

Bishop's Prayer List

- Praise for God's provision and the generosity of His people in faithfully providing for the needs and opportunities of the National Conference.
- Praise for churches with a re-fired determination to go out into their world and build loving relationships that empower evangelism and disciple making.
- Ask for God's ever present direction and intervention in the Stationing Process.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit's anointing on every aspect of our Strategic Planning initiative.
- Seek the Lord's blessing on the preparations for National Conference. May it be an event that inspires, informs, and invites us into more effective ministry.
- Pray for the efforts of the Budget and Compensation committees as they undertake their tasks in an uncertain economic environment.
- Pray for the Church Center Staff. Administrative Assistant Jodi Earhart resumed her duties on a part-time basis on 1/6/10.



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HeartCry Prayer Letter and Calendar

What Exactly is Divine Dissatisfaction?



One would naturally think that being content is a good thing and being dissatisfied is a negative thing. However, when it comes to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the exact opposite is true. When we become content with how much we know of God, we become complacent and apathetic and that is a dangerous place to be. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines complacency as "self satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies". The same source defines apathy as "a lack of interest or concern."

When we drive our cars we have warning lights that are illuminated to alert us



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to potential hazards. The wise thing to do when one of those lights comes on is to seek out the problem and a way to fix it. Sometimes we can fix the problem ourselves if we have the knowledge and skill to do so. Most times we seek out someone else with more proficiency in that area. We know that we can't tackle that task on our own so we go to someone that we know can. Sometimes we have to go directly to the manufacturer to get the issue resolved. Regardless of which route we end up taking, the key is that action was indeed taken. The complacent/apathetic thing to do would be to ignore the warning lights despite the fact that they are repeatedly flashing in our face. The end result means potential danger, greater damage and, usually, a higher cost.

In our relationship with God, there are often warning signs that something is not as it should be. Those signs can come in many ways; words of caution from a friend and fellow believer (accountability), a "gut" feeling (conviction), etc. A display of Godly wisdom would be to not ignore those warnings but to find a way to fix the issue. We may be able to correct it ourselves by acknowledging and changing wrong behavior and making better choices. Many times we will need to go to someone else to get Godly counsel about how to make a change for the better. We should always go to the Creator and seek His wisdom through His Word and prayer to find the best way to make a change. To ignore the warnings is a sign that we have become content with what we already know of God and how close of a relationship we have with Him. By doing so, we tell God that we don't want to know Him better.

It is the cry of my heart that all who call Jesus their Savior, and those who haven't yet made that commitment, will not be content with how much they already have of God. I had a mentor that used to say, "Cheryl you want to be



"messed up by Jesus... you want to be dissatisfied... cause the moment you become satisfied, you will stop growing." I desire to have a hunger and thirst that can never be quenched because the more I get of Jesus the more I want. That is divine dissatisfaction and I truly believe there is no better feeling.

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For the Prayer Mobilization Team*



Targeted Prayers for Social Justice: Get involved!

1. Pray for the homeless in your community.
2. Ask God what you and your church can do to help the homeless.
3. Pray for those who are victims of human and sex trafficking.
4. Ask God what you and your church can do to stop this epidemic in our nation.
5. Pray for the ministries to those who are addicted to drugs.
6. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to those who are bound by narcotics.
7. Pray for women who have aborted their baby and the ministries that minister to women with unwanted pregnancy.

8. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to women in your community.
9. Pray for the hungry of the nations of the world.
10. Ask God what you and your church can give to help this impossible situation.
11. Pray for those addicted to pornography and other sexual temptations.
12. Ask God what you and your church can do to address this issue in your church.
13. Pray for those who deal with their problems by turning to alcohol abuse.
14. Ask God what you and your church can do to help ministries and programs in your community for alcoholics.
15. Pray for members of your church body that are in local nursing homes.
16. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to nursing home residents.
17. Pray for the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.
18. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to the soldiers overseas.
19. Pray for those who suffer from bi-polar and other mental disorders including severe depression.
20. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to those in your congregation that suffer from this illness.
21. Pray today for your local rescue missions.
22. Ask God who you and your church can link up and help provide the needs of these wandering souls.
23. Pray for the public school teachers in your community.
24. Ask God what you and your church can do to minister to these teachers.
25. Pray for the nations of the world who suffer from poor drinking water.
26. Ask God what you and your church can do to help a village that is in poor health due to their water conditions.
27. Pray for those who are trapped in prostitution rings in many of our cities.
28. Ask God what you and your church can do to love these needy women.