



THE POWER OF A PRAYING CHURCH

Acts 1:12-26 // Dr. Ron Jones

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At least three things contributed to the successful start and explosive growth of the early church:

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“Prayer saturates the book of Acts like salt saturates the ocean.” DAVID JEREMIAH, *PRAYER: THE GREAT ADVENTURE*

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. MARK 1:35 ESV

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” MATTHEW 6:5-6 ESV

1. The prayer that _____.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, ... ¹⁴ All these with one

accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ACTS 1:12-14

“When God is going to do some great thing, He moves the hearts of people to pray.” HARRY IRONSIDE

The prayer that waits on God does so _____.

2. The prayer for _____.

²¹ “So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ACTS 1:15-26 ESV

Spiritual Authority

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And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. ACTS 1:26 ESV

Before Pentecost, _____ was a way to discern the will of God after much prayer.

After Pentecost, the best chance of making a wise decision apart from prayer and the Holy Spirit is no better than _____.