

## Some Key Insights:

1. We are not so much warriors against darkness as we are bearers of light.
  - Satan loves to get our eyes off Jesus and lead us into a game of “**Spiritual Dungeons and Dragons**” but no one gets saved!
  - **If you look for is evil, that is all you will see**, because it is everywhere. Ask God to show you where He is looking and what His heart is. --John 5:19
  - The Bible says to **overcome evil with good... to move in the opposite spirit**. The best way to drive out the darkness is simply to turn on the light. --Romans 12:21
  - We go out keeping our eyes on Jesus, and when the enemy and his forces surface, then we use appropriate spiritual weapons.
2. The battle is the Lord's
  - a) The key to victory is to discover the Holy Spirit's strategy and **cooperate with Him**.
    - Ask God to show us His heart and plan.
    - Faith sees what God is saying in the spiritual realm and proclaims it here.
    - Faith sees what God desires for us to do and then “Trusts and Obeys.”
  - b) Joshua 5:13-6:2
    - The Lord Jesus is before us with His sword drawn and leading His angelic hosts.
    - He is here to take the city... The question is not “Is He with us?” but, “**Are we with Him?**”
3. PrayerWalking will give us **God's priorities and action plan**.  
When we pray, God will listen...  
If we listen, God will speak...  
If we don't obey, God may stop speaking...
4. Always do a **debriefing** after the prayerwalk while things are fresh. When training people:
  - a) Briefly prepare (30 - 45 minute orientation).
  - b) **Learn by doing**. Do a training prayerwalk in a safe area like a church and then move out into your neighborhood.
  - c) Teach off the questions and insights from the debrief.
    - The disciples asked Jesus “**Lord, teach us to pray.**”  
Not “how to pray” but “to pray.” We don't need more classes on how to pray...we need to be taught to pray.

# Basic PrayerWalking

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## PrayerWalking has been called:

- "Praying onsite with insight,"
- "Praying on the scene without making a scene".

## The Value of PrayerWalking:

1. It launches us beyond church walls and into our neighborhoods where we can “**watch and pray**” and become aware of what's going on, be it good or evil.
  - PrayerWalking does not make our prayers more powerful. An intercessor can pray just as effectively for China here as in China. **Distance is not a barrier to Spiritual Authority**. See Matthew 8:5-13
  - PrayerWalking moves us into a type of prayer where **God can guide our eyes**, and touch our heart with what moves His heart. It helps us focus around His priorities.
2. It begins to **lift the veil** over people's eyes and prepares them for further contact with the Good News of Jesus.
3. It **holds back the forces of darkness** as we do hands-on spiritual warfare at key points in our localities.
4. It eventually **blankets the whole city**, home by home, school by school, business by business, and building by building in prayer.
5. It enables us to **take spiritual ownership** of our neighborhoods as we pray and believe that every place the sole of our foot treads will be given unto us by the Lord.
6. It produces **an excitement** among the people of God as they see the effect of their praying in a declining crime rate, a reduction in violence, thriving churches, favor with government authorities and the lost finding Jesus.

## Practical Preparation:

1. The primary goal is to **not draw unnecessary attention to us**. During this time we are talking to God about our neighbors before we talk to our neighbors about God.
2. If weather is such that people are not out walking then we should not walk the neighbor hood at this time. A prayer drive or praying over prayer maps is a good backup plan.
3. Come prepared to walk in **casual or jogging clothes**.
4. Walk in **pairs or threes**. Children make great prayerwalkers; add one or two to each group.
5. Bring a **small notebook** that can fit in your pocket, do not carry Bibles or clipboards.
6. If you plan to strategically work this neighborhood or business, a simple drawing (prayer map) of the area is helpful. You can prayerwalk the map individually and in groups between visits.

## Spiritual Preparation

1. Confess known sin.  
"If I hide iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." -Ps 6:18
2. Check your heart.  
When you pray for others, it is very important that you do not have any hidden agenda, which might open you to Satan's attacks.
3. Give God the "cares of life"...  
which distract you, which cause you to worry, and which choke His word until it becomes unfruitful.
4. Pray that our minds and emotions be renewed...  
there cannot be conflicts between the Lord's priorities and ours.
5. Submit to the will of God.  
Ask that His Kingdom come, and His will be done... Trust that God can guide the appointed leader and keep in harmony.
6. Ask that we may see with the eyes of Christ.  
Where is His attention focused? What are His priorities?
7. Pray for an opportunity for the Gospel.  
That God will open doors for our message. Col. 4:3-6
8. Give grace to others...  
who may pray or worship differently than you. Don't let Satan divert your focus off the Lord Jesus and His purposes.
9. Intercede for one another's family situations.  
Cover our families, our homes, our belongings, etc.

## As you PrayerWalk:

1. Ask God to show you His heart and plan for your neighborhood. Ask Him to **guide your eyes** to what He wants you to pray for... that you might see with the "**eyes of Christ**".
2. Learn to **pray with you eyes open** and **pray for what your attention is drawn to**.
3. As you focus on a home, business or area begin with a **general blessing**.
4. Note physical, cultural and spiritual access points (gates).
5. The natural use is often connected to the spiritual purpose. "**What happens here?**" "**What would the Lord desire here?**" **...now pray into that**.
6. Position yourself (i.e. sit in their chair) to see what they see and pray from that perspective.
7. **Pray from the general to the specific**... Start with what you know is generally God's will from His word for a place or people. As you do this, the Holy Spirit may then take your prayer in a specific direction.
  - The Holy Spirit leads us in many different ways some call nudges, burdens, promptings, visions, revelations. He may just lay something on our heart as we are praying. For the purpose of simplicity we will generalize these as "Prayer Leadings" or "Leadings."
  - **Journal these leadings**, especially when your prayers go from the general to the specific. Be sure to clearly document the location and date prayed.
  - Do not worry excessively about whether your prayer leading is correct or not. We are all growing in our ability to hear and know His voice and we all miss it at times. We have discovered that **God will independently confirm what He is saying** through others.
  - When a number of separate people or groups find that God has lead them to pray similar prayers over a specific area, home or business, we have usually identified one of God's priorities or a "Cornelius" (someone God has spiritually prepared to receive the gospel).
8. If someone asks, "**Who are you?**" Share briefly that you are part of [group or local church name as appropriate] that is praying God's blessing, favor and protection over this area.