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Theme Verses:

**2 Chronicles 7:14-15**

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place (NIV).

## Upcoming Events

**TWOB**

**Invites You to Attend the Revival Prayer Gathering**

**12:00 PM-12:00 AM  
March 22, 2024**

**Mosaic Fellowship  
606 W. 3rd Ave.  
Spokane, WA, 99201**



## The Way of Business



## Union Gospel Mission Completes “Succeeding at the People Business” Seminar

It was a special time and pleasure for *The Way of Business (TWOB)* to provide their newest seminar, “Succeeding at the People Business,” for the entire management staff of the Union Gospel Mission of Spokane this past February!

Taught by *TWOB* President Carl Tompkins, he commented what a delight it was participating with such a dedicated group of people who realize how important it is to lead and manage people well for the sake of being as successful an organization as possible. Supporting this observation was a theme quote that Tompkins delivered early on in the seminar: *“There is not one problem in any organization that cannot be traced back to someone or some*

*group of people doing too much or too little of something. Hence, we’re all in the people business.”*

Executive Director Phil Altmeyer did a wonderful job opening the seminar with prayer and then sharing his own words of endorsement of the value that this four-hour seminar would provide in the way of skills aimed at shepherding people well regardless of their role at UGM. Phil was most impressed with the form of payment that *TWOB* required for delivering the seminar, which he shared with the entire audience. Payment didn’t require any financial remuneration but, instead, the promise

of a follow-up meeting ninety days following the seminar to hear from the seminar attendees how they’re doing toward implementing the skills taught. Tompkins taught that for knowledge to become applied skills, such knowledge must become job accountabilities.

Following the presentation of seven related management skill sets and tools of support, Tompkins concluded the seminar with prayer and, again, special thanks to both Phil Altmeyer and Steve Ellison for making this opportunity of engagement possible.



## Spokane Area Followers of Christ Seek Transformational Revival

Early in 2023 many followers of Christ had the great opportunity to learn from Sentinel Group Ministries how the Lord has provided transformational revivals around the world over the past many years. Learning the specifics of many such revivals was inspiring, and provided assurance that such levels of blessing from God remains available in our current age.

Many who attended this two-day event committed to developing our own community-wide journey toward transformational revival by instituting a monthly 12-hour prayer vigil, which occurs on the third Friday of each month. The

Spokane Prays Ministry leads in the assembly of this event that rotates each month to take place at different worship centers and runs from 12:00 PM to 12:00 AM on each designated date.

This monthly event, which has come to be known as the “Revival Prayer Gatherings,” has proven to be a deeply Spirit-filled time of prayer, praise, and worship attended by multiple denominations and led by many faith leaders from the community.

*TWOB* invites you to attend the 6:00-9:00 PM portion of the next meeting that will focus on the transformational revival of area businesses.

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## *Let's Get Practical: Our Practical Responsibility in Receiving God's Blessings*

I choose to start this article with a bold statement concerning God. Our God is an exact God, who provides specific instruction on how to conduct our lives, and the related benefits and consequences that result from the choices that we make.

There is no better Scripture than 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 to prove this point. Our Lord states specifically the four steps that we must complete, in their prescribed order, if we are to expect His forgiveness of our sins and His healing of our land. So how are we, as those called by His name, doing in completing our assigned responsibilities in preparation to receive His blessings? From my own observations, I'm rewarded to witness many followers of Christ constantly praying for transformation of our communities, state, country, and world. Furthermore, I'm grateful to witness so many never doubting God nor losing their faith in Him fulfilling his many promises. But too, I'm aware of the continuing de-escalation of morals, ethics, governmental accountabilities, along with the escalating problems of poverty, homelessness, war, famine, slavery, weather, crime, discrimination, and abuse. All of this adds up to my own concern

of whether we, as believers, are doing our best in order to glorify God in a manner that He is ready to unleash his Spirit on the world to the point of people being transformed to a new and whole life of serving Him.

Looking closely at verse 15 of 2 Chronicles 7, one could surmise that His eyes are not open and His ears are not attentive to our prayers based on my previously outlined conditions of our world. While there are probably as many opinions on this notion as there are people, my final recommendation is that we should do everything possible to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways to best assure that we've met our practical responsibilities to Him as the Sovereign God.

First, do we humble ourselves? The fact remains that only those people who constantly fight the battle of humility over pride are those who are on the right track. No one graduates with a degree in humility! The best and most powerful theme I've ever heard to live by to achieve humility came from author and theologian Francis Chan, who stated that we must fully surrender to the Lord.

Now we pray. It is by prayer that we reach communion with God; we

attain fellowship and communication with Him. Jude 1:20 teaches us to pray in the Holy Spirit. Praying in the mind of the Holy Spirit assures that we are praying within the will of the Father, and that we desire this state of prayer since we want His will to be done over that of our own.

Seeking God's face in all that we do instructs us to deepen our relationship with Him. Know that God values our relationship with Him over what we do for Him. While our works are important, keeping Him in the forefront of all that we do provides us the right perspectives in all that we encounter.

Finally, turning from our wicked ways is the final of four steps. Completing the first three previously defined steps promotes our sensitivity to the often "mini sins" that we commit that are as equally wrong as most all of the "major sins" other than idolatry. While we may not steal or commit adultery, how are we doing in terms of judging others, dividing the body of Christ, failing to keep our commitments, believing that we are far more enlightened than the rest, etc.?

Let's all agree to be fully prepared to receive God's blessing by constantly and effectively meeting our responsibilities.

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