

“THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER IN THE N. T. CHURCH”

Acts 1:14

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The New Testament church was a praying church. It was *born* in a prayer meeting in the Upper Room and it was *borne* along on the wings of prayer. It survived and thrived in the midst of opposition and oppression. Why? How? ***“They all joined together constantly in prayer...”***

Let us take a closer look at that early church, that ancient assembly, that first Fellowship, that holy handful and learn how we too can be powered by prayer.

I. PRAYER WAS THEIR INITIAL RESPONSE

- A. Their response to Jesus' departure. Acts 1:14
- B. The response of Paul and Silas in prison. Acts 16:25
- C. The response to disaster. Acts 27 and 28

II. PRAYER WAS THEIR ESSENTIAL RESOURCE

- A. Their resource when seeking direction. Acts 1:24
- B. Their resource in times of danger. Acts 4:29
- C. Their resource in the presence of death. Acts 9:40

III. PRAYER WAS THEIR RATIONAL RECOURSE

- A. Based upon the example of Jesus. Luke 5:16
- B. Based upon the exhortations of Jesus. “Watch and pray”

*“Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray,
This is my heart-cry, day unto day;
I long to know Thy will and Thy way,
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.”*

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