

Pastor Craig's Itinerary...



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Remember that we continue to pray for each of you, our partners. We would love to know how you have been blessed, specifically through our ministry. Feel free to contact us through any of the information listed below. May God bless and refresh you today! We now have office hours! Contact Karen on Thursdays and Fridays by phone at 1-8777-8777-87 ext. 22



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The Times of Refreshing

From Pastor Craig's Desk...

Dear partners,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you!" That's what Paul said in Philippians 1:3 when he opened his letter to the Philippian church. He goes on to say he is praying for them all and there is great joy in his requests to God for them!

This is the only one of all his letters to the churches that he connects joy with his opening prayer for that church. I'm pretty sure the reason is in the next verse: "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now..." The same word fellowship is elsewhere in the New Testament translated "partnership!"

I believe Paul was encouraged and refreshed by the Philippians' partnership with him and his ministry. It was the only church which had obviously set up some sort of support structure to help Paul with his ministry expenses. (See Philippians 4:15.)

No wonder he prayed for them with joy! He knew they believed in him and what God had called him to do and they proved it with their finances.

What a blessing it is to me to have the support of each one of you! I find that when I pray for you there's a sense of "these people really believe in this ministry" that brings great joy to my heart!

You may think that sounds funny but there are many times in ministry when a pastor feels like he is walking alone. He is pressing into what he believes God has told him, but he's the only one who sees it at the time. And on top of trying to overcome his own inadequacies and weaknesses, he has to ward off attacks from the enemy against any progress he makes.

This sounds like a recipe for disaster! And in the natural, it probably is. But it is in these times that I am most grateful for those of you who have chosen to walk with me and Times of Refreshing and you prove it with your willingness to pray and give financially.

Even the Lord looks at this kind of support and takes special note of it. Paul goes on to say in Philippians 4:17 and 18 that though he appreciates

the financial gift, that ultimately it is not what he is looking at, but at "the fruit that abounds to their account." Wow! He says that they have an account! Think about that.

An account is, in the simplest of terms, a record of deposits and withdrawals. God keeps a record of our deposits and withdrawals! Paul says that their gift produced "fruit that abounds" to their account. Wouldn't you love to have a bank account that abounds!

He continues in verse 18 and he says their gift is a "sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, and well pleasing to God." Paul is obviously aware of the spiritual impact that the giving of finances makes.

God loves sacrifices because there is a little cord that goes right from the sacrifice in the hand to the giver's heart! I learned years ago that God doesn't measure in amount, He measures in percent. The story of the widow's two mites illustrates this well enough. (See Mark 12:41-44.)

In Philippians 4:19, Paul finishes his letter with an encouragement that "God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory..." I believe he is telling them here they can and should make withdrawals from their abounding account!

When was the last time that you took out a piece of paper and wrote down what monthly need? Years ago, I heard Brother Copeland say that he and his wife, Gloria, had learned to write out their monthly expenses on a piece of paper as a covenant, and take it to God like they would a wealthy businessman who had promised to support them. He said that they would write out Philippians 4:19 as part of the covenant and then they would both sign it at the bottom as though it were a legal contract.

Anne and I did the same thing about twelve years ago

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Pastor Craig Buroker

The Times of Refreshing is designed to keep our partners up to date on what is happening in our ministry, Times of Refreshing.

We are confident you will find this a valuable source of information providing regular contact from the show host, Craig Buroker, a sneak preview about what is next on the show, and our latest product available.

We feel that God is using our ministry to impact this nation both as an oasis of God's presence to its viewers and as a trumpet call to Canada's church.

It is important for our partners to stay informed, and that is why we've started The Times. If you would like to write to us, see our contact information on the back of the newsletter. We love to hear from our partners!

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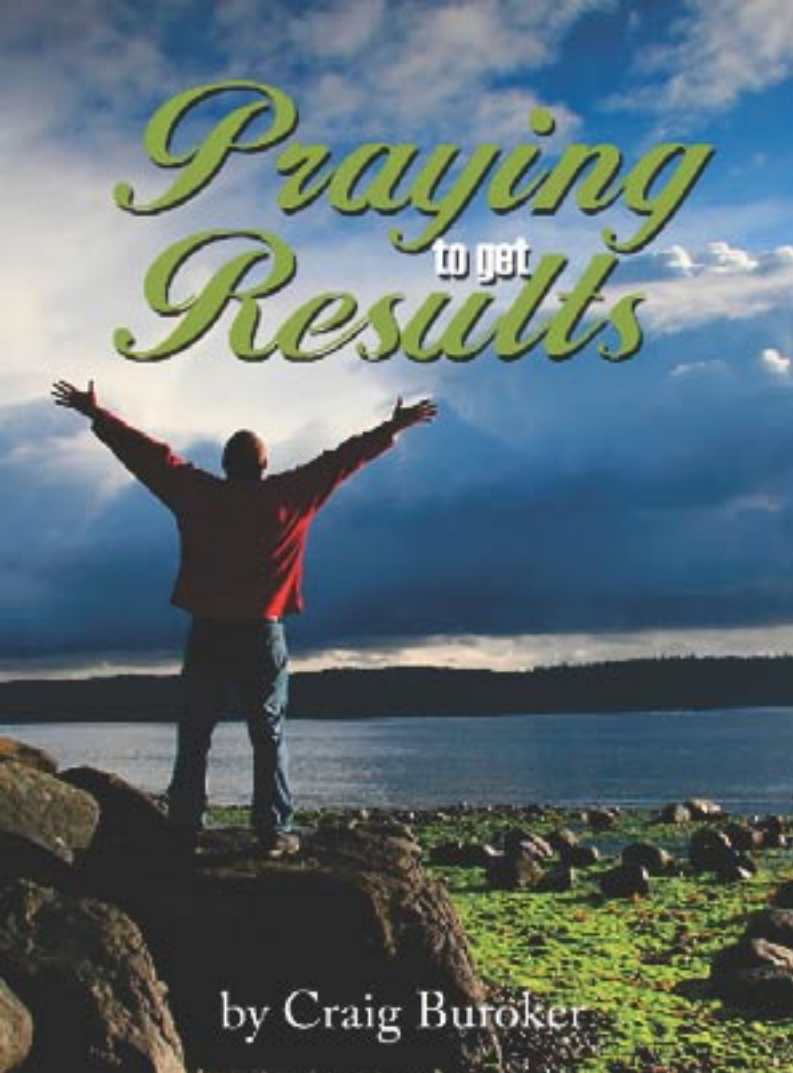
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Praying to Get Results... excerpts from the series

Every great name in Christianity claims that prayer is vital, but until you come to the conclusion you need it, it won't be for you.

There was a point in my ministry when, for three years in a row, life was hard. It was hard in the church, and it kept getting harder. I had no idea what to do or what to change. I finally came to an ultimatum with God and said, "Something's gotta change!" He responded like He had been waiting for me and said, "Okay, spend every morning with Me."

Every morning! The whole morning! I ran out of things to pray and ways to pray on the very first day. How was I going to continue? I needed some answers from God. Praise God, He was faithful to give me some!

I was reading Jeremiah 29:11-14, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord."

Notice in the first part of those verses that God thinks well towards us. He's on our side! Despite any circumstantial evidence, God says, "My heart for you is all good!" It is on this basis alone that we can believe the next part of Jeremiah 29, "Then you will ... pray to Me, and I will listen to you." If we don't believe His thoughts are good towards us, we don't have any reason to believe He will listen when we call on Him, or answer our prayers.

There are two ways to approach God in prayer and they are both mentioned in this passage.

Call Upon Me...

Verse 12 says, "Call upon Me... and I will listen to you." I call this kind of praying, business prayer. It's the kind of prayer when we come to God with our lists. It is where we say, "Father, I need this..." Business prayer involves supplication and intercession.

The Bible says He knows what we want and need even before we ask, but we still have to ask! James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask." God likes to be involved in our prayer process. Too often we think we're just supposed to get things by faith, but God likes to be asked!

Here are a couple of key points to remember. First, when it comes to business prayer, you cannot underestimate the power of praying in tongues! Tongues is God's head-bypass system. When we pray in tongues, Romans 8:26-27 says the Spirit prays through us, and we're automatically praying according to God's will!

Second, pray from a posture of thanksgiving, of spiritual expectancy, a posture of faith. Thanksgiving activates the spirit of faith. This one tool will revolutionize your effectiveness in prayer.

Seek Me...

The second kind of praying is fellowship prayer. Jeremiah 29:13 says, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." This is the kind of prayer when we come to God with our love and worship. Fellowship prayer involves being quiet in His presence and waiting on the Lord.

Because we're busy, this is the harder kind of prayer to employ, but all it takes to start is a desire to know Him. The rewards of intimacy with God are unbelievable, but we must learn to wait. Don't think or pray, just sit and wait.

When we seek or wait on God, we experience His closeness. There is a timely process in learning to wait, but it's out of this kind of prayer God begins to act for us. (Isaiah 64:4.) It's out of fellowship prayer that we will see our business prayers answered!

How Do You Start?

First, ask God for a hunger for His presence. A great prayer for this is found in Psalm 63. Make it your prayer. Next, pick a prayer time. I recommend the morning. Then start praying! Start with 15 minutes each morning, and increase the time you pray as it becomes easier.

Divide your time between business and fellowship prayer. During your business times, bring your requests before Him and the scriptures or confessions you want to pray regularly. For your fellowship prayer you can choose something like praise and worship, or just sitting quietly in His presence, and being attentive to His voice.

God says He will listen to your prayers, and be found by you.

Building a Prayer Shield...

We want to thank our prayer shield for being so faithful to pray for us. Your prayers aid us greatly in successfully doing what God has put in our hearts. Our effectiveness as a ministry and Pastor Craig's effectiveness as a minister depend greatly on the prayers of our partners.



If you would like to join our prayer shield, please contact our office by E-mail at: info@timesofrefreshing.ca

We try to send each of our pray-ers a monthly prayer bulletin that keeps you up to date on where to direct your prayers each month.

If you do not have E-mail and still would like to be a part of our prayer shield, we can send you monthly prayer bulletins by mail. Contact our office at 1-8777-8777-87 ext. 22.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Craig and his family: for health, strength and protection from the enemy. Pray for the anointing to leave a deposit in each church where he ministers, and each living room where Times of Refreshing is viewed.

Pray for those involved in the Times of Refreshing ministry, both the people in administration, and our fellow partners across the country. We so appreciate each one of you and your labours for us and this ministry.

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and we were amazed to find out that it worked! We had to stand in faith and believe that His Word was true just like we had to before that time, but that contract became a point of contact for our faith.

We recently did this again last January for both ourselves and our church. It is interesting to me that within days of praying that covenant as a couple, God brought us a financial opportunity that was completely unexpected, but one that is developing into a great blessing for us! I encourage you, too, to write out your need and take it to the Lord and begin withdrawing from your heavenly bank account by faith.

I believe that financial blessings are beginning to open up for the body of Christ. God is trying to bring us new areas of blessing and we should be looking actively for opportunities that God may want

to use to bless us! I believe we need to be asking the Lord about this and expecting it to come.

Is there an area where God is leading you to invest? To start something new that could yield a return? If nothing else, ask Him for "seed for the sower" (that's you!) and then seek Him as to where to sow it. I believe blessing will rain down from heaven, but not as much as I believe heaven's blessing is going to rain on what we have put our hand to!

It's time for the blessing of the Lord to rest upon the land of the righteous! I am standing in faith with each of you for His blessing upon your well pleasing sacrifices to Him, your abounding account. Now is the time for us to consciously make some withdrawals!

Pastor Craig



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