

## Power Through Prayer

Some years ago Leonard Ravenhill gave a message entitled:  
“No man is greater than his prayer life”

It is my suggestion that prayer is primarily the response of an adoring heart in worship, laying before the Father the hurts, feelings, delights, desires of the heart in fellowship with God. When such is the case, it is not a chore to be done, but the place of communion when one speaks, and then listening hears the voice of the Shepherd. It is so very often that when in such communion deepest convictions come, new understandings are granted, and burdens are intensified. It is when in true communion with Father that life and perspectives are changed, the rebel's will is broken, and the heart of the child is warmed. The King wrote that which could be the words of the Lord to His own: “Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice” (Song of Sol. 2:14). When we fail to have Holy Spirit communion with Father then dark are the results. I ask the question: “Could the lack of Holy Spirit power in church gatherings be the result of lack of deep communion with God?”

One has well said:

The pastor who is not praying is playing  
The people who are not praying are straying  
The church has many organizers but few agonizers  
Many players and payers, but few prayers  
Many singers, few clingers  
Lots of pastors but few wrestlers  
Many fears but few tears  
Much fashion but little passion  
Many interferers, few intercessors.

The secret of praying is praying in secret.  
A sinning man will stop praying and  
A praying man will stop sinning.  
Prayers if profoundly simple, are simply profound.

... Rowan Jennings

