

Building a Prayer Shield

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Introduction

The Value of a Shield

- (ie) Jack Hayford story
- (ie) Former-Church story
- (ie) Pastor's Bob & Ted - shot
- (ie) Letters to Peter Wagner

I. What a Prayer Shield Will Not Do

- Does not prevent all attacks, temptations, or afflictions
- Does not preclude the chastening of the Lord
- Does not prevent all sickness, trouble, accidents, storms, set backs, deaths.

II. What Is a Prayer Shield?

- A Shield of God's Presence - Ps 22:3
- A Shield of God's Protection - Ps 34: and Psalm 91
- A Shield of God's Power and Victory - Exodus 17:8-16 Moses, Aaron, Hur

III. How To Build a Prayer Shield?

There are at least three levels in which prayer shields should be built.

1. Spouses and Households (your castle)

Husbands should pray with, for, and over their wives.
Husbands should pray with, for, and over their children.
Husbands should pray with, in, and through their houses.

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2. Sanctuary (the church)

This place is consecrated to God
This place is a house of prayer for all peoples
This place is a place of holy presence.

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3. Servants of God

Servants are on the front lines
Servants are Satan's special targets
Servants need helpers (not a one man show)

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Practical Application

- Early Prayer in Sanctuary - (fumigated) - rooster and owls
- Worship Shield - plugged in (perfumed) - sacrifice
- Body Guards - pastoral defense team (protected) -

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Pastoral Defense Team

Three strong men - not easily broken (holding the ropes)

Each pastor has a prayer team behind the scenes

- AM & PM bedside
- Every Meal Prayers
- One hour each week

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How Will You Make A Difference?



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Isaiah 59:16

He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.