

Dr. Curtis Sergeant, trainer of those who want to multiply disciples will discuss prayer, intentional conversations, and sharing your testimony. He trained a man named Ying Kai, who managed to start a disciple making movement that led to 1.7 million baptized believers.

- HOW IMPORTANT IS PRAYER?
 - **We need to become People of Prayer**
 - Ying Kai
 - In the Beginning: Ying Kai showed very little potential. Monthly report then indicated 8 churches started in 1st month, 16 churches in 2nd month. Month after month he doubled the number of churches.
 - Things that Helped: Wife assisted with follow-ups, Ying was a hard worker and trained prolifically.
 - Set Apart: One characteristic that set him apart was prayer life. He had big callouses on his knees & deep grooves in wood floor because every morning he would pray for 3 hours before he set foot outside to start ministering. He was unassuming and not attractive but God knew him and honored him.
 - In Movements of significant size, every one spent at least an hour a day in prayer. It's hard to over-estimate prayer.
 - Example: This past week, Curtis was mentoring man started a Disciple Making Movement 4 years ago. Today over 10,000 churches & 200,000 professions of faith in a difficult environment. He was a man of prayer of 2 hrs a day. All leaders & members regular practicing fasting and prayer. 24 hr a day prayer chains/prayer and fasting. 365 days a year. Prayer walks and marches. Prayer saturated at personal and corporate levels.
 - This is typical of large growing movements. Prayer is the cornerstone of the movement we want to see.
 - Aspects of prayer
 - Many prayer meetings are spent praying for sick & emotional needs. This is fine & appropriate. We forget other aspects like praising, thanking, confessing.
 - Most important is listening prayer. We should spend at least as much time in listening as speaking. It is spiritual breathing. Hearing from God through prayer is breathing in. He is constantly speaking but we are not always listening. Breathing out is applying what He tells us and sharing with others.
 - Prayer Tools
 - Prayer Wheel: Takes an hour. 12 - 5min segments. Great tool to develop a greater capacity for prayer.
 - Tools available on www.moredisciples.com
 - **We need to mobilize people to pray**
 - Also important to realize not to just be praying FOR the movement but also IN the movement. Fruit needs to be people of prayer.
 - So many uses of prayers
 - Teaching through prayer - Jesus raising Lazarus from dead. Father thank you for hearing me but I say for benefit of those listening...
 - He shared the character and nature of God by how He prays in public
 - Evangelistic tool - easiest most fruitful thing is praying for people, prayer walking and it's a natural way to start spiritual conversation.
- INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS
 - **How do I turn casual conversations into intentional ones & engage lost people?**
 - Prayer walking, pray without ceasing. Be aware of Him, redeem what He has given, be a good steward with opportunities for the kingdom.
 - While prayer walking, approach those nearby and tell them you're praying for the community and ask how you can pray for them or the community. Whatever they answer, pray for that thing right there.

- Prayer Acrostic: B.L.E.S.S. B - body, L - labor, E - economic/emotional health S - social S - spiritual.
 - Ask them, would you mind if I pray for you about that? Don't pray later, pray right there. God will use that to touch people. People not accustomed to having others that aren't their close friends or relatives expressing interest in them. Opens other opportunities for further conversations and engagement
 - Make a list of people in circle of influence: friends, fam, classmates, coworkers. We tend to hang with other Christians. May be people that already know the Lord but doesn't mean we can't be a blessing.
 - Help instruct them in prayer
 - Invite for prayer walking
 - Intro to prayer wheel
 - Something related to prayer
 - Helps mobilize others to be prayerful
- SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY
 - **We must redeem opportunities and be better stewards of what He gives us**
 - 3 stories
 - Theirs - What speaks to them? Values, fears. Are they a believer, an atheist? Good to know where they are so you can help them take the next step
 - Atheist – "I find that really interesting that you're an atheist. Can you tell me more about the god you don't believe in?" Leads to instructive conversation and 90% of the time we can tell them, "I agree completely. I'm an atheist about the god you described but can I tell you about the God I know & believe in because He's different."
 - Mine – Share your testimony
 - His – Share who He really is
- QUESTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS
 - **I want to pray more but there are urgent needs around me. How do I handle this?**
 - Importance vs Urgency dilemma - don't always overlap, how do we prioritize?
 - Reframe thinking - realize when we live in this way (of constant prayer) and attitude that gives us an opportunity to address the urgent issues.
 - If you have a fulltime job, that time can still be redeemed in prayer/walking in spirit, living for kingdom and every aspect of our lives. We shouldn't view it as prayer OR ministry but prayer IS the ministry.
 - **People may read great commission and understand it's a command for the whole church but do people hear about Ying Kai doing 3 hours in prayer and feel that is a hero of faith & wonder if they can be that great?**
 - Duckling Discipleship
 - You don't have to be a hero but person willing to step. Ying didn't start Christian life by praying 3 hrs a day but got there over years. Like a duckling in a family of ducks...the mother duck is out front and ducklings single file. Each following the one in front.
 - Don't have to be a mature duck but one step ahead. This is what disciple making like. Paul said, "...follow me as I follow Christ." The Idea that you must be mature before you can reproduce is not accurate because we mature by reproducing. We can be investing in the one right behind us. Model for them, share tools
 - Doug – We have a tendency to wait and we have retarded growth of church. Even greatest hero can learn. Even greatest can lead.
 - **How do we convince a deeply investment to understand the priesthood of all believers?**
 - Listening prayer - go to moredisciples.com
 - Go around and split in pairs & interview partner & introduce them to group.
 - Go around circle 2nd time, spend 5 minutes in silent prayer and ask God how He would introduce your partner. Then go around & introduce everyone again.

- There is a dramatic difference. People are shocked that they can ask God specifically and hear from him. What a difference it makes in how they see things & people. Exercise is very transformational.
 - How can we learn to recognize God's voice vs others, our thoughts, voice of enemy. Then talk about principles.
- 3 legged stool –
 - 3 legs must be equal length and must be 3
 - Knowledge - of God's word & will
 - Obedience - application of knowledge
 - Faithfulness - in passing on to others
 - Clear Biblical case that these 3 are important
 - We often spend time on maturity instead of faithfulness. But faithfulness results in maturity because He invests more in those that are faithful in what He gave them...like the Parable of talents. Path to maturing is being faithful by obeying what the lord has shown us and sharing with others.
 - Dual accountability – apply and pass it on
- Orthodoxy vs Orthopraxy
 - Orthodoxy – To believe - important but by itself not effective. Satan knows scripture
 - Orthopraxy – To practice - us obeying and passing on to others.
- Economic terms - what I have vs what you have.
 - Earthly Economy - I have goods, expertise, or work capacity & you need that so you pay me.
 - Spiritual economy we profit by giving away what we have
 - Matt 10, Luke 12, Parable of Talents, 2 Tim 2:2
- Not a matter of legalism but is the highest expression of love for one another. If I am not holding you accountable to apply what God has told you & share then I am saying I don't care at all about your growth. But we see very little of this accountability in churches. No wonder we are a generation of immature believers. Never had this kind of accountability so God is not investing more in us because we aren't being faithful in what He's given us.
- **In a Discovery Bible Study, how do we suggest that we make sure they pick up instruction they missed?**
 - Best practice for this is when they come, help them start new group instead of adding to existing group.
 - Otherwise, have concepts/ basics in ready in a package that can be delivered in 10 weeks. If someone has to be added to group and not familiar, run them through the series to make sure basics are covered. (i.e. 7 basic commands of Christ or similar).
- **How do we communicate to church made up of people that don't apply but only listen?**
 - Leaders are leading how they were shown/trained. Followers doing what has been asked. But haven't been asked to do the right things. Invest in those doing something with what you're giving them.