



# *Encouragers of Young Women*

## *Lesson 13*

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### *Ministry of Intercessory Prayer*

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*First of all, then,  
I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions  
and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men.*

1 Timothy 2:1

#### *Introduction*

“All work takes time. When it becomes clear to us that prayer is a part of our daily program of work, it will also become clear to us that we must arrange our daily work, just as we set aside time for other necessary things, such as eating and dressing. Intercessory prayer will necessarily require time. No one else, therefore, will be able to do it except those who are willing to sacrifice the time to do it.”

“Wherever we go we meet people who are in need of something. If the Spirit could give us that open eye of love which sees both visible and invisible needs, everything we saw would give rise to prayer.”

Both quotes by Dr. O Hallesby

*1. Older women should pray for the younger women.*

*1 John 3:11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

*James 5:16 . . . The effective prayer of the righteous man can accomplish much.*

## *2. Why younger women need our prayers.*

*Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

### *3. What to pray for in regards to younger women*

“It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.” (Hudson Taylor)

- ☑ Philippians 2:13—that God would so work in them that they would think and act according to God’s good purpose.
- ☑ Psalm 119:133—that God would establish their footsteps in His word and that He would not let any sin have dominion over them.
- ☑ 1 Kings 3—that God would give them a wise and discerning heart so that they can distinguish between right and wrong.
- ☑ Proverbs 3—that God would let them trust in Him with all their hearts; that God would not let them rely on their own understanding; and that they would acknowledge God in all their ways and make their paths straight.
- ☑ Philippians 1—that their love would abound more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that they would approve the things that are excellent.
- ☑ Psalm 112:6—that they would be established and not be shaken.

- ☑ Colossians 1:9-11—that they would know God’s will in all wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives; that they might please God in every way and bear fruit in every good work; that they would grow in knowledge of God; that they be strengthened with power according to God’s glorious might to have endurance and patience.
  
- ☑ 1 Peter 1:22—pray that they would learn what it means to have fervent love toward other believers that is genuine in bringing about service to others.



These requests came particularly from a single woman's perspective:

- ☑ Pray for them to be joyfully content to be today what God wants them to be today.
- ☑ Pray for them to be satisfied with Jesus.
- ☑ Pray for them to allow the Lord to be their companion and to pray without ceasing—to commune with Him constantly.
- ☑ Pray for them to have daily, undistracted time with the Lord.
- ☑ Pray for them to keep their mind stayed on Him and that He will be their meditation all the day. Pray for them to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against God.
- ☑ Pray for them to never cease to memorize God's word, as that is the best way for them to keep their minds stayed on Him.
- ☑ Pray for the words of their mouth and the meditation of their heart to be acceptable in the sight of the Lord—to think God's thoughts after Him.
- ☑ Pray for them to remain flexible, to seek service for the Lord above personal pursuits, and to be often concerning themselves with the needs of others in order to avoid selfishly focusing on themselves.

*"If I could hear Christ  
praying for me in the next room,  
I would not fear a million enemies.  
Yet distance makes no difference.  
He is praying for me:  
"He ever liveth to make intercession."  
Robert Murray McCheyne*

#### *4. Practical suggestions to help us in praying for our younger women.*

“When the records of eternity are read out to an assembled world, then will it appear how much prayer has wrought in this world. Little is now seen of the fruits of prayer compared to all that it has accomplished and is accomplishing. At the judgment day, then will God disclose the things which were brought to pass in this world through the prayers of the saints. Many occurrences which are now taken as a matter of course will then be seen to have happened because of the Lord’s praying ones.”

E. M. Bounds