

An Adjutant's Prayer

Last week, I was moved to strongly admonish the Adjutants and Armor Bearers of the Fellowship to engage in purposeful prayer for their leader. It is far too easy with all that we are engaged in during the day to “forget” about purposeful prayer. We work a full time job and lead full time lives as husbands or wives. We go to school full and part time and make time for our children so they know we love them. We set aside time for a coffee break to relax and recharge, we read our bibles and attend weekly Bible Study. We go to service, sing in the choir and serve faithfully but in all of this, purposeful prayer is often neglected. I say ‘purposeful’ because to simply pray, as we do every day, would be to diminish the importance of these prayers in our own eyes. But to make our prayers purposeful adds that much more urgency and speaks to the gravity of our service through prayer. Yes, the adjutant serves through prayer.

In James’ general epistle, he declares that the effectual **and** fervent prayers of the righteous avail much. (Jas. 5:16) This rings true for the adjutant as well. I’ve said it time and again and will continue to do so, all too often the adjutant believes his leader to be “spiritual invincible” therefore we fall prey to the enemy’s ruse that our leader does not need our prayers. This is a lie, plain and simple and a trick to keep you from performing a vital role in the life and ministry of your leader. Let me drop this on you: 85-90% of the adjutant’s work is spiritual and just 15-10% is physical. If at any time we find that the balance is shifted, we must stop and evaluate our **spiritual** service.

So we are left with the question that someone may have thought as they read the email sent last week to the adjutants: **“What, as an adjutant, am I to pray?”** Whether you serve as an armor bearer or an adjutant, one thing surely is constant: the need for relationship held between disciple and teacher. Understand it is a Spiritual relation of which I speak. Note, “Spiritual” was capitalized on purpose because much of this work lies in, not “on”, but **in** the Holy Spirit. The adjutant cannot hope to be effective in the life and ministry of his leader unless there is a Spiritual bond between the two, when the Spiritual bond is formed and cultivated, the natural bond will surely follow.

Gaining, cultivating and maintaining that Spiritual bond allows for some things between disciple and teacher:

- It greatly aids the adjutant in anticipating the needs of the leader
- It connects the adjutant to the leader in the Spirit, allowing him to assist during ministry and deliverance service
- It opens a deeper avenue for a physical and more practical bond between the two
- It exposes the adjutant to the leader (more on that later)
- It allows the adjutant to see and begin to ‘carry’ the heart of the leader
- It allows a transfer of spirit from the leader to the adjutant (more on that later too)

In closing friends, as November rolls on, when you ask, “What should the adjutant’s prayer be?” The adjutant’s prayer should firstly be that the Lord would connect him and his leader in Spirit. This is the foundation for the relationship between adjutant and leader, between disciple and teacher.

The Lord continue to allow you purpose in your prayers and bless you in your relationship with your leader. The Grace of the Almighty rest heavily upon you and may He strengthen you in spirit for service to the leaders of the Church. Amen.