemy has succeeded in convincing some (even Christians) that we are all to hate everyone that's different from us. This hatred is hurting our country.

### WHAT DOES THE WORD OF GOD SAY?

#### PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY

**2 Chronicles 7:14** (NKJV) If **My people who are called by My name** will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and **heal their land**.

Is this promise for Democrats, or Republicans? Or, is it for Moderates or Independents? Maybe it is for Socialists or maybe those with no set views.

#### **“My people who are called by My name!”**

The promise to heal our land is for Americans! (Or whatever country you live in) But we, as a nation, must humble ourselves, and pray!

If you are a child of God, then you are one of those called by His Name. It is time, in that Name, to stand up and fight for the soul of our nation.

#### PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, **prayers**, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **For kings, and for all that are in authority**; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For **this is good and acceptable** in the sight of God our Saviour; **Who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

It is time to **put a STOP to all of the infighting.**

## CHAPTER TWO

### WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US

#### WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US AS A NATION OF CHRISTIANS?

##### 1. We must pray FOR our leaders and officials.

**1 Timothy 2:1-3** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

##### 2. We must not do or say anything to cause someone else to stumble.

**2 Corinthians 6:3 (BSB)** we put no obstruction in anyone's path, so that the ministry will not be discredited.

Just like any child, young Christians are watching us! The unsaved are watching! Grow up! Act grown up.

##### 3. We must take responsibility for our own actions.

**Ephesians 4:25-30** Therefore, rejecting all falsehood [whether lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these], speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one another [and we are all parts of the body of Christ]. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind *and* helpful to one another, tender-hearted [compassionate, understanding], forgiving one another [readily and freely], just as God in Christ also forgave you.

##### 4. We must not give the devil an open door.

**Ephesians 4:27 (KJV)** Neither give place to the devil.

**Ephesians 4:27 (AMP)** And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].

##### How do we give place to the devil?

**Ephesians 4:27 (AMP)** And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].

**James 3:16** For where **envying** and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

**The devil loves a good fight, especially amongst Christian brothers and sisters.** God speaks in a still small voice and it is very difficult to hear Him amidst confusion.

**ENVY:** Greek, *Zelos*- Resentment, fierceness of indignation

**James 3:14-18 (NASB)** But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and *so* lie against the truth. **This wisdom** is not that which comes down from above, but is

earthly, natural, demonic. For **where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing**. But the **wisdom from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

If your words bring about discord and are against what God's Word says, then they are the wrong wisdom. Even if, or rather, **ESPECIALLY IF** your words make you feel morally superior.

**Galatians 5:26** Let us not be desirous of vainglory, **provoking** one another, **envying** one another.

**Provoking:** Greek, *Prokaleomai*- To call forth, to challenge to combat. Only here in N.T. and in bad sense.

**Envy:** Greek, *Phthoneo*- To experience a feeling of ill will due to real or presumed advantage experienced by someone else.

**Galatians 5:26 (Barry Moffitt Modern Day Paraphrase)** Quit feeling morally superior and picking fights because you think someone has had advantages you haven't.

**2 Corinthians 12:20** For I am afraid that when I come, I may not find you as I wish, and you may not find me as you wish. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, rage, rivalry, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorder.

**Galatians 5:15** But if you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out, or you will be consumed by each other.

**James 3:14** But if you harbor in your hearts bitter jealousy and selfish ambition, do not boast in it or deny the truth.

**1 John 3:15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that eternal life does not reside in a murderer.

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

## **WE AS A NATION NEED TO THINK BEFORE WE SPEAK**

**Ephesians 4:26-32** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **Neither give place to the devil**. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of **edifying** (*Oikodomeo*), that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Ephesians 4:26-29 (AMP)** Be angry [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behavior], yet do not sin; do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down. And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness]. The thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead he must work hard [making an honest living], producing that which is good with his own hands, so that he will have *something* to share with those in need. Do not let

unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such *speech* as is good for building up others, according to the need *and* the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].

**Edify:** Greek, *Oikodomeo*-to build up, to construct.

**Seasoned with salt** means close to the same thing.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech *be* **alway with grace**, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**Colossians 4:6 (GNT)** Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting, and you should know how to give the right answer to everyone.

**Mark 9:50 (GNT)** “Salt is good; but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? “Have the salt of friendship among yourselves, and live in peace with one another.”

**1 Corinthians 10:23-29** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

# CHAPTER THREE

## WATCH YOUR MOUTH

### JUST BECAUSE YOU THINK IT, DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD SAY IT.

How many of us have said, "My mother taught me, 'If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.' Well, I can't say anything nice!"

Well, DON'T SAY THAT EITHER!

**1 Corinthians 6:12-13** All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

**(ESV)** "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

#### 1. "Not My President" has been a slogan for several presidents.

### STOP IT!!!!!!!

**Matthew 22:20-22** And He saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Caesar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

If you live in the USA, whoever is in office is your President. I don't care if you don't like that particular President. It is your responsibility to cover the President in prayer. It doesn't matter which side of the political party aisle the President belongs to.

#### 2. Stop the name-calling.

Racist, Cult, Libertard, Nazi, Democrap, Sheeple... I know I've missed some. This is what Christians are saying about each other. I'm not going into what our leaders (or public servants) are calling each other or what they are being called! These are God's children you are calling names.

#### 3. Stop the judgment.

"You can't be a Christian, and vote \_\_\_\_\_." (Fill in the blank.)

I implore you in the Name of Jesus, to **STOP IT!**

**Matthew 12:36-37** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For from thy words thou shalt be declared righteous, and from thy words thou shalt be declared unrighteous.

**Colossians 3:8** But now you must put aside all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth.

**Romans 14:19** So then, let us pursue what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

There is a lot of hate flying around our leaders. You can't hate someone you are praying for, and you can't speak ill of him or her either. Your heart won't let you. If you are speaking hate toward



someone, you either haven't forgiven them (A REALLY BAD IDEA!), or you are probably praying AGAINST them instead of FOR them.

**4. Quit confessing with your mouth bad things over our leaders! Speak life over them!**

**Proverbs 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

**James 3:13-18** Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

**5. If our leaders are doing wrong, it will come to light. Be aware that the light is bright, evil on all sides will be exposed.**

**Matthew 10:26** Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

**If you continue to pray that God expose a certain person, be prepared to be exposed yourself. You reap what you sow.**

**Luke 7:1-5** "Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, for God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others. Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How dare you say to your brother, 'Please, let me take that speck out of your eye,' when you have a log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**6. Pray FOR others!**

# CHAPTER FOUR

## WHO SHOULD WE FIGHT

### WHO SHOULD WE FIGHT? WHO IS THE TRUE ENEMY?

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

**John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly

### WHAT IS THE PLAN

**Philippians 4:6-8** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

**Here is a great starting place! God WILL HEAL OUR LAND!**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)** If My people who are called by My name will **humble** themselves, and **pray** and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**Humble:** Hebrew, *Kana-* be brought into subjection

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (Barry Moffitt Modern Day Paraphrase)** If the people that I call My people (The Christians) will obey without question My commands (the Words in the Bible), and pray to Me to restore and heal their country, I will do it!

If it is contrary to what the bible says, it is not God's will. So don't ask for that.

Jesus chose us to continue His work in this lost and dying world. Part of that is prayer.

### PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **For kings, and for all that are in authority;** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For **this is good and acceptable** in the sight of God our Saviour; **Who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

It is God's will that our leaders come to know Him. **Pick some out and pray for them by name.** And ask God to show you who else to pray for, as well. Put them on a list and get after it. Friends, bosses, co-workers...

**John 15:16** Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that **ye should go and bring forth fruit**, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.

**Galatians 5:22-23** But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**God is constantly on the lookout to accomplish the matter that He speaks about in the Bible.**

**Jeremiah 1:12 (AMP)** Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it.”

## **GOD IS IN THE BUSINESS OF SAYING YES TO OUR PRAYERS.**

### **1. We have to ask.**

**James 4:2-3 (AMP)** You do not have because you do not ask [it of God]. You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires.

### **2. Make sure that what we are asking for is what God wants for us.**

**1 John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

**How do we know what the will of God is?** First and foremost, it is written in the Word of God, the Bible. It is extremely important to remember that God will never contradict His written Word. **If it contradicts the Word of God, it is NOT His will.** **Philippians 2:13 (WNT)** For it is God Himself whose power creates within you the desire to do His gracious will and also brings about the accomplishment of the desire.

**Psalms 37:4** Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

This does not say that He will give you whatever your little heart desires, it says that He puts in us the things that we need to be desiring (wanting). This happens as we grow and hang out in God's Word. The Holy Spirit will impress on you the directions you need to go. And... **YOU WILL JUST KNOW!**

**Colossians 3:15** And let the **peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

**John 7:17** If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

### **3. Spend some time finding out God's will for a situation.**

Don't just pray, "If it be Thy will."

Rather, ask God, “what is Your will in this situation? What do You want to happen?” If there is no word on it in the Bible, ask for wisdom. God willingly, and happily, dispenses His wisdom and doesn’t get on to you for asking or for being ignorant.

**James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

#### **4. Follow the peace.**

**Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

**Peace:** Greek, *Eirhnh*- a state of national tranquility, exemption from the rage and havoc of war, peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord, security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)

**Rule:** Greek, *Brabeum*- to arbitrate, i.e. to govern (figuratively, prevail):—rule. To act as an umpire.

**Colossians 3:15 (Barry Moffitt Modern Day Paraphrase)** Let the absence of rage and havoc of war replaced by the harmony, security and safety God allows you to have, act as an umpire in your everyday life, making quick yet final decisions with authority.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSE

#### OUR OUTFIT IS UTILIZED FOR OFFENSE AND DEFENSE

**Ephesians 6:11-18 (KJV)** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand**. Stand therefore, having your **loins girt about with truth**, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**; And your **feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: **Praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and **watching thereunto** with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

#### THE OFFENSIVE LINE

**We can lock our shield of God's faithfulness with that of our fellow soldiers and march forward causing the enemy to retreat.**

**Joshua 23:10 (ESV)** One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as He promised you. **Deuteronomy 32:30 (ESV)** How could one have chased a thousand, and two have put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had given them up? Can our country be made whole again? Yes Sir, Yes Ma'am! When we get together and do what God tells us to do, the righteous will win. There will be Christians listening to the devil, but WE DON'T CARE! That's why God multiplies our strength. Even if there are but TWO of us placing ourselves in agreement with God's words and each other.

**Matthew 18:19** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.

**Just imagine what an entire country of like-minded, praying believers can accomplish!**

#### THE DEFENSIVE LINE

##### **Pray for Your Country's Leaders**

**Ephesians 6:16** Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

This shield is a movable piece of armor. It is not just for our own protection. God's faithfulness is so large and so strong that we are able to place our shield in front of both ourselves, and someone who is too weak to protect themselves. We can keep them safe until they are strong enough to stand up on their own and join the fight.

**1 Timothy 2:1-3** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

## CHAPTER SIX

### WHAT DO WE PRAY

We need to pray that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Pray for guidance and wisdom for all leaders. Pray for safety for our leaders.

Pray especially that God direct our leader's hearts.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

**Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will.

This is **not saying** to pray along political party lines. **We are to pray** that our leaders be saved and come to the knowledge of God. If they refuse to change, God will allow them to be removed from leadership. If a politician is doing things contrary to God's Word, on purpose, pray for their salvation. Let God handle them from there. Leaders have a responsibility to their followers. They will answer accordingly.

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

#### PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)** If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Those are not just words. Those are God's own Words! He will heal our land. And, our land needs healing. Political correctness mixed with lack of following God's Word, has started taking over. There are leaders who openly embrace pure evil. There is a devil and there is a spirit of anti-christ in the world today, and he is the opposite of Jesus.

Where Jesus is Love, he is hate. Where Jesus has compassion on all sinners and wants them all to live, the anti-christ wants everyone who doesn't follow him, to die.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### PATHWAYS AND ROADBLOCKS

#### PATHWAYS

God is constantly on the lookout to accomplish the matter that He speaks about in the Bible.

**Jeremiah 1:12 (AMP)** Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it.”

Jesus Himself gave us an outline:

#### **The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Matthew 6:9-13** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### **Our Father which art in heaven hallowed be Thy name:**

“Hallowed Be Thy Name” is a term of praise and worship. When the Israelites went into battle, the tribe of Judah always went first. Judah was the tribe of praise. So when we approach our Father in prayer, first off, it should be in praise and worship.

#### **Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:**

What are you praying about? God’s Will can be found in His word, which is the scripture or the Bible. It will also be found in the Peace in your Christ-ruled heart.

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall **My word** be that **goeth forth out of My mouth**: it shall not return unto Me void, but it **shall accomplish** that which I please, and it shall prosper in the **thing whereto I sent it**.

So then, if we know what the Bible says about something, we can **pray that scripture back to God** knowing that it is His will and that He will make it happen, because we’ve asked in the **authority of Jesus’ name**.

#### **Give us this day our daily bread:**

**Don’t WORRY about the everyday bills!** There is a big difference in planning ahead and worrying yourself to death about something.

**Matthew 6:25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment (clothing)?



**Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors:**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Mark 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

**Matthew 6:15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**Psalms 37:23** The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Always end in thanks and praise.

**Luke 10:2** Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: **pray ye** therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**ROADBLOCKS**

Do your prayers for our country and especially for your leaders bring peace, or anger?

If you are still angry then you are still in unforgiveness with that person. Once you forgive, you will have peace.

**Mark 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

**Matthew 6:15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Did someone hurt your feelings? Well they crucified Jesus! So just buck it up!**

**Luke 6:27-35** But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not *to take thy*

coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

**Luke 6:35-36** But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

## DO NOT JUDGE

**Luke 6:37** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. **For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

## JUST GET ALONG!

**2 Corinthians 12:20 (NLT)** For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior.

**Don't say you love, or forgive and still say ugly or nasty things about anyone. That shows that you are double minded and are not authentic.**

**James 3:10-11** Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet [water] and bitter?

**James 1:8 (NLT)** Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

**Matthew 24:10** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

We are quickly approaching the return of Jesus, and there will be an uptake in both good and evil works.

**So, if you say "Thus sayeth the Lord..." You'd better be really sure that it lines up with God's Word and that your own beliefs line up with God's Word as well!**

**Acts 19:13-16 (NLT)** A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

**Isaiah 5:20** Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

**Proverbs 4:24 (ISV)** Never talk deceptively and don't keep company with people whose speech is corrupt.

**PUT A STOP TO ALL OF THE INFIGHTING.**

**James 3:16** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together except they be agreed?

**Let's all find a place of agreement and get to work! We will win!**

**Romans 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### PRAYER AND SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

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This is an outline for prayer for our elected and appointed officials. Pick some out and pray for them by name, regularly! I've included some supporting scriptures. God's Word will not return to Him as empty noise!

#### PRAYER

Father I come boldly into Your throne room of grace (a) and I thank you for your blessing on me and on our country. As I stand before you Father, I humbly forgive \_\_\_\_\_ and I ask Your forgiveness for them as well. Thank You for forgiving them, and me.(b)

Father as I purpose to follow You I ask you to heal our country! (c) And I thank you for doing so!

I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that as their heart is in the Your hand, You will, as the rivers of water, turn it the direction that You want it to go.(d)

I pray Father that perfect laborers be sent across the path of \_\_\_\_\_ to teach and to guide them and to show them the way of salvation.

In the Name of Jesus and by the authority given me by that Name,(f) I hereby stand between the devil and \_\_\_\_\_ and proclaim that the devil will no longer blind their eyes to the light of the glorious gospel.(g)

I hereby set myself in agreement with other believers around our country that this is done (h) and I thank you Father that you hear me and your answer is yes!(i)

In Jesus mighty name, Amen

#### SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

**(a)Ephesians 3:12 (BSB)** In Him and through faith in Him we may enter God's presence with boldness and confidence.

**(a)(b)Hebrews 10:16-19** This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (b)And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. (a)

**(b)Mark 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

**(b)Matthew 6:15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**(c) 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)** If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **(d)1 Timothy 2:1-4** I exhort therefore, that, **first of all,**

supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **For kings, and for all that are in authority;** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

**(d) Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will.

**(e) Luke 10:2** Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: **pray ye** therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

**(f) Philippians 2:9-11 (GNT)** For this reason God raised Him to the highest place above and gave Him the **name** that is **greater than any other name.** And so, in honor of the **name of Jesus** all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, **and all** will openly proclaim that **Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

**(g) 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**(h) Matthew 18:19** Again I say unto you, **That if two of you shall agree** on earth as **touching any thing** that they **shall ask,** it **shall be done** for them of My Father which is in heaven.

**(i) 1 John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing **according to His will,** He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

**James 5:16 (NLV)** Tell your sins to each other. And pray for each other so you may be healed. The prayer from the heart of a man right with God has much power.

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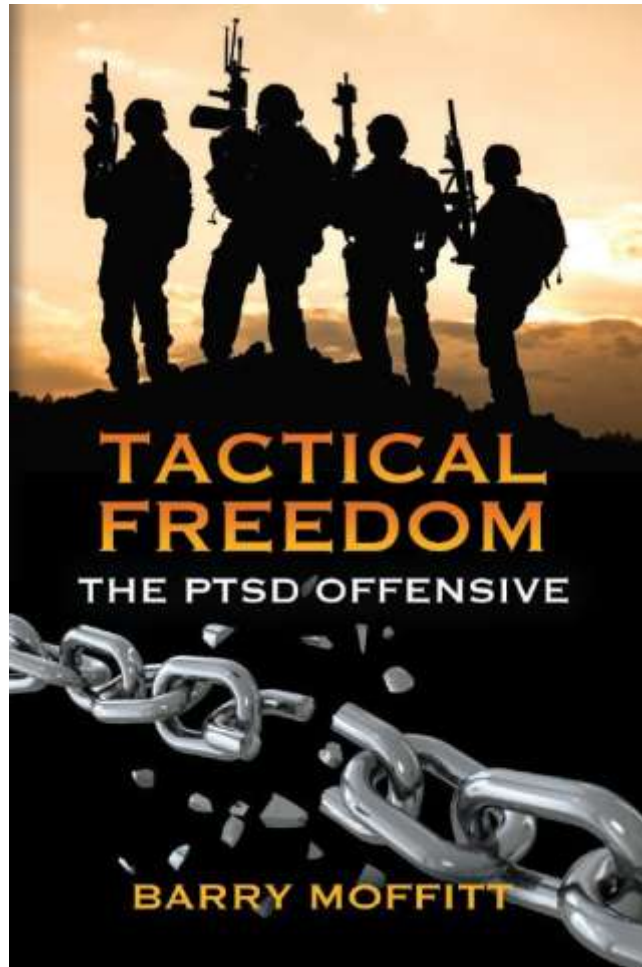
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