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## **Strategic Prayer**

We have been given a tool that helps us measure the contents of our heart. Strategically, God communicates with us by changing our heart. At all times (like an addiction) we do what is on our heart. Sometimes that is what God has put there (something we were inspired to do), and sometimes we miss the mark because we have failed to pray and believe. Strategic prayer begins in our quiet time with the Lord when we examine our heart. Our job at this time is to confess to God the contents of our heart.

## **Heart Examination**

He has given us a lamp for that examination. If you want that lamp, focus on the purpose of illumination. Our lamp is a tool that we control for this purpose. You have to know about it. You have to want it. If you do, just do it. If you want to illuminate your heart for the purpose of communicating with God and changing your heart, then you are no longer hiding from him because of your guilt. You have the gift. Just use it. The people who waited on God for this gift waited for a long time then they just did it.

## **The Lamp**

Our spirit is a lamp to our heart. When we pray in the spirit, our spirit is edified or built up. Strategically, God communicates with us in spirit by the Holy Spirit. So, when we pray in the spirit the Lord shows us our heart. In other words, we can see our desire, both good and bad. It is not our job to judge our heart. That is too difficult. Our job is to confess our desires, to open or circumcise our heart to the Lord. Then, (through the refining fire of the Holy Spirit) he can change our desire. Because nothing is spoken louder than a change of heart, we must measure what is on our heart to remember the change both before and after. But a change of heart is not belief. Just because the Lord puts a vision or deed on your heart does not mean you believe it will be done.

## **Thanksgiving**

Belief is a gift from God that comes from prayer. God has designed our communication with him to be easy. But, we have to want it. All the difficult stuff is a gift from him. All we have to do is live through our heart by faith through

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prayer. Once we have a desire we are to pray for it until it goes away or until we believe. If we measure, we can then testify that it went away or we will know when we believe because we will automatically begin to praise God. Just like the Israelites being led by their worship team, we will begin to praise God before the walls fall down, before God's deed is done.

## **Belief**

Once we have a change of heart, we are to beseech (beg) God for what he has placed on our heart. From this begging type of prayer we receive the gift of belief. For example: when speaking of miraculous healing, Jesus said this type of faith takes prayer. In other words, you got to want it over time. To be powerfully used by God, your desire has to be a part of you like your calling or the meaning of your life.

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