

# *Tools of the Trade??*

*Intercede*>N. to plead on another's behalf

*Intercession*>N. a prayer or petition to God on behalf of another

Thru-out the last week, I've been seeing in the scriptures where people of God are interceding for others and confessing these others' sins. Asking the Lord to forgive them, heal them, some have even included themselves in the prayer...Nehemiah, for example. Can we do this?? And would You grant forgiveness for another man thru my prayers? How does this work??.

Henry Wright defines sin as anything that separates us from God and His Word in specific areas of our lives.

.Separation from God, His Word and His love. (idolatry, rebellion, unbelief...)

.Separation from yourself. (rejection, self-hatred...)

.Separation from others. (offense, bitter-root judgments...)

This morning I'm traveling thru the bible looking for a totally unrelated verse ...I'm in *1 John 5* and I run into v *16*.

***“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death.***

So, thru the Holy Spirit, who leads me into all truth, comes part of the answer to my question of the week ,,what does it mean to pray for others in sin, confessing their sin, asking forgiveness for it ??? Well, what happens when we pray this particular verse over someone is that life is granted to this person thru our intercession for them. And isn't that what we're ultimately looking for? Life : Strong's 2222: literally life itself, vitality

The Lord grants our request and delivers directly to the one being prayed for. "...he (that's me) shall ask and God will for him(me again) give life to those (one I'm praying for) who commit sin not leading to death..." It's like going online to order and having it delivered to another person! Cool! (delivered from heaven to earth...sound familiar?)

Now the Lord tells me to consider...

***Psalm 107:20***

***He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.***

So, here I am faced with persons who are struggling in areas of their life...just like me. Whether it be the person in flat out rebellion to God or the person struggling with self-hatred. Now, instead of agreeing with the circumstances and falling/running into hopelessness, unbelief, bitterness, disappointment, etc. on their behalf, I can pray *1 John 5:16* over this person and God will answer my prayer by giving life to this persons being. Then I can back it up with a shot of *Psalm 107:20* and healing will come forth from Heaven into this person along with deliverance!!!

Dear God in Heaven,, now You're telling me that this would manifest as ***1Thess 5:23*** which says

***“ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray to God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

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Aaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhh!!! Does this mean what I think it does??? That not only will our spirits be sanctified, but also our sick/imperfect physical bodies???? Our broken souls???? Um, this sure sounds like "...ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"!!!

What might this look like? How do I 'do' this? Well, let's just give it a shot and see what happens.

I see myself/brother/sister in sin or I recognize the fruit of darkness on myself/brother/sister. The fruit could be any of the following; depression, addictions of the body or mind, critical spirit, sickness/disease, low self-esteem issues, troubled relationships...fill in the blank. If this fruit of darkness is present and active then we know there are demonic forces present. Somewhere, revealed or not, there is sin or a strong temptation to agree with this dark fruit. So in praying for this person, as an intercessor, I could pray something like this...

"Father God, I come before you in the mighty name of Jesus, into the throne room of grace on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ to secure help. The sin of (if you know it)\_\_\_\_\_ is present in their life bringing the fruits of \_\_\_\_\_. I curse this sin and the fruits of it. In the authority given by Christ to every believer, I bind any and all demonic activity that is driving this. Lord, I'm thankful that as I come to You on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ that You, the God of Heaven and Earth, send Your very Life to them today according to what You said in 1 John 5:16. Father I thank you that according to Psalm 107:20 You send Your Word to \_\_\_\_\_ and heal them, delivering them from all destruction. May Your sanctification of their entire being, (spirit, soul and body) continue and become evident to them today, O Lord. Praise You that You desire our wholeness, I call \_\_\_\_\_ whole in the Name of Jesus Christ and ask that You preserve their spirit, soul and body blameless until the day of Christ. May Your will be done in \_\_\_\_\_ here on earth today as it is in Heaven."

These verses have given me great encouragement as I've begun to pray them over myself and people close to me. Life is difficult and complicates as our circumstances, behaviors and choices tangle/overlap during daily interaction with others. How wonderful it is to see ways our Lord has provided for the safe keeping of His Body both corporately and individually, providing tools to help us bring the Kingdom of Heaven into our reality here on earth.

I call you, my brothers and sisters, full of Life, healed and delivered, made whole in spirit, soul and body by the God of Peace. May we be a safe place in Jesus' Name.

In Service to Our King,  
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