

## August 30, 2020 - Devotion to Prayer

We are facing unprecedented and potentially disheartening times in our nation and throughout the world.

So what are we, the Lord's Church, to do???

We must do more of exactly what the early Church did with all the opposition they were facing - pray, and courageously proclaim and share the name of Jesus.

### Acts 4:23-31

When the authorities came against the first believers, how did they respond?

a. They came together and prayed, and they asked God to enable them to go on speaking the Word of the Lord with even greater boldness.

b. They asked God to demonstrate His mighty power.

Colossians 4:2 - "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

a. Personal prayer times - devotional time and all day.

b. Corporate prayer times - S.S., worship services, team meetings.

I believe we have only seen and experienced the very tip of the iceberg of what God WANTS to do through the prayers of His people here.

And I KNOW we've only seen and experienced the very tip of the iceberg of what God **CAN** do through the faithful prayers of His people.

I believe a LOT more corporate praying could, and should, be going on here.

The early church folks DEVOTED themselves to prayer.

a. Acts 1:14 - "They all joined together constantly in prayer."

b. Acts 2:42 - "They devoted themselves to...prayer."

c. Text, V.24 - "...they raised their voices together in prayer to God."

It wasn't sporadic with them, and it wasn't something they felt they had to force themselves to do; it was a COMMITMENT.

a. "devoted" means, 'a steadfast and single-minded fidelity to a certain course of action.'

We who are God's people desperately need a steadfast and single-minded fidelity to the course of action known as prayer!