<u>Fathers - Feed your Sheep</u> John 21:15-17

As churches and denominations are under constant assault, God is not abandoning His Church. It's just being re-located, into the home. And as the family is the basis of society, what better place is there? Genesis 2: 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The smooth operation of it has been left to the fathers. 1 Corinthians 11: 3 - But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Remember the Lord's charge to Peter in John 21: 15 to 17 - So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Well it also applies to fathers. Their families are their sheep. They need constant care, nurture, protection, prayer, discipline, teaching, etc. That requires a lot of effort. But it does pay off. In a January 14, 2000 article from the Toronto Sun, a study from Statistics Canada is reviewed. The first paragraph of the Sun report says, "Parenting practices influence the outcome of children more profoundly than any other factor, including a family's financial status."

But men, how are we going to do it? Jesus Christ is our head and example. Hebrews 2:18 - For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. Ultimately we're to be pure and holy like God. What about the practical, every day advice. The world has psychology, AA, Promise Keepers etc. But God has left us His Word.

Matthew 24: 35 - Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Thankfully we have the full gospel in Mark 16: 17 & 18 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Unlike the other systems in the world, we are rooted on the Rock. Hebrews 13: 8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Is there any place that we can learn about our job descriptions as fathers? There is a passage that refers to leaders, and as fathers, it also applies to us. 1 Timothy 3: 1 - 13 - This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

How about that verse five? For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? No, I am not going to give you a test to see how you're doing? But I will leave it with you to check out. And if you are aware of any areas that need attention, You don't have to be ashamed; none of us are perfect.

Thankfully, we have 1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And with deliverance, we can get free from those demons that are causing us trouble. However there are some big areas that we will have to deal with. Especially in these times, fear has to be overcome. 2 Timothy 1: 7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Yes fear. If it is left unchecked, will cause a lot of trouble. Go through the Bible and see how many problems are rooted in fear.

Numbers 13: 31- But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

What can we use? Matthew 16: 19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Wasn't it Gideon's army that had 2/3 of the initial recruits go home because of fear. How do we measure up? Are there any vets here? Are you able to deal with the experiences that you went through? Do you have

recurring dreams that you can't control? The older you get, the harder it will be. Vets from WW2 are being haunted by what happened many years ago. But there is help. Matthew 11: 28 to 30 - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And so I say to all of you, don't leave here without getting prayer.

One of Win Worley's Warfare Prayers might help.

Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to you. I stand against all the work of Satan which would hinder me in my prayer life.

I address myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement with Satan in my prayer. Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to depart from me with all your demons.

I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us. I resist every effort of Satan and his wicked spirits to confuse and block me from the will of God. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pull down all strong holds of Satan in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Other areas include personal sin, sins of the fathers, unforgiveness, occult involvement etc. Also being out of order or rebellious is a long-time favourite of the devil. He's constantly trying to pull us, our wives, and our children out from under God's protection so that he can smash us.

Exodus 12: 22 & 23 - And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

Heavenly Father, I come to You now for myself and my family. We have been rebellious, disobedient, stubborn, obstinate, ungrateful and many other things which you have forbidden in Your Word.

We do now renounce and forsake these sins and ask to receive forgiveness and deliverance, in Jesus' name, from these and all connected, related and resulting demons.

Father, I renounce unbelief, doubt, lies, and fear. I ask forgiveness for these and bind and cast them out of us. I ask You to replace them with spirits of forgiveness and agape love.

But there are some things that God wants men to do.

Ezekiel 22: 30 & 31 - And I sought for a man among them, that should make

up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

So how are we going to combine all this together.

Ephesians 6: 10 to 18 - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;.

The Lord has shown us that the fight is with the fallen angels. The Lord has given us the keys of the kingdom; with being able to bind the evil spirits and loose the spirits of God. So what are we waiting for? Let's apply this to every aspect of our lives. There are many areas, but I have a general list that can assist you in getting focused. It includes ourselves, our family, our church, our community, our work, and our nation. We will have to give it our best. Matthew 16: 24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I bind the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I bind the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and all connected, related and resulting demons of witchcraft, Satan worship, human and animal sacrifice, black magic, witchcraft control, mind control, mind occult and the occult of, over, in and working in and through the world, every country and part of it; each county, city, township, suburb, street, neighborhood, block, home and church.

Upon and into all of Satan's children partaking of and planning these wicked and evil practices I loose, in the name of Jesus, spirits of Confusion, Forgetfulness, Destruction; also spirits of Salvation, Adoption as Children of God and Deliverance.

I ask You, Father, to put a special covering of warrior angels over each ceremony, coven, witch and warlock, so that no curse or demon can emerge or be sent. In the name of Jesus, I return to the original sending demons all curses and demons that have or will attempt to send.

Father, I ask that You send special angels to protect; hide and put a hedge around all of your children who are in the deliverance ministry. Also for all the people and animals that would be sought out to be sacrificed or to be cursed.

For ourselves, we should definitely be doing warfare prayers. And check out the many titles of Win Worley's books that are applicable to your situation. Booklet #8, "Inviting Demonic Attack" would give you a good overview. Years ago, a man was brought to HBC in bad shape. He had recently attended a Benjamin Creme meeting. He's a leading New Ager, who puts his thoughts directly into peoples' minds. This man's mind was so scrambled, that even with hours of prayer for him, we couldn't get a major break. Needless to say, we should get deliverance, as soon as it is needed. Don't let the problems reach critical mass, where they could explode, and cause a lot of damage. This is important, because our failure to follow up on problems can impede the spiritual progress of our families.

If you would like a prayer for the family, Win Worley has one in Booklet #4, For myself, family and friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, I break all curses, bind Satan and the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and evil spirits of, over, in and working through our entire lives and beings; our bodies, souls, spirits, homes, schools, churches, jobs, possessions, properties, finances, businesses, each president, owner, board of directors, employer, employee, treasurer, customer and the finances of these businesses.

In the name of Jesus, I break all curses and bind and cast Satan's spirits out of each category just named and, especially from us: all hindrances to spiritual growth, our bodies (infirmities, sicknesses, weaknesses, deformities) and our souls (minds, wills, emotions).

Watch out for lusts. 1 John 2: 16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. The devil scores too many points with these. If you are alone, you can pray for a Christ like believer to share with. And you only want a Christ like believer. Some years ago, a man came to a workshop and got a lot of help. He went back, sharing the good news with his room-mates, who did not believe that Christians can have demons. They took him to the hospital, and had him committed. His pastor wouldn't vouch for his release unless he renounced deliverance. What would you have done?

You can make use of modern technology, and you can send your prayer requests instantly here, or to other Christ like believers. This is something that has really made a big difference in the last few years. You can keep in touch with believers all over the world, especially the ones who aren't able to come here as often as they would like to.

Our families require a lot of attention. But first. To marry or not to marry; that is the question. Whether tis nobler... Well you know what I mean. Next to becoming born-again, the selection of your proper wife is of utmost importance, and should not be rushed. Now is the time to be praying for the preparation of God's perfect wife for you, to be revealed in His time. By the way, this is for the single guys only, married ones are disqualified.

Don't copy the world's ways for finding a wife. You have to be friends first, before thinking about expanding the relationship. In fact, the old idea of courtship is being revived. It is definitely worth looking into. It puts order and structure into forming relationships, so that the emotions don't get stirred up, and lead to a lot of trouble.

Paul shares some keen observations in 1 Corinthians 7: 32b to 34 - He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

Remember, don't rush it. It's better to be single, than to wish you were. Ecclesiastes 4: 12 - And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. The Lord Jesus Christ is the third partner of a Christian's marriage.

When considering marriage, remember it is a life long commitment. Don't even think about divorce. I knew a couple that every time the husband didn't submit to his wife's exact desire, she threatened to divorce him. Eventually she did. Matthew 19: 8 - He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. Also don't marry thinking that you can change her. Marry her for who she is now. If her present demeamour is not what you like, resist the biological impulse, and don't get married. It's only an invitation for trouble. Over the course of the marriage, both partners will grow as the Lord guides them. But don't force it.

Also I don't believe that it's the wife's responsibility to support the husband while he pursues greater ambitions. It's the husband's role to support his wife and children. Part of that support role is to be there. Instead of going out with the guys after work, go home to your family. And when at home, pay attention to them. Limit your activities on such time consuming items as TV, computers, Internet, sports etc. If you don't, they will become an idol and cause your family trouble.

Colossians 3: 18 to 21 - Wives, submit yourselves unto your own

husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Well there you have it. That's how it's to work. Just a bit of minor adjustment here and there and no trouble. Right. That's good.

However there are some major areas that the devil will go after. He hates a God-fearing family, so he will do everything he can to destroy it. Even in the Old Testament, one particular attack is mentioned.

Numbers 5: 30 - Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. Daily come against family destruction, ungodly civil war, sibling rivalry, hard heartedness, unforgiveness, bitterness, ahab, jezebel etc. Loose the appropriate spirits of the Lord. If your wife is having a hard time, pray with her night after night until the demonic hold is broken and the demons are cast out. Don't just wait for the church service, do it now. It's primarily the responsibility of the husband for his wife's well-being. Now if you are afraid of jezebel, or afraid of demons; this will be harder. But get the deliverance you need, so that you can help your wife.

A Parent's Prayer for Children

Dear Father, I come to You in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to pray for my children, they are Your inheritance and reward.

I have placed my trust for salvation in the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, my children are clean and holy unto You.

As Job prayed for his children, I ask You to accept my prayer for mine, for it may be that they have sinned and cursed You in their hearts.

I confess that I and my family have been slack in serving You joyfully and gladly for the abundance of all things. Please forgive us for our ingratitude. I now break all curses off myself and them of madness, oppression, sickness, being held captive by evil, untimely death, fear, trembling heart, sorrow of mind, restlessness and wandering.

You have fulfilled the covenant You promised by the blood Your Son shed. We thank You that You will never turn away from doing us good, but will put Your fear in our hearts lest we depart from You, that we may fear You forever, for our good and the good of our descendant.

By Your grace I fear You, giving my children a place of refuge. I listen to the words of Thy mouth and share them with my children, for they show Your strength and wonderful works.

Let my children set their hope in You, not forgetting Your works, but keeping Your commandments lest they be a stubborn and rebellious generation.

As father (or parent) I shall make known Thy truth to my children. Your Spirit is upon me and Your words shall not depart out of my mouth nor my descendants. Thank You for the promise to pour out Your spirit and blessings upon my offspring.

As You have promised, I declare now that my children shall be released from captivity. Please send angels now to deliver their bodies, minds, wills and emotions from the enemy. Contend with him that contends with me and save my children.

As David commanded Solomon, so I pray today that {names of the children} will know and serve You with a perfect heart and a willing mind. I loose Your grace on my children that they will seek and find You.

According to Your purpose You have given us to Christ Jesus before the world began and we can receive Your Word.

I bind all evil spirits who would seek to conform me or any of my family to the world; I loose grace on us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. I also loose grace on each of us that we will be fully assured in our own minds of Your truth; not shaken in our minds; not beguiled by Satan through his subtlety; nor have our minds corrupted from the simplicity, sincerity and singleness that is in Christ.

Father, I am jealous over my household with godly jealousy and have espoused them to the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you bind their feet to the paths of righteousness and may they come to abhor the things of the world which allure them.

I ask for wisdom to correct and discipline my children. You have said that "the rod and reproof give wisdom but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame", and "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight to thy soul". In this matter of discipline I ask You turn my heart to my children and their hearts to me. I bind all evil spirits who would try to block this.

I loose upon myself and my household the grace to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to increase in godly knowledge of You.

Let us be strengthened with might, according to Your glorious power unto all long suffering with joyfulness. We give thanks unto You for delivering us from the power of darkness into the Kingdom of Christ.

In the name of my Saviour I loose all the judgments against Satan's host in Your Word if they attempt to rob me or my family of any of our inheritance in Jesus Christ.

Beware, there is something to watch out for. As men reach their forties, there is a tendency to look around for greener pastures, and some

even consider trading in their forty year old wife for two twenty year olds. Sorry guys. And in case anyone says that the younger women chased them down and overpowered them. Well, Come on.

It is extremely important to start off on the right foot. In fact, you will probably feel like Abram, when God told him in Genesis 12: 1 to 5 - Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. The Bible doesn't mention that he held a council, seeking unanimous consent from all those involved, even Sarai.

The husband has to set the spiritual tone for the family. Daily personal devotions. Morning and evening family devotions. If the husband is working, the wife should continue. We also include binding and loosing, with casting out the major demons; rebellion, rejection, fears, lusts, family destruction, occult, religious spirits, & sicknesses. We make frequent use of anointing. James 5: 14 & 15 - Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. There is no injury too small that doesn't require anointing with oil. Sunday evenings, my wife and I had a special prayer time with one of our children. Then we had special prayer for our whole family.

Men, by setting the proper spiritual atmosphere, we are protecting our wives and family. Then our wives can be the helpmates that God wants them to be, without getting out of order. 1 Timothy 2: 12 - But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. Should a wife cast demons out of husband? NO! She can bind them up, and loose God's spirits. We have found in deliverance that ladies minister best to other ladies. Then the devil can't get them out of order, by filling a position of leadership.

And now for another touchy area. To have children, or to not have children. That is the question. Whether tis nobler...

Psalms 127: 3 to 5 - Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so

are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. I'm not going to tell you how many children to have. But what other blessing do you tell the Lord to stop giving you. If your wife has medical problems with bearing children, that's one thing. It's not worth killing your wife. We only have five children, but we've had four miscarriages, with the last one being the most serious. And the problems didn't start until we got into spiritual warfare.

Husbands, pray fervently for your wives and unborn children. The enemy targets the young, the weak, and the elderly, and should your guard be let down, they will be overpowered. Watch out for birth control techniques. Many of them actually kill the newly formed baby. And while we're on that subject, beware of busybodies who are falsely concerned about the size of your family. Should they in their self-righteousness, proclaim that they will pray for you to not have any more children; discern what is happening. They are charismatic witches putting death curses (family destruction) on your family. Break them off in Jesus' Name and send them back to the original sending demons. And if you can't have children, seek deliverance, especially breaking off all curses.

If Christian families were willing to have the children that God wanted them to have a generation ago, there probably would not be all the problems today. Many of todays couples refuse to have children because it interferes with their social agenda. This is not a valid excuse for believers. Since when has Christianity been a religion of convenience. Many will say that they can't afford a family, while possessing most of the modern decadent conveniences. I supported my family of seven on a single salary, which was less than the average family income. By being frugal and prudent, you can get more for your money. I remember hearing of Win scolding someone for not buying the most economical item, when he sent them to get something. Try buying in bulk wherever you can. This brings the unit price down quite a lot. Instead of getting new clothes all the time, buy used ones. Only your pride will suffer. Don't buy the latest fads, they're too expensive, and too much trouble for the children, especially if others want them. And why would you want to go around advertising baal on your clothes. That's the horned bull with bloody horns. Matthew 6: 8 - Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. In case you hadn't noticed; I'm not exactly starving.

In spite of the current trend towards socialism, the parents, not the state are responsible for the upbringing of the children. Ephesians 6: 1 to 4 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be

well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If both parents are working outside the home, it makes it a lot harder. What about their education? Years ago the public system was tolerant towards Christianity. Today, the children can't even read their Bibles on the school bus. There are other alternatives. Many teachers in New York City are sending their children to other schools. I believe that home schooling is the best approach. But fathers, don't dump the responsibility on your wife. Get involved in the entire process, from the selection of the curriculum to the teaching. We have found ACE to be the best for our situation. Be prepared for hassles from the authorities. There is an organization which can help you. It's called "The Home School Legal Defense Association". It costs some money, but it's well worth it. It's a lot of work, but the Lord promises in Proverbs 22: 6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. You know fathers, according to a recent UN survey; children only want a happy home. Can't we provide it for them?

The "Warfare Prayer" booklet, #4, has a parent's prayer for children and a young person's prayer too. I also keep an eye out as I go through the Scriptures for appropriate passages that can be used for different occasions. Genesis 20: 6 - And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. This is used asking the Lord to keep our children from sinning against Him, and to keep others from sinning against our children. Isaiah 7: 16 - For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. We use this in asking the Lord to enable our children to know to refuse evil and to choose the good. 1 Samuel 18: 14 - And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. We use this asking the Lord to help our children to behave wisely.

The next area for prayer is your local church, whether it's a home church or a bigger one. Pray for the pastor, the families, the single ladies, the outreach, the missionaries, the persecuted believers etc. Are you keeping an eye on the situations around the world? The ungodly are being stirred up to kill the Christians. Keep them in constant prayer. The Lord reminded Win to pray for the persecuted believers a long time ago, and we should be diligent too. It's only by the Grace of God that we're not being afflicted like that.

Do you support the ministry, with your time, talents and resources? If not, why not? That means attending all the services, unless there's a valid

reason. Win has a tape entitled, "Will you hear the last message?" I highly recommend it. We shouldn't have to mention this, but if attending your church is that odious, leave it and go somewhere else. The church is not a social organization; it is a group of dedicated believers, united by God's Holy Spirit, striving to serve the Lord. Mark 12: 29 - And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Wherever you have services, it is a good idea to regularly anoint the building and cast out the evil spirits that have hung around. If you have a home fellowship, this is extremely important, so that there are no problems at night. And if there are any nightmares, fathers pray for your children. Break off the curses, and cast out the demons.

And speaking of services, what should be done to fellowship with likeminded believers, if there's no deliverance church around? If there's even a few people or a few families in close proximity, I believe that they should get together for services. Get rid of your pride. It will only cause trouble. Don't get into a fight over who's going to be the leader. Let the men take turns leading the services until the Lord raises up the man He wants to be pastor. Matthew 23: 11 & 12 - But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Is there anyone who has not heard the expression that eternal vigilance is the price for freedom? This applies to nations, this also applies to churches. We only have to read the warnings in the New Testament to see how big a problem it is. Galatians 2: 3 & 4 - And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

2 Corinthians 11: 26 - In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;. In this business we expect attacks from those on the outside, but as Paul says, the attacks from the inside are greater.

Yes, the pastor is the shepherd who is on guard for the flock. But it's the duty of the men to be ever vigilant. It's a delicate balance. We give everybody the benefit of the doubt, until we know otherwise. You can pray,

asking that the people's sincerity be tested. 1 Chronicles 12: 17 - And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

I also pray asking the Lord to isolate, expose, and remove those false brethren, and to remove their ungodly protection. Win has some tapes on dealing with witches. It has to be done, or else the cancer will spread. You will notice it with the young, the weak, and the elderly being hit, and probably killed, unless the Lord intervenes.

We all live in some sort of community, and if we don't pray for it, we can only blame ourselves for any trouble that happens. Bind and loose over the community, the politicians, the neighbourhood, the families, the churches etc. Pray for their salvation. Ask for the Lord's angels to create favour for us, and to open the doors for witnessing.

Most of us work; whether for ourselves or someone else. We should pray for the business, the employer, the employees, the union, the finances, the equipment, the customers, & our career. We need the Lord's blessings too. Exodus 35: 31 - And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, & in knowledge, & in all manner of workmanship;. If you are able to anoint the work area, & cast out the evil spirits, loosing the spirits of the Lord; the spiritual atmosphere will change. Now the devil is going to harass you as much as he can. He'll work through co-workers, bosses etc., as well as by sending direct attacks with curses etc. If everything seems to be going wrong; stop; and engage in spiritual warfare. There's another area of concern that's being used with a lot of success in government and big business. It's the matter of bilingualism. Up our way, it is required in order to advance past junior management. Therefore, if you're able, I urge you to learn the necessary languages so that you won't be hindered. This may take a lot of deliverance, especially from bigotry, and racism, etc.

But it is possible. Also the gift of languages would be a big asset.

Acts 2: 6 - Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And then we can always pray for the nation. Ezekiel 22: 30 - And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. God is looking for men to intercede. How better can that be done, but by binding and loosing? 1 Timothy 2: 1 to 3 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet

and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;. Yes, pray for every level of government, and every government agency; every politician and every bureaucrat. You might as well include law enforcement, the legal profession and the judiciary. Pay close attention to judicial activism. This is where the judges overturn laws by rendering their own interpretations, regardless of what the politicians passed. Also watch out for the Human Rights Commissions. One of them up our way has ruled that the municipalities are no longer allowed to use the Lord's Prayer in their Council meetings. You see, it violates someone's human rights. Our federal Parliament years ago, abandoned the Lord's Prayer, in favour of a generic one, that doesn't mention Jesus Christ.

How do you pray for all the leaders together? That's simple. You don't. I split them into three groups. The first comprises of Godly leaders; asking for God's blessings, protection etc. The second are those not completely apostate or reprobate. Ask for them to be restored to a righteous Godly relationship. The last ones are those who are completely reprobate or apostate. If they won't be restored, they can be replaced.

Should an election come along; feel free to pray for the Lord's will to be done. Binding and loosing is the best way to go about it. Remember the battleground is in the mind. Romans 12: 2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Now how's the devil going to get you to conform to his will.

Galatians 3: 1 - O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? He'll bewitch you; he'll beguile you. That's witchcraft. He'll use all his arts to subvert your mind, and your will, and your emotions. He loves the media, where a slick presentation will razzle dazzle you. He strives to dominate the political agenda, to force a reaction from you. Then he's got your emotions. He twists harder, and there goes your will. How can your mind make an informed decision under such pressure?

We do a complete binding and loosing over everything involved in the election. It includes the geo-political areas and people involved; the mechanics of the election; the ungodly influences and manipulations; the media; the politicians etc.; and the voters. And cut off all ungodly spiritual influences. We ask for the peoples souls be restored; that the controls be broken off, especially on their minds. We ask that the people vote with their minds, not their hearts (emotions). We ask for the Lord to bring out those He wants to vote, while keeping away those He doesn't want to. We ask for

all wickedness to be exposed and turned back on the evil ones. We ask for the raising up of Godly candidates. We bind all vote rigging and dirty tricks. We cut off all ungodly damage control, diversions and backlash. We ask that the Lord show us whatever else He wants us to pray for. Watch out for live debates etc. By binding and loosing, and cutting off their mind control etc., interesting results will occur. There is always a sizable number of voters who don't make up their minds until the last minute, as to who they will vote for. I've seen elections where the undecided faction has been over 30%. That has tipped the balance of power in many contests.

Another area to pray over is the weather. It's getting worse all the time. Just about everyone prays for the weather. Some of it is even good. A while ago; Israel was in a major drought. Desperate for rain, they sought out some cabalists, who prayed, fasted, visited the tomb of a famous cabalist, and went around Israel in a plane seven times. A few hours after they landed, it began to rain. However recently I heard that they were having some flooding in Tel Aviv. I guess it needs a bit of fine tuning. But our God is bigger. 1 Kings 17: 1 - And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 1 Kings 18: 41 - And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

Matthew 8: 24 to 27 - And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! See how important it is to bind and loose over the weather.

Ephesians 6: 18 - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;. If you will use what we've been talking about as a guideline, you will be praying all the time. Some time ago, a man came wondering how he could use binding and loosing on his job. He was a postman. I explained that he could pray over every house that he went to. But sad to say, he hadn't caught the vision. You know, we don't really have any choice. We're here by divine appointment. And we're not our own.

1 Corinthians 6: 19 & 20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Binding the Strongman

Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the authority You have given us, we now bind the strongman over all evil spirit powers working in and through the following:

The Illuminati, Council of 13, the Rothchilds, the Rockefellers, the Bilderbergers, Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations, Federal Reserve System, tax departments, United Nations, Socialism, Humanism, Liberalism, Communism, Atheism, the Kremlin, Peking, Church of WICCA, All Satanist churches, the Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican, Babylon, the Pope, Word Faith Occult, Beast and False Prophet, Antichrist, Hospitals, Prisons, One World Government, New Age Movement, International Monetary Fund, Witchcraft and Zodiac powers, World Council of Churches, Body of Christ, all True Believers, Israel, and Jerusalem.

We break all the curses, vexes, hexes and spells over these people, places and institutions in the name of Jesus Christ:

The President; the Vice President; the Cabinet; all Senators and Representatives; the Supreme Court; all Federal Judges, the Pentagon; State Department; All the States; Governors; State Legislatures, Counties, Cities, Family, and Businesses; Home and Possessions.

We bind all these evil spirit powers operating to control and subvert these and loose upon them the spirits of Burning, Destruction, Judgment and Confusion and loose Warrior Angels to attack and destroy them.

We also loose the ministering spirits of God on our loved ones, country, businesses, etc. We loose the spirits of Adoption, Grace and Supplication, Truth Peace, Love, Joy, Sound Mind, Praise, Worship, Prayer, Holiness,

Obedience, Grace, Mercy, Conviction, Repentance, Deliverance and the seven spirits of God (Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord and the Spirit of the Lord).

So as you can see, there is a lot to do, but remember what Our Lord Jesus Christ said. Hebrews 13: 5 - Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

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