

## **Backed by Prayer - Prophecy delivered by Kenneth E. Hagin on March 1, 1981:**

"Now forasmuch as you're zealous of spiritual things you're to be commended for that," saith the Lord. "Forasmuch as you are zealous to desire to be used of God. Yea, forasmuch as you're zealous and even sense the call upon your life unto the ministry, you do well," saith the Lord.

"But remember this, that your ministry will never be powerful. It'll never -- speaking from the human standpoint, get off of the ground unless it's backed up with prayer. So build your prayer life first. Build your prayer life upon the Word. Build your prayer life. Wait upon Me," saith the Lord, "and you'll renew your strength. Yea, you'll run and you'll not be weary and you'll walk and not faint. Yea, only a ministry that's built upon prayer will be effective in these last days."

"And then some say, 'Well, the Word will do it, just let the Word do it.' But the Word will never be effective as it should if that who delivers the Word is not backed up with a life of prayer. So let the prayer life come first. Let the ministry of prayer be first. And you're to be commended because you're zealous of spiritual gifts."

"'Oh, to be used of the Lord,' some have said. 'Yes, to be used. Lord, use me. Lord, use me.' But remember, even the gifts of the Spirit can be misused. Remember, the gifts of the Spirit if used in the flesh are not powerful. They must be backed up with a life of prayer. And so when they're backed up with a life of prayer, then those become great weapons, powerful weapons to pull down the strongholds of the enemy. To do the work of God."

"So build a life of prayer. Yea, put prayer first, and by so doing the Word -- other things, ministry, vocal ministry, singing ministry, gifts of the Spirit in operations will come into their rightful place. And because your spirit has had times of fellowship with the Father and enough fellowship to become keen, then you'll understand the move of the Spirit. And then automatically you'll move with the Spirit. And you'll not come to the place you'd say, 'Well, I don't know what to do now. What should I do now?' Because your spirit is so in tune with heaven that you'll know heaven's desire heaven's will and heaven's plan. And so you will enjoy heaven upon the earth. So begin now. Begin now to build a life of prayer, to build a life, a ministry, of prayer. To give yourself unto the Spirit; for the Spirit would seek those whom He could use. Through whom He can voice the desires of the Father, speaking out the will of God to be done within the earth. And so you'll be glad that you did. You'll be glad that you did."

"Oh, others, others have declared and said, 'Oh, yes, yes, yes, to be a vessel of the Lord, to be one chosen of the Lord.' And yes, that's right and that's good, but remember this," saith the Lord of Hosts, "they that bear the Word of God. They that are to be vessels of the Lord are to be clean. Oh, yes, the blood will cleanse you from sin. But you must see to it that the house you live in is kept clean. Let not your body rule you. Follow not after sins of immorality and sexuality. But rather see to it that your house is kept pure, your

house is kept clean. For they that bear the things of God and serve in the temple must be clean. Yea," saith the Lord of Hosts, "present your bodies even unto Me as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Me, which is your reasonable service, your spiritual service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that you may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. And by so doing ye shall be a worthy vessel, And by so not doing, ye shall not be a dishonorable vessel that shall bring dishonor unto the Father, and dishonor unto the Son, and dishonor unto the Holy Spirit. And disrepute unto the Church and shall be a castaway. Yea, give thyself, give thyself wholly and keep thyself pure and keep thyself clean, and walk before Me," saith the Lord, "with a pure heart. As well as pure and wholesome and holy in body. And thou shalt be a vessel used of the Lord. And then give yourself unto prayer. And so the Lord shall manifest Himself unto thee. The Lord shall manifest Himself through thee. The Lord shall make thee and cause thee to be made a blessing unto many."

"And many, many, many have asked, asked the question, asked the question, 'What of the days, what of the days in which we live? What time is it? Dost the coming of the Lord draw near? What does the future hold? What does the future hold? What does the future hold for me? What does the future hold for us? What does the future hold for the Church? What does the future hold for our land, for our country?' And many, even Christians, stand back and watch and say, 'Well, I'll watch and see.'"

"Don't be a watcher, be a doer. Yea, seek My face," saith the Lord. "Call upon Me and I'll turn things around in your own individual life. And where there's darkness, there'll be light. And where there was destruction, there will be good. And where there was sickness, there will be health. And where the enemy dominated you and poverty seemed to rule, there will be plenty because, you see, I'll turn everything around and cause it to work for your good."

"And then if you'll make intercession. Don't just sit to one side and say, 'Well, now we'll watch; we'll see what happens in the nation and in the economic scene.' Yea," saith the Lord of Hosts, "there are forces, there are powers, there are spirits at work which you cannot see. But if you'll give yourself unto prayer, if you'll wait on Me. Occasionally I'll pull back the curtains and let you look into the realm of spirits, and you'll see them and you'll say, 'You foul spirit. Ah, you foul ugly spirit, I see you. No! No! You will not do what you intended to do because I forbid it. Now, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, you stop right now in your maneuvers, in your operations. Ha, ha, ha. Yeah, you know it and I know it and God knows it. Yes! Now you have to go. You have to leave.'"

"Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. And the more that the Church and believers will give themselves unto prayer and to intercession and especially in the Spirit as the Spirit gives utterance they will turn things around. The next five months in your nation and country are critical. Now, don't sit still and say, 'I can't do anything,' Because you can pray. Don't sit back and say, 'Well, we'll see what Mr. Reagan can do.' Because, you see, there are powers at work that are greater than Mr. Reagan. There are forces of evil and there are evil men with evil minds and evil intent even in high places. And they are

servants of the enemy through whom he can work. But the Spirit of God desires to work through servants of God. Yes! And you will turn things around. Because you will give yourself unto prayer. You will give yourself unto intercession. You will do what the Scriptures ask you to do in praying for those that are in authority and the will of God will be wrought. The hand of the enemy will be stayed. And the message of life and light shall not only be shed abroad even more and more in your own country, but it shall spread to other countries."

"For you see, it's the will of God that the truth, that the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached unto all nations. And that every man shall hear. So pray ye, go ye, run ye and tell the story. For there's work to be done. There's victories to be won. Become a prayer warrior. Yea, enlist in the army of the Lord to pray so He'll use you and you'll be able to stand in the forefront of the army. Yea, yea. Even the front ranks to go forward. For it is not a natural battle; it is a spiritual battle."

"So quit looking with your physical eye. Quit trying to figure out with your natural mind. Quit trying to understand with human reasoning. Yea! Yea! Get into the spirit and pray in the spirit. And you'll come to know things in the spirit. And you'll come even to see things in the spirit. And you'll see the enemy put to flight. Yea, he'll run. He'll run. He'll run. Yea, you'll pull down his strongholds. And, yea, that which he has prepared as a trap even for you, ha, ha, oh, no, no, you'll not be caught in that trap. Because, you see you were in the presence of God. And the Spirit of God will show you things to come. And so you'll see it and you'll not go that direction. You'll go this way. And this way it's all smooth and all blessed. And Satan will be left over there by himself shaking his head. Ah, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Ohhhh, don't try to understand with your natural mind. You'll never be able to fathom the depth of it. But just know the Spirit of God and learn to yield to Him. And enlist in the army of the Lord as a pray-er. And very humbly and sincerely come and say, "Lord, teach me to pray." And give yourself over to the Spirit and He'll lead you into prayer conquests that your mind cannot fathom and your imagination would have never even imagined. But you'll be glad you did for your life will be a light. And even your ministry will be enhanced and increased a hundredfold."