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Pray for Someone else: Become an "Intercessor"

Topic: God has a special place in his heart for people that put others FIRST. As a matter of fact, God will meet your needs just because you allowed yourself to be concerned with others around you. When you pray for the needs of someone else, it is a prayer of "intercession." Nothing turns God on more or brings more unity to your life and (to others) than this super-natural activity! If you will pray in this matter, you enter into a very special contract with God.

Scripture Text: John 15:7

"...let

them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, **and pray one for another**, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

- A. The needs of our team our great. Our individual needs of extremely important. Nothing unites a group of men like interceding in prayer for a common purpose.
- B. One great advantage that intercession helps with is selfishness does not tend to inter in to our prayer when others are united with us. Intercession, alone or with a group becomes a very "pure" undertaking.
- C. The purpose of this type of praying (intercession) in very clear: to save (destructive, harmful behavior), to raise a person up (give them HOPE) & to turn them towards God so that they may be forgiven (Restored)!
- D. Intercession does some incredible things for the person(s) interceding!
 - 1. we acquaint ourselves more with the mission (desires) of God,
 - 2. it keeps humble,
 - 3. it allows us to see others like God see them (greater tolerance teammates),
 - 4. we become more aware of how we may be offending others...and the list goes on.
- E. IF WE'RE INTERCEDING, OUR TEAM WILL COME INTO UNTIY & ONENESS!
WORKING HERE, WORKING TOGETHER WILL BE A JOY!
- F. Prayer brings fellowship with God, fellowship with God brings love for each other, love for each other brings greatness to us all. I WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN MYSELF.