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# How to: Pray for People

John 5 verse 19 says;

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."*

Jesus would often withdraw from the crowds and go to solitary places, and spend time in prayer. He would do his praying, seeking the revelation of what His Father was doing in private, so that when He came to minister in public, He knew what God was going to do. He didn't stand and pray for ages waiting for faith to arise, Jesus spoke the command with the authority, that was His as a son, knowing He was in the Father's will.

Praying for people on the streets or in gospel meetings is a privilege. It is a situation where people are often extremely vulnerable and open. For this reason, we set guidelines for people so our actions are not misconstrued but are seen and received as acts of love. Pray your best prayer of faith and trust in God that He answers. If you are praying for healing, ask the person to take a step of faith, I often instruct people to "do something you couldn't do before", it not an order but a command of Faith!

*"I will take the time  
and plead before  
God for men, before  
I ever plead with  
men for God"*  
-D L Moody

Guidelines for appropriate conduct when praying for people:

- Be friendly
- Stay in the same proximity as other team members
- Where possible pray male to male, female to female
- Do not go into closed rooms with people to pray
- Reflect God's love
- God is not deaf! it is not necessary to shout; volume does not equal power!
- Only lay hands in appropriate places. Preferably ask the person to lay their own hand on their body part needing prayer.
- Never promise confidentiality if something disclosed is relating to abuse/criminal activity