

Book of Acts Church Core Ministries

Prayer Ministry Seminar

Prayer Ministry Seminar Objectives: Apostolic Power!

The power arm of the church!

- **Elevate and emphasize the importance and power of prayer.**
- **Plan and develop a more organized and powerful Prayer Ministry in the church** (involving every member).
- **Identify the value and need for prayer teams including those built around common needs.**
- **Teach basic prayer principles.**

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Primary Seminar Subjects:

- **Talking to God:**
 - **A Balanced and Effective Prayer Life:** Relationship Prayers (upward focus) Transformation Prayers (inward focus), Dominion Prayers (outward focus).
 - **Praying in the Spirit and Praying with the Understanding.**
- **God Talking to us -- Hearing the Voice of God.**

Optional Subjects:

- **When the Answer to Prayer is Denied or Delayed.**
- **Burdens: The Driving Force for Fervent and Effective Prayer.**
- **A session with parents, Sunday school teachers and others: "How to teach children and new converts to pray."**
There is no greater gift that we can impart to our children (natural and spiritual), to ensure their success in this life and inheritance of eternal life.
- **Organization structures, processes, and teams.**

Note: The seminar agenda will be developed with the hosting pastor's input regarding dates, times, topics, and any additional speakers.

Media Provided for the Seminar

Media Resource	Media provided for the Prayer Seminar	Comments
Book	A Balanced and Effective Prayer Life	A free e-copy of this book may be downloaded from the website.
Syllabus	Prayer Seminar draft syllabus Provide everyone a printed or e-copy	Changes unique to each church will be made and the updated document will be available on-line for downloading.
Charts	PowerPoint charts for the seminar	All PowerPoint charts may be downloaded from the website.

Isaiah’s vision recorded in chapter 6 identifies the three significant elements or focuses of a balanced and effective life:

- (1) An **upward vision** of God: *“I saw the Lord high and lifted up”* (need for a renewed **relationship**).
- (2) An **inward vision** of himself: *“Woe is me, I am undone, I am a man of unclean lips”* (need for repentance, and **transformation**).
- (3) An **outward vision** of the world: *“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”*
Using our dominion role in answering God’s call to minister to the needs of the world. May our response be that of Isaiah: *“Here am I send me.”*

A balanced and effective prayer life will include the following basic components:

- **Relationship prayers:**
Thanksgiving, praise, worship, petitions for personal needs, etc.
- **Transformation prayers** (change me):
Repenting and emptying of self to be filled with more of God. Less of our will, mind and emotions (*limited human love*) and more of God’s will, mind, and agape love.
- **Dominion prayers** (dominion over Satan and sickness):
 - Intercessory Prayer: Standing between God and man, interceding for our lost neighbors, city, and world.
 - Spiritual Warfare: Standing between Satan and man and binding the demonic powers that have caused bondage and blindness.
 - Praying into fruition the prophecies concerning the restoration of apostolic ministry recorded in the book of Acts: *“The Lord working with them confirming the Word with signs following.”*
- **Praying in the Spirit and Praying with the Understanding.**

Refer to the overview charts on the following page.

Chart 1

A Balanced & Effective Prayer Life

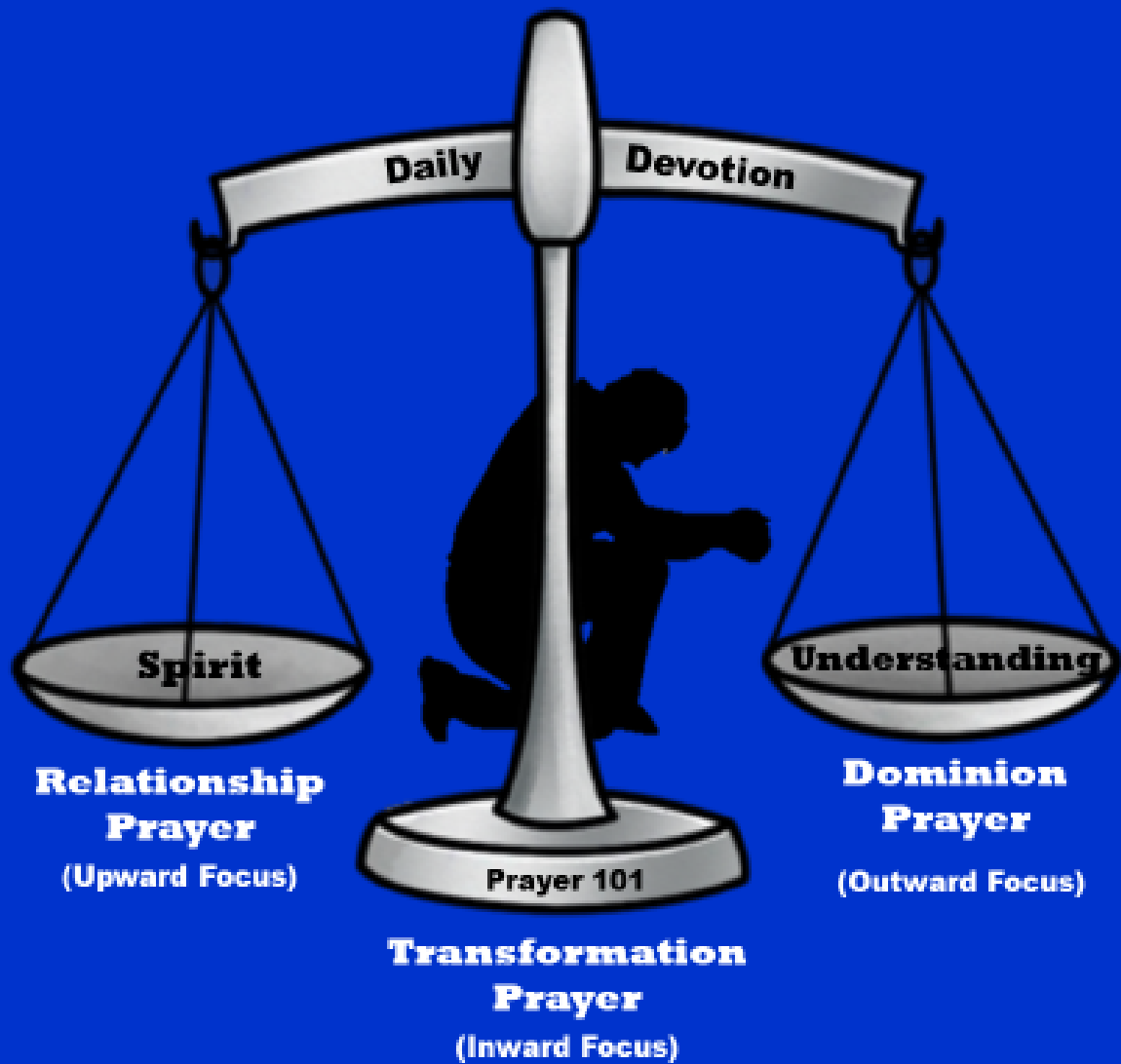


Chart 2

Isaiah's vision, recorded in Isaiah Chapter 6, illustrates the three significant elements included in a balanced and effective prayer life:

- (1) Relationship prayers: an **upward** vision of God (the need for a renewed and elevated relationship).
- (2) Transformation prayers: an **inward** vision of himself (the need for repentance and transformation).
- (3) Dominion prayers: an **outward** vision of the world (answering God's call to pray for and minister to the needs of the world).

