

Spreading the **WORD** Ministry



New Year, Great Commission, and Spreading the Gospel

As we step into the New Year of 2025, Spreading the **WORD** Ministry reflects on the profound mission set forth by Jesus Christ in the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28:18-20: "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**"

Our ministry is blessed to have a potential audience of tens of millions listeners through our 30-minute radio broadcasts and numerous stations which are live streaming around the world via the internet. This vast reach is a testament to the power of the Gospel and our commitment to spreading its message far and wide. However, it continually astounds us when we encounter local individuals who are unaware of Spreading the **WORD** Ministry. This reinforces the importance of our mission and the need to share the message not only abroad but with our friends and neighbors also.

It is only through your faithful support, whether by prayer, financial gifts, or just telling your neighbor, our mission is able to continue. We have seen and heard from those who have found Jesus as their personal Savior, those whose lives have been changed just by being touched by Spreading the **WORD** Ministry.

In the coming year, we renew our dedication to the Great Commission. We strive to extend our reach further, ensuring that everyone, near and far, has the opportunity to hear and embrace the Gospel. We will pray that lives will be touched, soul's will be saved and our work for our Savior will not go unnoticed.



Four Types Of Prayers

One type of prayer is called petition. When you draft a petition in your mind and go to God with the request, saying, "God, I want this," that's petition. This is the only kind of prayer many people know.

There is a second level of prayer, called intercessory prayer, which means to intercede on the behalf of someone else. You pray for my needs, and I will pray for your needs. We are both praying to God to help somebody else. This is intercession.

There is a third kind of prayer called praise and worship. When people who know and deeply love God, and are so thankful that they pour out their hearts and in reverent words say, "Thank you, God," this is praise and worship.

The fourth kind of prayer is two-way praying. Two-way prayer is much more than the other three types. It involves listening to God, as much as it is talking to God. God told the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer thee....." (Jeremiah 33:3)

The most God-honoring prayer is not the one that endeavors to get God closer to you; the most God-honoring prayer is the one that endeavors to get yourself closer to God. If we get close to Him, it is then that we can hear what He is saying..

**"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing
by the **WORD** of God."** Romans 10:17

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It's Just Another Year

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Another year, and yet again, all this New Year's Eve stuff is on TV. Watching the ball fall in New York City loses its charm when you've seen it 38 times before on television, doesn't it? Let's make this year radically different. Let's decide we are going to have a purpose with energy. We're going to do the things we believe in. We will be someone different this year, and because of that, we will do something different this year. It won't be the same old thing.

That's what God wants from us. He wants to take us by the seat of our pants, pull us up, and get us out the door doing his Word. There's so much to do. This world has so much sadness, suffering, trials, and tribulations, even in the most tranquil towns. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Everyone is just getting by. Everyone needs help. So many people need a kind ear, a warm heart, and some help. Just look around, and you'll see it. Think you can't do it? God's heard that one before. Is He the same god who took David, a shepherd with no discernible skills, and made him the king of all Israel? You bet He is. Who gave David all that courage, fortitude, strength, and persistence to obtain the kingship finally? God did. David couldn't do it on his own.

Or do you say that you've done too much wrong? You've just sinned too much, so you don't have a relationship with God? "No problem," says God. If you are willing to listen, He'll do the rest. Just ask Saul. He certainly had no relationship with God. Saul went from town to town, persecuting Christians in the first century. He was great at it. The Bible tells us of a murder he orchestrated that gave us our first martyr, Stephen. But God showed him the way. And despite all his flaws and that completely checkered past, Paul, as he became known, became the greatest missionary of all time. God used Paul and will use and develop you for His will. You don't have courage? I hear that one all the time. I don't want to stick my neck out, I don't want to offend people, and I don't want to get in trouble. After all, they might say I'm a lunatic. That sounds a lot like Peter. After all, he denied the Lord three times, and this was just to a group of young people standing at a fire. It wasn't in front of a judge or soldiers. He had seen Christ's miracles and denied Jesus three times. Talk about a lack of courage! Still, Peter evangelized around Jerusalem during Paul's missionary trips. He became a force in converting Jews to Christianity. He carried on in Rome and became the leader of the church there. What happened to his fear? Finally, Peter decided to let go and let God do his will.

So, if you think changing your life this new year isn't for you, you have perfect company. David, Paul, and Peter felt the same way. They were utterly wrong, and we thank the Lord for it. And if you think you can't do it, you're wrong too.

A New Year's Prayer

*In the quiet moments, as the old year fades, We bow our heads
in humble praise. Grateful hearts for days gone by, For blessings
unseen and seen with our eyes.*

*O Lord, as we stand on the threshold of time, Grant us peace,
both yours and mine. May Your wisdom guide our steps anew, With
faith as our compass, steadfast and true.*

*Bless our homes with love divine, Fill our hearts with a peace
that's thine. In trials and triumphs, both large and small, Let us
remember, You're the Lord of all.*

*May our hands reach out to those in need, With kindness and
compassion, plant the seed. For in giving, we find true grace, Re-
flecting Your light in every place.*

*As the clock strikes twelve and the year is new, We dedicate our
lives once more to You. Lead us with courage, in Your perfect will,
With Your presence beside us, our hearts are still.*

*In this New Year, with each dawn's light, May we walk in Your
love, shining ever so bright. Amen*