

FIND A PRAYER PARTNER

When God created man he said, *“It is not good that man should be alone.”* There are times to be alone and there are times to be with other people. Praying with a prayer partner is one of those special times in our lives when the Lord is very present. Jesus often prayed with Peter, James and John. There had a prayer partnership. Later we see Peter and John going to the Temple together at the hour of prayer. Two walked together on the road to Emmaus and their hearts burned within them as the Lord joined in their conversation.

Matthew 18:19-20

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. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Malachi 3:16

God even keeps a record of those who often speak one to another of Him. *Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.*

How To Choose A Prayer Partner

1. Someone of the same gender (male, or female).
2. Someone with whom you enjoy fellowship and sharing.
3. Someone with a “kindred spirit.”
4. Someone who is spiritually mature.
5. Someone faithful who will keep the appointment.
6. Someone with whom you can confide confidentially.
7. Someone who needs you, as much as you need him/her.
8. Someone you trust implicitly.

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ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER

The purpose of accountability is *“To each day become more Christ-like in all of your ways.”* Remember it is Jesus who is the object of our search, our devotion, our sacrifice, and our affection. Anything less than intimacy with the living Lord will be a pallid achievement of your time together. Usually accountability is with one or two others, but no more. *“A three-fold cord is not easily broken.”*

Suggested Guidelines:

1. Try to ensure each person gets equal “air time.” However, if one of you has a particular hard struggle one week, be flexible enough to focus on that issue even if it takes an hour.
2. Let each person work through a section at a time, then let the other(s) answer. This will keep things moving better. In a one-hour meeting each has 15 minutes to share, then pray a minimum 15 minutes.
3. Don’t get bogged down on the questions and neglect the prayer time. Focus on praying for and with one another.

Questions to Start Off the Meeting:

1. How has God blessed you this week? (What went right?)
2. What problem has consumed your thoughts this week? (What went wrong?)
3. Has any temptation overcome you?

Spiritual Life

1. Have you read God’s Word every day? (If not, why not?)
2. Describe your prayer life. (Is it regular, consistent, rewarding? Is God answering your prayers? What are you believing God to do? Be specific.)
3. How is your relationship with Christ changing? (Is anything stagnate?)
4. Did you really worship in church this week? Was your faith stimulated, challenged, strengthened? Was God pleased with your worship?
5. Have you shared your faith this week? With whom and in what way? How can you improve?

Critical Concerns

1. Are you in the center of God’s will right now? Do you sense God’s presence? His peace? His anointing on your life and ministry?
2. What are you wrestling with in your thought life? (Be honest, specific, real.)
3. Is your ethical behavior what it should be? Have you told little white lies, skirted the truth, cheated a little, or compromised your standards in any way?
4. Are your priorities in the right order? What are they? Are you tithing? Serving in a ministry? Sacrificing? Are you discipling or mentoring anyone?
5. What is happening in your marriage and family? Struggles? Failures? Do you have devotions with your spouse? Your family? (If not, why not?)

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