

Your Most Strategic Investment (Why, How and What to Pray for your Spiritual Leaders) Romans 15:30-33

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“Paul knew that talking to men about God is a great thing. But talking to God about men is the first thing.”

WHY we should pray for Christian leaders

- Our DUTY to pray
“Now I appeal to you, brothers,”
- Our REGARD for Christ –
“. . . by our Lord Jesus Christ . . .”
- Our LOVE FOR the Spirit –
“. . . and by the love of the Spirit”

HOW we should pray for Christian leaders– v. 30b

“sunagonidzomai” = to contend with adversaries; to fight; to strain.

WHAT we should pray for Christian Leaders – vv. 31 & 32

- Prayers for PROTECTION
- Prayers for PROSPERITY
- Prayers for PROVISION

CONCLUSION:

What might happen if we consistently made our most strategic investment?

- *The result for Paul: Acts 21:15 – 28:31*
- *The result for us: PEACE*

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do you think it is so difficult for Christians to pray given the clear reasons to do it?
What might be some reasons Christians don't do it?
2. Do you think most Christians “fight” and “strain” in prayer?
IF not, why not? What do you think would change this?

Take time together as a group to pray for the Harvest elders and staff by name with specific requests..

“Until you know that life is WAR you cannot know what prayer is FOR.” John Piper