# **TE3.01 Prayer Habits**

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The apostles set priorities of Christian ministers, when they purposed to give their attention 'to prayer and the ministry of the Word' (Acts 6:4). Preaching without prayer is perfunctory, 'performed merely as an uninteresting or routine duty' (The Macquarie Dictionary).

## Exercise

To develop godly prayer habits.

### Aims

- 1. To build prayer as a foundational discipline in life and ministry.
- 2. To make prayer as natural and automatic as breathing.
- 3. To realise our desperate dependency upon God for our own and others salvation, as well as our daily needs.
- 4. To learn to revitalise a moribund prayer life.

## **Apprentices**

- 1. Pray daily as the first part of their 'working' day, since prayer is our work as ministers of the gospel.
- 2. Pray systematically for the flock whom we pastor and for unbelievers.
- 3. Develop a system for organising a prayer diary including:
  - Evangelists
  - Nations and Government
  - Our church
  - Pastors
  - Family
  - Our holiness of life
- 4. Pray extensively for the world and gospel ministry throughout the world.
- 5. By praying with Apprentices and the ministry team regularly

### **Trainers**

Discuss prayer life with Apprentice and work through problems

### Resources

Call to Spiritual Reformation, D. Carson
12 Sermons on Prayer, C. Spurgeon
Prayer, John Bunyan
Pursuit of Godliness, Jerry Bridges
Bold I Approach (Matthias Media, Bible Study)
Prayer (from The Institutes), John Calvin (Matthias Media)
Operation World