

Intercession for Christian Leaders

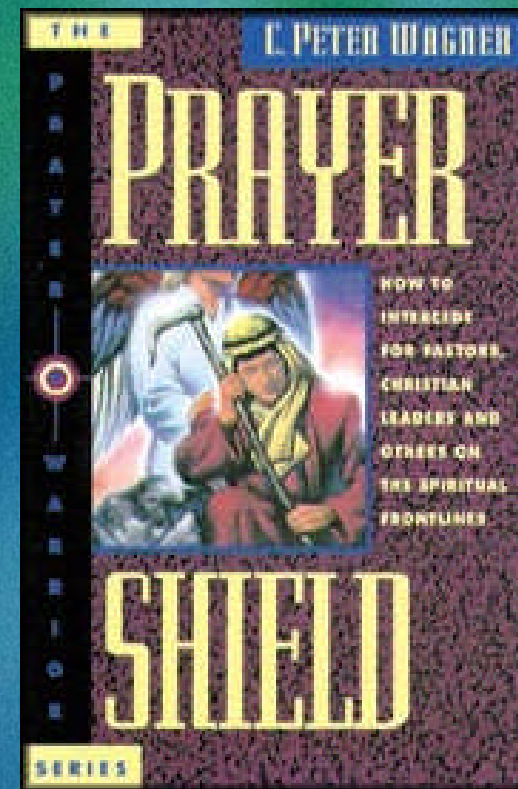
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Introduction

Intercessors for leaders?

20 years ago **5%**

Currently **65%**



1. The Pattern of Power

Exodus 17:8-13

Israel vs. Amalek

- Joshua was **fighting**
- Moses was **interceding**
 - Moses hands up: **winning**
 - Moses hands down: **losing**

Joshua won!

But who **really won**?



Joshua was “doing the **ministry.**”

He was not **praying** much.

But the battle was won by **intercession.**

Many **Christian leaders** are like Joshua.

- In the **work place**
- In the **church**

They need **prayer** but they’re not going to **generate** the high-level of prayer that is needed!

However, there are **intercessors** who can and will!

2. Why Leaders Need Intercession

Too many Christian leaders are **falling!**

- In the **church**
- In the **workplace**

One remedy: The **power** of **intercession!**

Everyone needs intercession.

But let's look at five **reasons** why leaders in all **seven mountains** need intercession more than **others.**

(1) Leaders have more responsibility and accountability.

Q: Does God have a double standard of judgment?

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

James 3:1

(2) Leaders experience more temptation.

The higher you go in leadership and **influence**, the higher you go on Satan's **hit list**.

God is no respecter of **persons**, but **Satan** is!

(3) Because of this, leaders are more targets of spiritual warfare.

(4) Leaders have more influence on others.

Satan gets a bigger bang for his buck!

(5) Leaders have more visibility.

Subject to:

- Gossip
- Criticism

People want to **tear** you **down** to reduce you to their size.

Therefore:

Leaders need special **quantity** and **quality** of intercession.

3. The Prayer Life of Christian Leaders

Joshua? **Fighting** but not **praying** much.

Same with Christian leaders.

Survey of 572 D.Min. pastors:

Average: **22 min** per day

1 out of 4: less than **10 min** per day

All agree that this is **not enough!**

What to do about it?

1. Pray **more**
2. Receive **intercession**

4. Receiving Intercession is Biblical

1. Joshua fighting Amalek (Exodus 17)

Joshua would not have won without Moses' intercession.

2. A quote from Paul:

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

Romans 15:30

We have the names of **personal** intercessors for Apostles **Paul** and **Peter**.

Paul:

I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with
me in the gospel,

Philippians 4:2-3

Peter: Herod killed **James** but not **Peter**.

Peter, therefore, was kept in prison but prayer for him was made to God
without ceasing by the church.

Acts 12:5

Where was “The Church?”

So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother
of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together
praying.

Acts 12:12

5. Intercession for Leaders is Underutilized

Why?

(1) Ignorance

(2) Rugged Individualism

“If I’m going to make it with God, I’m going to do it myself!”

Reflects:

1. A low view of the body of Christ.
2. Pride

(3) **Fear**

With personal intercessors comes a deeper level of:

- **Vulnerability**
- **Accountability**

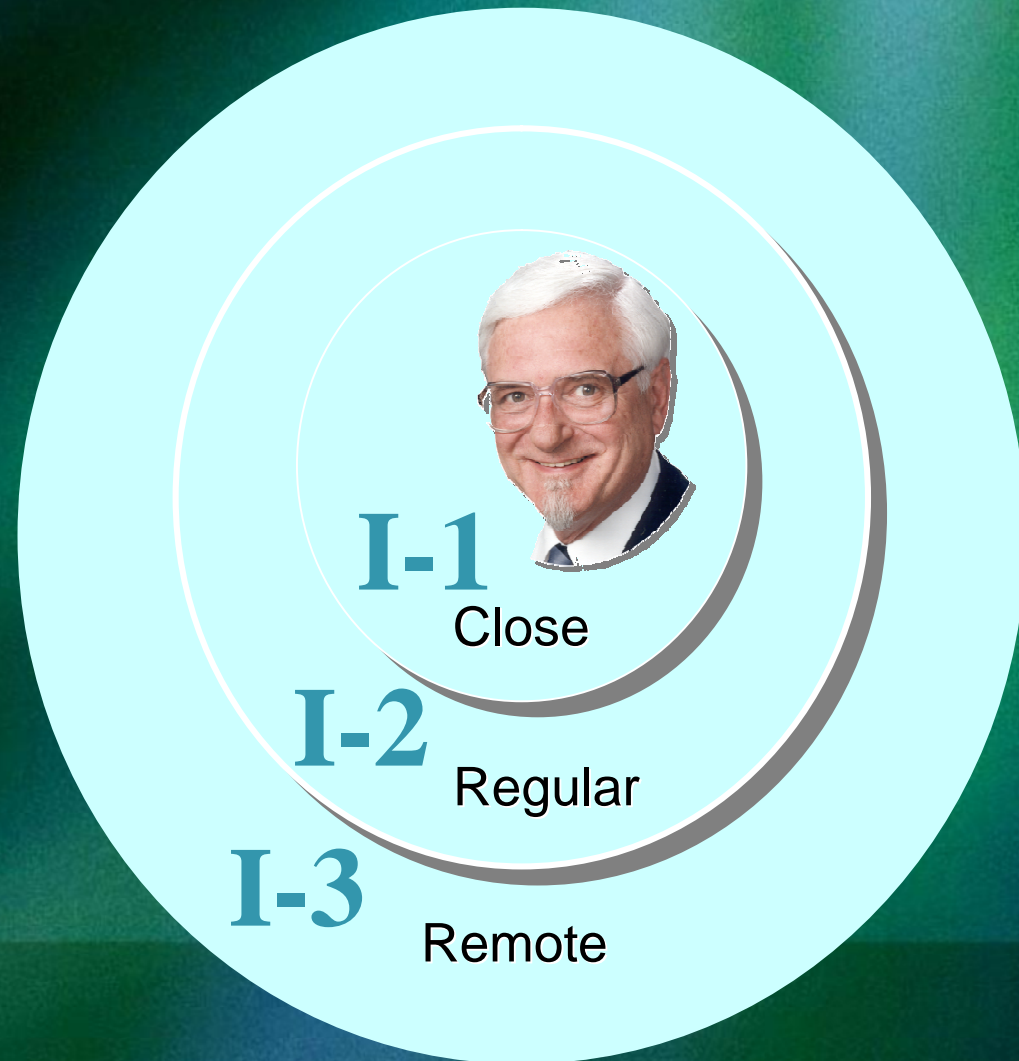
(4) **Spiritual Arrogance**

(5) **False Humility**

Who am I to **receive intercessors**?

Answer: This is the way God has **designed** his **kingdom!**

6. Three Kinds of Personal Intercessors



I-3: Remote



Bill Bright

Doris and I have **41** I-3s.

Note: Intercessors must
pray for **spouses** of leaders!

I-2: Regular

Doris and I have **20**.



I-1: Close

Doris and I have **1**: Chuck Pierce

We have a **personal relationship** with all 21.

18 have the **gift of intercession**.

Communication is **very important**.

Also **Holy Spirit** gives them information.

New I-2s:

“The moment you **accept** this **responsibility**, we give God **permission** to tell you **everything** and **anything** about us!”

Example . . .

The most important group of people next to **immediate family**.

7. Intercession for Christian Leaders in the Workplace

The Spirit is speaking about **reformation** of our **society**.

The Seven Mountains





Kingdom of Our God

Religion

Family

Education

Government

Media

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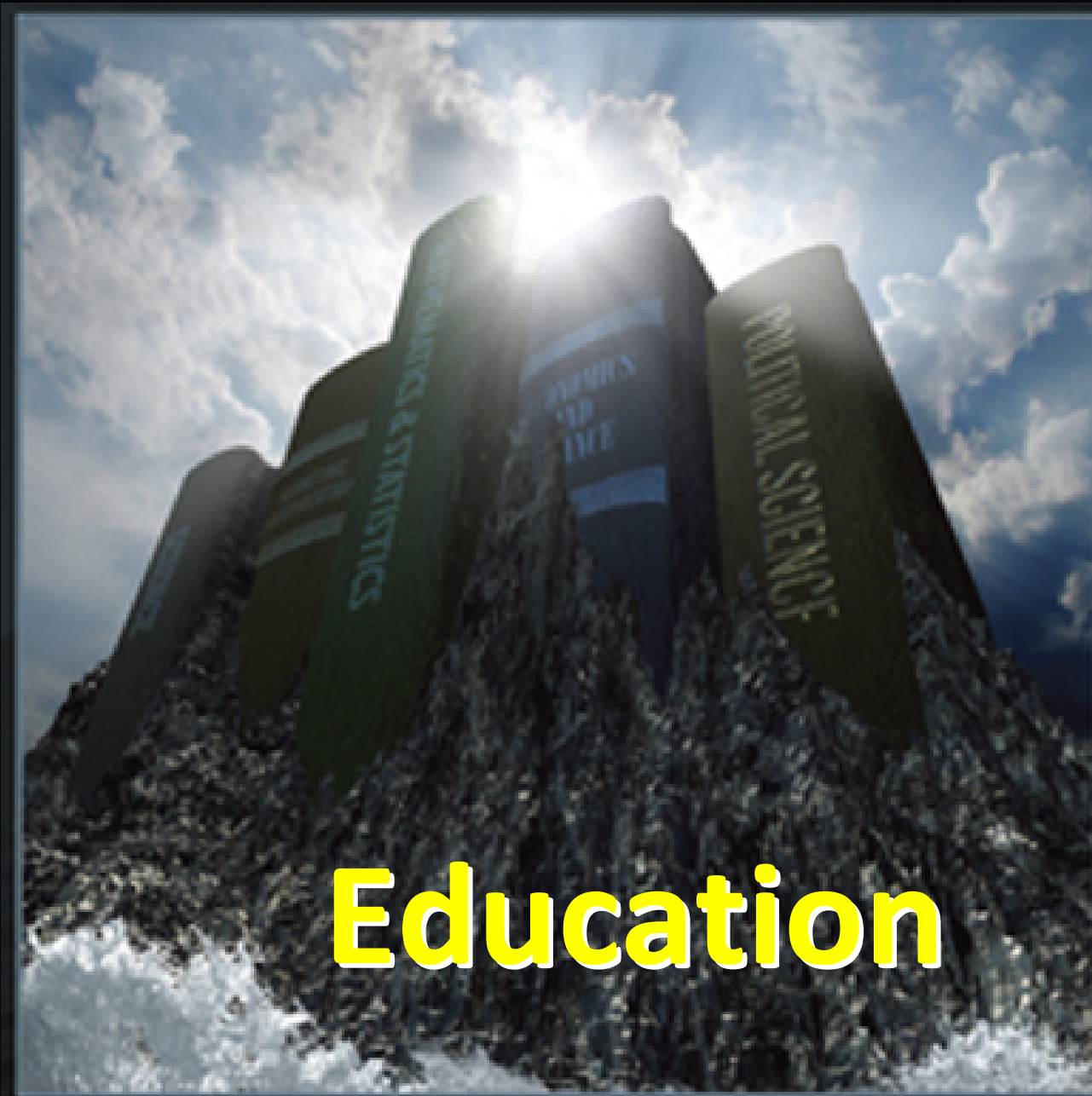
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Most intercession is in the **Religion** Mountain.

Q: How are leaders in the **other 6** mountains to get the necessary **intercession**?

- Tommi Femrite's company: AIN (Apostolic Intercessors Network)

She **contracts** professional-level **intercession**.

www.ain-gki.org

Charles Robinson's company: W.I.S.E. (Workplace, Intercession, Support, Empowerment)

www.coachmybusiness.com



Conclusion

Apostle Paul's attitude toward intercessors.

Ephesians 6 – Paul's strongest chapter on **spiritual warfare**.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.

Ephesians 6:12

How do we **battle** principalities and powers?

1. Personally

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

2. Corporately through intercessors.

- Pray for all the **saints**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

- Pray for Paul as **leader**

And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.

Ephesians 6:19

- Pray for Paul's **ministry**

For which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:20

How does Paul **service** his intercessors?

By sending a personal messenger

But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you.

Ephesians 6:21

Two messages

Whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs , and that he may comfort your hearts.

Ephesians 6:22

(1) Information

(2) Love and encouragement

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Intercession



Spiritual
Victory



Effective
Ministry in

- Church
- Workplace



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