

movement prayer

Tactical Four Prayer

Overview

Tactical Four Prayer is a powerful prayer strategy and provides a framework to intercede for specific individuals, social networks, or any people group that God is calling you to disciple. Its four-pronged approach of DRAW, BIND, BREAK, and OPEN can be used effectively by individuals or disciple-making teams.

To succeed in bringing God's Kingdom to specific locations and people groups, we must recognize that there is a spiritual war raging and that God has equipped us and given us strategies to win the battles.

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 NASB

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses [strongholds]. 2 Corinthians 10:4 NASB

The spiritual realm is where the battle for lives really rages. The best plans in the world will not work unless, through the power of prayer, we defeat the enemy.

Getting Started

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD:

1. **DRAW** people to Himself

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. John 6:44

If God doesn't draw individuals, they are not coming. John 6:44 implies that we must pray that God would draw people to Himself. Our prayers often become more strategic when we are specific. As much as possible, pray for each particular individual by name rather than putting everyone in a group.

2. BIND the enemy

In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Mark 3:27

If you don't bind the strong man, you cannot steal his stuff. Before Satan's domain is "plundered," he must be restrained. Jesus has come to earth, to what is essentially Satan's "house" (1 John 5:19), to plunder his "goods," which are the souls of men. If we don't restrain the enemy through the power of prayer, our strategy is useless. We need to pray that the enemy will be restrained and rendered powerless.

3. BREAK the strongholds

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

The enemy wants to draw unbelievers away from God and believers away from doing the will of God. He accomplishes this by establishing strongholds in our lives. Until the strongholds are broken and the chains are off, those who are held captive will not be set free. The more specific you can be in identifying the stronghold (anger, addiction, greed, false religion), the more strategic your prayers are in breaking the strongholds that hold people captive.

4. OPEN people's minds

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

Then he [Christ] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45

Satan, who is the god of this age, has blinded the minds of people, actually causing unbelievers to be unable to see the truth of the gospel. The idea of surrendering their lives and following Jesus seems foolish to them. Instead, they choose the path that leads to death and destruction. We need to pray that the blinders come off, the deception is removed, and their minds are open so they can see and choose the life that Jesus offers.

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