



## PRAYER IS NOT OPTIONAL

**"I just pray all the time! I just love doing it!"**

Pastor Don Coleman loves prayer. After a health scare in 2009, when he suffered a diabetic coma for 3.5 weeks and only given a 15% chance of survival, prayer became his life and testimony. Even medical professionals have told him how he was a 'miracle'. Pastor Don gives all the glory to God and credits the prayers of friends and family.

With his testimony as a foundation, Pastor Don enthusiastically challenged the men at this year's Richmond TNM conference about what it means to be a **NOBLE MAN who prays**.

**"Prayer is critical because you are putting yourself in an awareness that you're in the presence of God... When are you in the presence of God? Always!"**

During his workshop, he encouraged men to make prayer a lifestyle. **"Prayer is not just for when you're at church!"** Using Acts 17:11-12 Pastor Don taught the men that they need to **receive the word of God with eagerness and examine the scriptures every day**.

The practical aspects of the **NOBLE MAN's** prayer life also comes through studying scripture and spiritual discipline as he stressed that prayer needs to become part of the **NOBLE MAN's** daily rhythm. Pastor Don put it this way...

**"One of the best ways to build your prayer life is to build your Bible knowledge."**

Pastor Don understands that prayer takes work, but the payoff is greater. And for the guys struggling with prayer, he says to ask the Lord to teach us to pray just as the disciples asked Jesus.

**"Prayer is an unmatched tool and is available to NOBLE MEN. It demonstrates a confidence in God."**

Pastor Don urges men to take that confidence to heart in their personal prayer lives and back to our churches by starting small prayer groups because the **NOBLE MAN** is truly a praying man.

**"Prayer is not optional. God needs more of us to pray and to be unashamed to pray."**

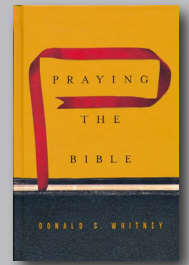
**NOBLE MAN...** God is waiting to hear your prayer. Are you ready to talk? Are you ready to listen?

### MINUTE WITH MIKE

#### Praying Men...

**It's a privilege for me as a dad to pray for my wife and our kids.** It's also a great blessing for me to know that my father and father-in-law pray for me and our family as well.

It's easy to fall into repetitive prayer habits that simply check a box on a daily to-do list but miss the idea of being specific, intentional and personal about prayer. You've probably been there with me. **Praying the Bible** by Don Whitney helped me with a prayer re-set last year.



Dr. Whitney's simple, practical encouragement to pray scripture has been a blessing to me in many ways. **I now read the Bible each morning looking for specific prayer prompts; letting God stir my heart through His Word.**

Additionally, **Psalm 23** has become my go-to prayer prompt. I love to walk through these familiar verses praying for our kids and others. **As Father's Day approaches, let me encourage each one of us...**

**If you're a dad, pray through Psalm 23 for your kids.**

**As you honor your dad, pray through Psalm 23 and be reminded of how your father served as a shepherd in your life.**

**If your father has passed or wasn't present in your life, pray through Psalm 23 and delight in the care, protection and provision of the Eternal Father/Shepherd.**

**"** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

To read more, visit [noblewarriors.org/PRAYINGMAN](http://noblewarriors.org/PRAYINGMAN)

## A GIFT THAT WILL IMPACT **YOUR DAD** AS WELL AS **OTHER DADS**

**Father's Day is June 17th.** That is right around the corner. Do you know what you're giving your dad this year?

**Consider making a donation to Noble Warriors in his honor.** This sends a powerful and meaningful message to this special man about the person he raised you to be. Plus, it really is a gift that keeps on giving. Never doubt the impact a donation to this ministry can have on men and their families.

To make a donation in honor of the special man in your life, visit the **Store** at **NobleWarriors.org**, or you may mail us your donation. Be sure to provide their **name** and **mailing address** and they will receive a special message and gift from Noble Warriors.

## READING WITH DAD PHOTO CHALLENGE!

Post a photo of dad or granddad reading with the kids on our Facebook or Instagram by Father's Day for a chance to win a \$20 LifeWay Gift Card!



## YOUNG ADVENTURES



**Tim hit a HUGE milestone last month as he graduated from West Point and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.**

He's on leave for most of June and July before heading off to Ft. Benning, GA for Infantry Officer Basic Leadership Course (IBOLC) and then Ranger school. We enjoyed many aspects of the ceremonies but **a favorite moment was when Zach** (who just finished his first year at VT in the Corps of Cadets) **gave Tim his first salute!**



Our military month got even better when Zach was invited to represent the VT Corps of Cadets by laying a wreath at the Virginia War Memorial.

We are thankful for the men and women who have given their lives for our political freedom. But even more thankful for Jesus who gave his life for our eternal salvation!