



Protection, Direction, and Revelation

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Three Kingdom-Advancing Prayers

From the beginning of the College of Prayer 22 years ago we have been praying three strategic prayers, asking Christ for protection, direction, and revelation. In this Kingdom Leadership Podcast, I want to explain why.

- **Protection**

"I love you, o Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from enemies." Psalm 18:1-3

Because the devil loses ground so rapidly during a College of Prayer Module, it is advantageous to pray preemptive prayers of protection as every Module and virtually every session begins.

The church is emboldened as it utilizes the full armor of God. Putting on the armor of God (*Ephesians 6*) is always an appropriate Biblical method of reminding the believers of their authority in Christ. One of the most effective ways to confront the enemy is to cancel his plots before he manifests. For this reason, we encourage everyone to preemptively ask Christ for His protection.

- **Direction**

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13
"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me and he will take what is mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-14

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." Romans 8:14

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the ability to distinguish against spirits, to another rise kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same spirit, who apportions to each one, individually as he wills." 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

As much as we prepare for our Sunday worship services and for a College of Prayer Module, none of us are smart enough to plan perfectly. In order for us to receive everything that Christ has for us in a worship gathering and at a Module, it is essential for us to not only ask for direction, but to receive it step-by-step.

While we have a limited number of plays in our playbook, the Holy Spirit has an unlimited number of plays. Our creative God will lead us to dismantle the defense mechanism of our people and enable them to receive all that Christ has for us, but God wants us to ask for his Holy Spirit direction.

- **Revelation**

"I keep asking the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better." Ephesians 1:17 (NIV '84)

All prayer leads toward the revelation of God in his Son Jesus Christ. Praying toward the revelation of Christ is the vortex toward which all prayer moves. Ultimately, our desire in prayer is to encounter Christ.

Without revelation our teaching is simply information. Information without revelation will never lead to transformation. Where there is Holy Spirit revelation, there is impartation and activation. There will be transformation.

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