

Prayer Life of a Leader



A NEW BREED OF LEADER

“He changes the times and seasons.

He sets up kings and removes kings.

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the understanding.

He reveals deep and hidden things”

- Daniel 2



Self-reliance
(Removing)



Christ-dependent
(Raising up)

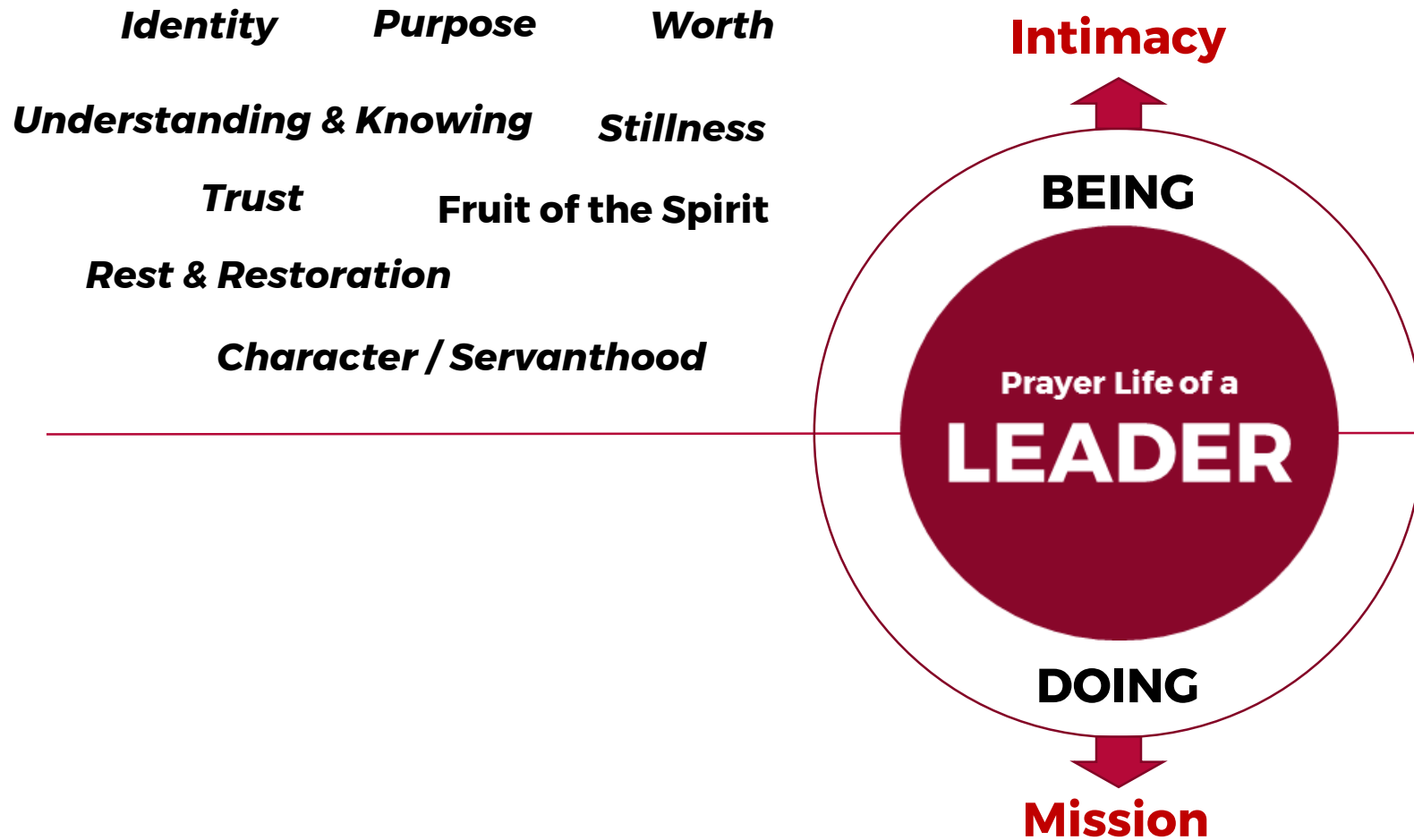
Global complexity and
problems transcending
man's wisdom and
resources

Unprecedented
opportunities for the
global church and the
gospel to spread

TWO PARADIGMS OF PRAYER LIFE



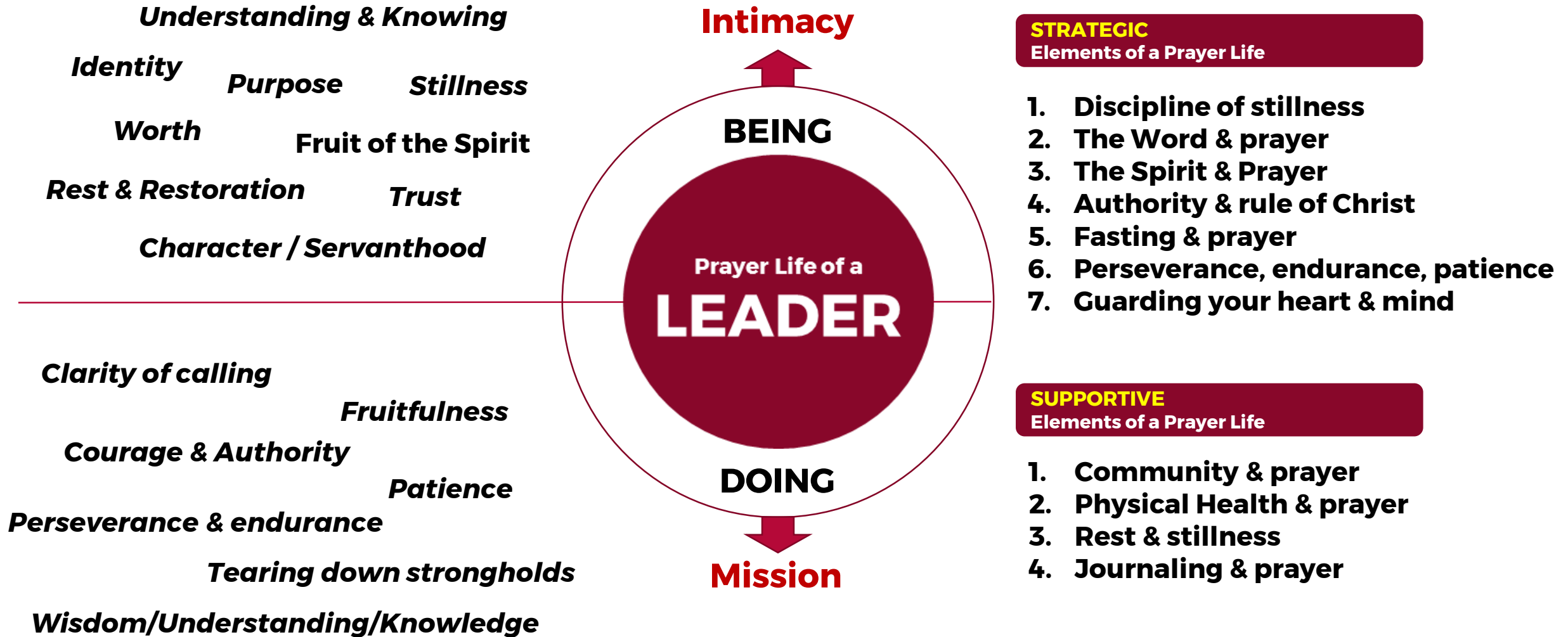
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DISCIPLINE OF STILLNESS



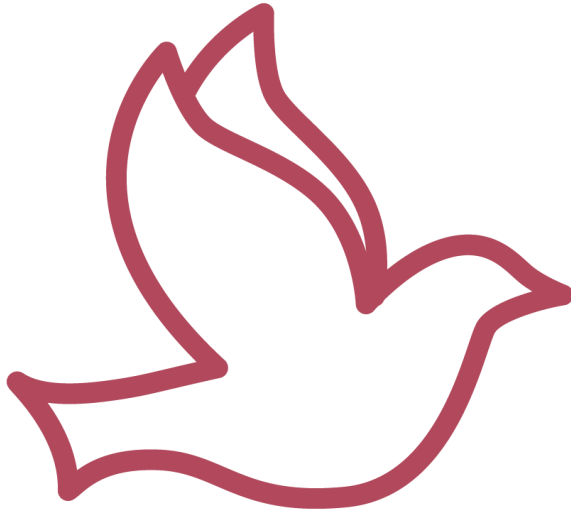
- **Knowing how you are wired (AM/PM)**
- **“He makes us lie down...” (Psalm 23)**
- **Living counter-cultural**
- **Listen. Invite God to speak**
- **Meditation versus petition & intercession**
- **Abiding, fruitfulness (John 15)**
- **Developing a Sabbath heart**

THE WORD AND PRAYER



- **Anchor point for an effective prayer life**
- **Word centered praying. Accept, store up (Prov.2)**
- **Mystery...transforms the mind (Rom 12)**
- **Power of the Word (Hebrews 4)**
- **Order our steps, keeps us from sin (Psalm 119)**
- **Practice the Word (Luke 6, James 1)**
- **Standard by which reality is measured**
- **Revives, radiant, light, gives wisdom (Psalm 19)**

THE SPIRIT AND PRAYER



- **Understanding the Spirit and His role**
- **Pray in the Spirit (Eph.5)**
- **Ask, listen, receive (become familiar)**
- **Makes the rule of Christ experiential (Eph. 3)**
- **Makes known the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 10)**
- **Opens the eyes of our heart to see (Eph.1)**
- **Balance of dependency and stewardship (Prov.21)**
- **Ignites the Word in our circumstances**

AUTHORITY & RULE OF CHRIST



- **Understanding the authority & rule of Christ**
- **Made alive, raised up, seated with, given authority**
- **Be strong in the Lord. Armour of God (Eph. 6)**
- **Operating first in the heavenly realms (Col.3)**
- **Earthly permission / heavenly intervention (Matt 18)**
- **Intimacy brings authority**
- **Our weapons are might through God (2 Cor.10)**

FASTING & PRAYER



- **Normal part of our spiritual walk with God**
- **“When you fast & pray” (Matt. 6:16)**
- **Restores the loss of first love with Jesus**
- **A means by which we humble our selves**
- **Prepares us for the work God has ordained for us**
- **The Holy Spirit quickens the Word to our minds**
- **When should we fast and pray?**

GUARDING YOUR HEART & MIND



TRUE
NOBLE
RIGHT
PURE
LOVELY
ADMIRABLE
EXCELLENT
PRAISEWORTHY

- **Guarding....critical to an effective prayer life**
- **Above all else, guard your heart (Prov. 4)**
- **Unknowingly creating an internal war**
- **Divine order of leadership (Psalm 119)**
- **What you allow yourself to think about? (Phil. 4)**
- **Casting down imaginations (2 Cor. 10)**
- **Important in understanding God's will (Ro.12)**

PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE



- **Perseverance**
 - Is more about how and why we wait. It's the ability to stand and thrive under pressure
 - Wisdom is born out of the womb of perseverance. When we do not persevere we do not grow in wisdom
- **Patience**
 - Ensure we do not moved ahead of God
 - Patience means we continue to do what is right even when our situation does not change
 - Patience encompasses a life that follows what God has asked even when it appears that God is not following through on what he said.
 - Patience holds out for the good
- **Endurance**
 - Encompasses a life that follows what God has asked even when it appears there is no advantage in maintaining your course
 - Endurance not only holds onto the good but finds good in the worst of all circumstances

Quotes from Erwin McManus, "Chasing Daylight"

SUPPORTIVE ELEMENTS OF PRAYER



COMMUNITY

Be in community with trusted “prayer warriors” that you can go to for accountability, vulnerability and support. We are not meant to lead alone!



PHYSICAL HEALTH

Our physical well being impacts our stamina in prayer. Getting regular exercise, eating a healthy diet and fasting periodically can greatly improve your prayer life



REST & STILLNESS

Establish disciplines around sleep, stillness and physical rest. Know your boundaries and how much recovery time you need after extended periods of exertion



JOURNALING

Keep a prayer journal to record prayer requests and things you sense the spirit of God saying to you during times of prayer. Keep track of quick reference notes that help you pray

CLOSING THOUGHT



***“When one rules over people in righteousness,
when he rules in the fear of God,
he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning,
like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth”***

- 2 Sam.23: 3 - 4