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### A Passion Of Prayer

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If only the Church of Christ could be impelled to prayer, today's crisis would be met. If only the people of God could be baptized into a passion of prayer, spiritual life and power would quicken, miracles would return, and multitudes would be added unto the Lord!

Why do we not set ourselves to prayer? The remedy is sure and simple; the need is urgent and acknowledged. Why is it so slow in getting to work? What could be simpler than that? And yet the Scriptures speak of it as toil and labor.

Prayer taxes all the resources of mind and heart. Jesus Christ wrought many mighty works without any sign of effort. There was in His marvelous works the ease of omnipotence, but of His prayers it is said, He "offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears" (Heb. 5:7).

There was no strain in healing diseases, raising the dead, and stilling the tempest; but in prayer there was agony and the sweat of blood.

Prayer is conflict...all who have shared His intercession have found it a travail of anguish. Great saints have always been mighty in prayer, and their triumphs have always been the outcome of pain. They wrestled in agony with breaking hearts and weeping eyes, until they were assured they had prevailed. They spent cold winter nights in prayer. They lay on the ground weeping, pleading and came out of the conflict physically spent, but spiritually victorious.

They wrestled with principalities and powers, contended with the world rulers of Satan's kingdom, and grappled with spiritual foes in the heavenly sphere. A lost art! (Eph. 6:10-18).

Today, in the fellowship of believers, there is little power in prayer. There is a marked absence of travail. There is much phrasing, but little pleading. Prayer is no longer a passion!

The powerlessness of the Church has no other explanation. The counselors of the Church need seek no other cause. To be prayerless is to be both passionless and powerless.

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**toil and labor!** How dare you say prayer is a hard work! it can't be its all by grace brother! .. But Oh how we err at this point, there is a whole generation of Christians that are weak kneed, undisciplined, "jellyfish's" as one minister kindly put it ! we need to strengthen those feeble knees and perservere on our knees. Why are we scared of pain of suffering? Let us press through this mortal layers of wordliness, flesh and the devil and come into true spiritual reality with our Lord Jesus Christ in the heavenlies!

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Dying daily but giving life! hence the life and example of the apostles of the faith. Have you ever had a time of laying down before the Lord in intercession till your bodily frame became exhausted but you knew that there was a spiritual release and breakthrough?

"To be prayerless is to be both passionless and powerless." let us seek no other ministry then this paramount ministry, let us seek it with all our volition and will till we become enraptured and consumed with the call to pray, nothing else impacts eternity more directly and nothing else makes any sense in our modern day church with everything buzzing except for the prayer rooms.