

THE POWER OF A PRAYING CHURCH

D. Edmond Hiebert wrote ... “ It is the most dynamic work which God has entrusted to His saints, but it is also the most neglected ministry open to the believer.”

“One of the major sins of the Christian Church today is its prayerlessness.”

A. The Power of PRAYER and the Church CONGREGATION. (Ephesians 6:18)

1. Prayer to God by our congregation is very needed in light of the _____ we are engaged in. (6:10-17)

* Why is prayer needed in this?

2. Prayer to God by our congregation is needed with _____ regularity...“praying always”. (6:18a)

* Daily and weekly

3. Prayer to God by our congregation is to be done _____ (“with all prayer”) and with _____ in mind (“and supplications”). (6:18b)

* Our church prayer lists:

4. Prayer to God by our congregation is to be done by means of the direction and power of the _____ ... “in the Spirit”. (6:18c)

* Jude 20

5. Prayer to God by our congregation needs to involve mental _____, _____, and _____ for others. (6:18d)

* Acts 12:5ff

* How does all this apply at DBC?

B. The Power of PRAYER and the Church LEADERSHIP.

1. Prayer to God by our church leaders must be a high _____ . (Acts 6:4)

* What does this require?

**2. Prayer to God by our church leaders must precede and accompany their _____ .
(Acts 6:6; 13:3)**

* James 1:5

**3. Prayer to God by our church leaders must accompany their _____ the Word. (Acts
20:32, 36)**

* 2 Timothy 4:3

**4. Prayer to God by our church leaders needs to be _____ (“always”), _____
 (“fervently”), _____ (“for you”), and _____ . (Colossians 4:12)**

* Is this hard work?

**5. Prayer to God by our church leaders must accompany specific _____ to those in
need. (James 5:13-16)**

* What is one of the best things an elder can do for you when you are in need?