



Equipped *4life2serve*



Day1: Fisherman
- Work of Prayer

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The Church: *Blest to be a Blessing!*

Hebrews 13:20-21

- **Legalists**: substituting law/s for Grace!
- **Liberals**: findin' freedom or true Master?



- ...Don't Go **back**, keep **Going On** and **Out!**
- Chief end: to know God, enjoy him forever!

The God of Peace, **equips** us with **tools** [equipment] to serve and to please Him!



1. Wonderful **Shepherd** intercedes *equipping us*
2. Powerful **Scriptures** entrusted to *equip us*
3. Faithful **Servants** gifted to *equip saints!*
4. Useful **Suffering** allowed to **equip** us!

Our Ministry Equipments definition, vocation correlation, ...



1. **Work of Prayer** (Fisherman: 2Cor. 13:9)
2. **Word as Sword** (Soldier: 2Tim. 3:17)
3. **Workers with Gifts** (Trainer: Eph. 4:12)
4. **Wounds that Heal** (Doctor: 1Pet. 5:10)

Equipment # 1 – *Work of Prayer!*

When things get tough, the tough get praying!
(2Cor. 13:9)

- Paul opposed, in weakness **supplicates** “for your maturity” (*katartisis*, to be complete)
- *NB:* prison prayers for ‘spiritual’ formation
- **Prayer: means** of grace/*charis* divine favor equips to *endure* & *empowers* (1Cor. 15:10)



Equipment # 1 - What is Prayer?

1. **Crying** – Psalm 5:2
2. **Calling** – Jer. 33:3 Psa. 50:15
3. **Communion** – Matt. 14:23



Equipment # 1 - Directional Praying?

1. **Upward** – Adoration, thanksgiving
2. **Inward** – Confession and Petitions
3. **Outward** – Supplication / *Intercession*



Equipment 1 - *rigging* boat; *repairing* nets

- Church = ship without sails, broken nets!



- Fishermen 1st need to **repair** = *prepare* net
- Next 'cast' the net to *catch* fish (Mk.1:16-20)
- Sailor's power, the **wind** beneath our sails!

Equipment # 1 – *Pray for one another!* from Work of Prayer to > *Life of Prayer!*

1. Prayer as **Care**: Phil. 1:3-7 mind, mouth..
2. Prayer as **Faith Works**: James 5:15-16
3. Prayer as **Power**: Isa.40:31 **waiting/waste**



Albrecht Durer's "Praying Hands"!

(15th Century, Nuremberg)



- The church / family that *prayers together*,
....stays together!
- Prayerless = Sinfulness (2Sam.12:23)
- *When I work, I work, when I pray,.. God works! Prayer IS that greater work! - CG*

Equipment # 1 – *Let Us Pray!*

(1Tim. 2:1-2)

- Jesus prays for Pete, not sifted by Satan, later strengthens others (Lk. 22:31; 1Pet. 5:8)
- All true disciples, *'Lord, teach us to pray!'*



- *When U **feel** like, U **Don't feel**, Until U **feel***