

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER
(Acts 6:1-4)

- I. Biblical EXAMPLES of the UNION of the Word and Prayer
- A. HEEDING Word is the basis for ACCEPTABLE prayer (Proverbs 28:9)
 - B. ABIDING in the Word is the basis for ANSWERED prayer (John 15:7)
 - C. TEACHING the Word and PRAYER are inseparable facets of MINISTRY
(Exod. 32-33; Deut. 33:10; 1 Sam. 12:23; Dan. 9:2; Mark 1:35-38;
Acts 6:4)

- II. Biblical PRINCIPLES Regarding the RELATIONSHIP of the Word and Prayer
- A. The SOURCE of our WISDOM (Acts 1:14-26)
 - 1. Peter and the church APPLIED the WORD
 - 2. They were DIRECTED by PRAYER
 - B. The SUCCESS of our WITNESS (Acts 2)
 - 1. Peter and the church spent MANY DAYS in PRAYER
 - 2. Peter PREACHED the WORD
 - 3. People CAME to CHRIST
 - C. The SECRET of our WARFARE (Acts 4:1-31)
 - 1. Peter and John were ARRESTED for PREACHING the Word

2. They WITNESSED to those who ARRESTED them
3. They were RELEASED to go to their COMPANIONS
4. They all PRAISED God in PRAYER, which was filled with QUOTATIONS from God's Word

D. The SUPPLY of our WORKERS (Acts 13:2-3)

1. Barnabas and Saul were CALLED to MISSIONARY service while they were ministering the WORD and PRAYING
2. They were COMMISSIONED to missionary service through the PRAYER of the CHURCH

E. The STRENGTH of our WALK (Acts 20:32)

1. Healthy church GROWTH requires more than ADDITION; it requires NUTRITION
2. The Word of God gives us ENLIGHTENMENT; prayer gives us ENABLEMENT