

Prayer is the divinely appointed means of fulfilling the purpose of God. Prayer is cooperating with the intention of God. That means that first you must discover the intention of God. It is not a matter of deciding what we think would be a good thing, making our plans, figuring the best way to achieve that purpose then asking God to bless and anoint the plan.

It begins with a discovery, a revelation to our hearts of the divine intention.

There has never been a great awakening because men sat around a conference table deciding that next year would be a good time for revival, then making preparations to achieve that end.

J. Edwin Orr--Methodist plan for ~~revival~~ revival...

Def. of revival: Sign on church in California: "Revival here every Monday night". Another sign: "Revival every night except Monday."

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First, we must have the proper view of prayer. To many prayer is man begging a reluctant God, trying to pry blessings from the hands of a reluctant God.

Persistent

Persistence in prayer is based on God's promise to answer. We do not persist, trying to coerce God, but because the promise of God makes the answer assured. If I know a door will open I will stay at it till it does.