

Pray For Each Other

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Scripture

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Thought

When we first were married I had a really hard time praying with my wife. Don't get me wrong – I was always glad to silently agree with her as she prayed, but rarely would I pray out loud or take the lead in prayer. It began to be a sore spot in our marriage. Over time Barbara began to pressure me about it and soon pushing turned into nagging and nagging turned into fighting ... which was ironic as that was the exact opposite of what she was trying to do, which was come into agreement. So, she started to pray for me without me knowing and asked God to show me her deep need for me to pray with her and for her – not just silently but coming into agreement together.

During that time, we started a business. Well truthfully, I came home one day and informed her that I had started a business – had registered it, got a business number, GST number and we were now business owners. All we were going to need was a truck, a welding machine, some tools (in other words everything) and we were good to go. So off I went to get a truck that we did not have any money for. Long story short the truck I bought ended up being a lemon. It gave us nothing but headaches, and mechanics bills and after its umptieth repair, I finally had a revelation. At no point had I prayed with my wife about this decision. At no point had we ever come into agreement about it and I humbly acknowledged why. I had simply been too proud. See Barbara is one of the smartest people I know. She is well educated and has a vocabulary that could amaze anyone, and when she prayed the words just flowed out of her. When I prayed it felt choppy, disjointed and at times I was not sure even God understood what I was trying to say. But it suddenly had become clear to me that my pride and my unwillingness to simply come into agreement with my wife in prayer, was the reason we were floundering in this new business. I of course quickly repented, and we prayed together that night. It was not pretty, and no one would have ever wanted to record it as an example of powerful prayer, but it was the start of a lifetime of praying with and for each other. And it has become the foundation of our marriage, our parenting, and every decision we make.

Prayer

Jesus help us to learn how to pray for and with each other. Help us to focus more on the power of agreement than analyzing the words we use. Help me to become the best support and advocate for my spouse through the power of prayer. Help us to see miracles happen in our marriage, our family and our lives because we spend time praying with each other. In Jesus Name. Amen

Action Step

Something happens when you pray with your spouse. The Bible is clear that when two or three agree on anything, according to Gods will, it happens. Decide that every day you will find time to connect to pray together. If you work out of town it may be over the phone, and that is fine. But decide today that you will pray with and for each other on a daily basis. I pray for my wife to have wisdom in her job, and with our children. That God would bless her, and she prays that I would have favor with God and man and that God would keep me strong emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically. We pray many things for each other, and we pray about every decision that is before us. Decide you will bring your spouse before God every single day. If you are married to an unbeliever – keep praying. Your prayers are making a difference.

P.S.

Clinical research demonstrates that couples experience a great number of marital benefits when they regularly pray together. It increases forgivingness, emotional and sexual fidelity, relational happiness, trust and unity (Focus on the Family)

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