



## A House of Prayer Pastor Mike November 5, 2017

“Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.” –Unknown

**Matthew 21:12-16 (NIV)** *Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “**My house will be called a house of prayer,**’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, ‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’”*

**1 Corinthians 3:16 (AMP)** *Do you not know and understand that you [the church] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells [permanently] in you [collectively and individually]?*

### Four Things Release When a Church Becomes a House of Prayer

#### 1. The Presence of God

“We have to watch that we don’t exchange talent for the true presence and anointing of God.” –Pastor Jeanne Mayo

**James 4:8 (HCSB)** *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people!*

### Four Things Released as House of Prayer:

#### 1. The Presence of God

#### 2. Passion for God

### Temperatures

- **Cold:** God is irrelevant. Church is irrelevant. All that matters is what’s happening in their world
- **Lukewarm:** Neither cold nor hot.

**Revelation 3:15-16 (NKJV)** *“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are*

*lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”*

- **Warm:** Involved with church (tithes, serves, worships, etc.) but has no real fire for God!
- **HOT:** IN PASSIONATE PURSUIT OF GOD’S PRESENCE, POWER, AND PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIVES!

### 3. The Power of God

**Acts 4:31-33 (NKJV)** *And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.*

### 4. The Purposes of God

**Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)** *It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.*

How can you become more actively involved in prayer?