



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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4) The BIGGEST Kingdom Leadership requirement

Acts 6:3-4 (NIV)

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

8 Week Series on how to practically live a lifestyle full of the Holy Spirit

HABITS:

1. **WORSHIP** - The practice of private surrender
2. **MEDITATION** - Hearing God's voice through His word

HABIT 3: Prayer - time on your knees in His Presence

Luke 11:13 (NIV)

13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

More and more I'm realising that the Holy Spirit is literally the answer to almost every prayer!

- Whether it is His leading
- His intervention
- His courage or strength

In fact notice how the prayer the early church prayed when they were under attack was answered:

Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

A big part of our prayer should be for a greater surrender and filling of the Holy Spirit

- **BIG IDEA**: And it seems that doing this on our knees helps to position our hearts in the right place

ILLUST: James, the early leader of the Jerusalem church

- He was brutally martyred
- As they dragged him away they discovered the callouses on his knees
- Challenge is to earn the holes in your jeans!
- Sat chatting to someone the other day and was checking out his knees!
- Realised I'm in the presence of a prayer warrior!

Acts 20:36 (NIV)

36 When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

There seems to be something biblical about the posture of prayer on your knees

- Personally I prefer prayer walking
- But am discovering the power of being on my knees before the King

Jesus modelled this in his life:

Luke 22:41 (NIV)

41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed

PRACTICAL:

- Start the day with prayer - Jesus did!
- Use the Lord’s Prayer as a template
- Practice getting on your knees if you are not used to it
- Try prayer walking if you battle to stay focussed
- Keep a prayer journal of the prayer projects you are working on

QUESTIONS:

1. Does prayer fill your tank or empty your tank at the moment?
2. Would you agree that prayer was the secret to Jesus’ ministry effectiveness?
3. What lifestyle adjustment can you make to make prayer for the filling of the Holy Spirit part of your daily routine?