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MINUTE WITH MIKE

Prayerlessness is Sinful and Dangerous

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16.

Satan delights in our attempts at ministry in the power of our flesh rather than the power of the Holy Spirit. He knows that the real battle is in the spiritual realm. Sometimes, I underemphasize the spiritual realm because I'm focused on the tangible aspects of ministry. I need to step up my game. It's simply impossible to pray too much! But this is also why I'm so thankful for your prayers for this ministry.

We are so encouraged by stories like this that one of our partners shared with Stacy this month...

"I pray for your family and Noble Warriors specifically each month as I open your newsletter. Instead of saying 'I'll pray for them' and forgetting to follow through, I started praying as I open the newsletter. I delight in seeing God's hand at work in your family and this ministry!"

Your prayer matters! Thank you for engaging the battle with us and for us. The battle for the souls of men is fierce. Your partnership in prayer affects men, marriages, families, churches and communities.

Are you on our prayer update email list? Let us know if you'd like to receive weekly updates on how to pray for specific ministry activity. Contact us at office@noblewarriors.org

YOUR PRAYERS & FINANCES ARE SHINING LIGHT!

We've recognized both locally and nationally that there aren't many men of color represented in the discussion of men's discipleship. Clearly, it's not because discipleship isn't happening, we just haven't been well connected. **Your partnership creates opportunities for us to address issues of men's discipleship that would not get attention otherwise.**

This month you helped us host a 4-hour luncheon summit to talk with African American ministry leaders about strategic men's discipleship. It was a rich and robust conversation that I believe will produce great fruit. It was encouraging to hear from these men about the work God is already doing. The best result was that the men said, 'let's get together again soon to continue the conversation'. Each man agreed to pray for 'whatever God is doing here' and invite at least one other man who disciples men to our next conversation in August.

We know that African American men are actively engaged in reproducing discipleship. Sadly, the work God is doing is often overshadowed or overlooked. **Your prayers and finances are shining light in the right places.**

▶ Please pray with us for clear direction in this initiative and that we'll see even more pastors and leaders invest strategically in discipling men!

Join us in celebrating a few stories this group shared about the work God is already doing in and through them....

Dr. Greg Beechaum admittedly doesn't sing well, but he joined the Men's Chorus specifically so he could meet with and disciple this significant group of men in his church.

Bishop Carlton McLeod has equipped and is holding his men accountable for leading their families in Bible reading, prayer and worship.

Pastor Don Coleman has disciplined men on his front porch for years. Now those men are discipling others.

Dr. Owen Cardwell led his church to truly embrace men (and women) who are incarcerated. They pick up a bus load of men from the Henrico jail each week and bring them to their church for worship and a meal.

**Pictured above is Dr. Cardwell and his group at Richmond ISI 2017.*

HEY Y'ALL, WATCH THIS.

Google and YouTube are almost as important to me as screwdrivers and wrenches when I fix something in our home. More and more leaders are looking for answers to ministry questions with video searches so we're trying to meet those needs. **Last month you helped us launch three NW videos...**

NW Answers –
How can we reach Millennial Men?

NW Discipleship Training Tips –
Summertime is Leadership Development Time

NW Father's Day Message –
Dad Lowered the Bar and Raised the Standard for Manhood

Do you have a men's discipleship question that your church is wrestling with?

Send us a note with a question that I may answer with a blog post and/or video.

Follow us at vimeo.com/noblewarriors & be on the lookout for more videos coming soon!

▶ Pray that these videos will be searched for and viewed as leaders seek answers to questions about how to reach and build men in their churches.



YOUNG ADVENTURES

Hannah finished the school year with several academic awards. She's busy babysitting and cleaning houses to raise money for her summer camp experience at WinShape.

Ben finished out the school year by being elected as the Junior Class President. He started the summer working a basketball camp with his high school team.

Zach graduated from High School. He's learning much and getting stronger doing construction work with his grandfather this summer.

Tim was home for almost two weeks after a leadership assignment with Air Assault training. He's headed out to meet friends in Washington DC and Austin TX.

Stacy and I have simply delighted in celebrating milestones with the kids and cheering for them as they take on new responsibilities. But, the most significant Young family milestone in June was our 25th anniversary!



Thank you for praying and supporting our family!