NC District **Prayer Focus** – April 2021

NC District brethren,

Greetings in Jesus name! Please share this prayer agenda with your prayer teams and congregations. If you have an urgent prayer request, please notify us so we can keep this list current. Also, please advise me at rev.bc@earthlink.net should you transfer to a new email address so I can update your contact information.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

* Pray over our upcoming DISTRICT CONFERENCE – May 2021 – Pray God’s will be established!
* Pray against all attacks of sickness, disease, and affliction in the churches in our district.

**PRAYER FOCUS** A HUMBLE HEART is a PLYABLE HEART in the hands of the Almighty God

Satan will always try to destroy us through the spirit of pride. Pride hardens the heart until it becomes cold and indifferent to God’s ways. Too often a Christian who opens the door to the *sin of pride* will end up overstepping their proper alignment under God’s headship (1 Cor 11:3-10), increasingly chooses ‘self’ over God when making decisions, and ultimately jeopardizes their relationship with God to some degree.

I share this prayer focus with you because the Lord impressed me to remind us of the importance of a humble heart. He revealed to me of how the lack of humility can cause many catastrophes within a church body as well as endanger our relationships with God. It’s imperative that both ministry and saints remain cognizant of our own emotional and spiritual status towards Christ and how we’re conducting ourselves within the church body; and that our actions in both instances always be filled with the abundance of a humbled heart.

**Below are examples of a person who lacks humility – Those who are humble will do the opposite**

Refuses to listen – always right - always opinionated – blind to truth

Has a false sense of entitlement

Blames others for personal mistakes – refuses to admit personal mistakes – refuses to apologize

Takes all the credit for successes – refrains from honoring others

Protective of positions – focused on titles and positions

Attention seeker - Obsessed with material wealth, appearances, notoriety and possessions

Fails to see one’s own weaknesses – finds fault in others often – is manipulative

Hypocritical – brags - rebellious – selfish – glory seeker – stubborn – reputation seeker – liar

Lacks respect and dedication to God’s Word & Kingdom - Lacks an honest and sincere prayer life

**1 Peter 5:6 - *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:***

* Pray for sensitivity of how we treat our relationship with Jesus Christ. True humility will cause us to tread softly before the Almighty God. We must remember actions not taken with a humble heart can endanger our relationship with God.
* Pray for a humbled heart that’s quick to put God’s ways, decisions, laws, and ordinances above our own. Often times pride will tempt us to overrule God’s ways or spiritual boundaries leading us to take our lives into our own hands; resulting in stubbornness and spiritual declination.

**Matthew 23:12 - *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.***

* Pray for that true humility flows withing the church. Pray we see ourselves realistically, and not greater than we truly are. Pray for contentment in God’s will for every believer. Pray against complaining.
* Pray all bad habits of pride, arrogance, haughtiness, self-assertion, high-mindedness, selfishness, and a critical spirit be eliminated from the church.
* Pray we focus on correcting our own prideful flaws as we’re extend longsuffering towards others.
* Pray for forgiveness for all abuse of powers and positions, and for all additional prideful actions that may have crept in the church body.
* Pray for healing and restoration from a lack of the spirit of humility in the church.

Together in Christ,

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