



0.3 THE POWER PRINCIPLE

THE POWER PRINCIPLE (#2): Prayer is the indispensable source of God's power and wisdom in each _____ of church planting.

1, Prayer leads us to intimacy with Christ.

- Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians. 3:7-11).

2. Prayer puts us in touch with Christ's vision and plan for His church.

- "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" (Joshua 5:13 - 15).

3. Prayer opens a door for the gospel.

- Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should (Colossians 4:2-4, emphasis added).

4. Prayer is the key to God's provision for church planting's many needs.

- "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew. 9:38).