

Intercessor

*And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.
(Isaiah 59:16 KJV)*

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30 KJV)

In order to be a true intercessor, YOU MUST MEET OTHER QUALIFICATIONS. First, you must be a born again Christian who is willing to be separated, consecrated and committed to a holy lifestyle. Sounds pretty basic? You will be surprised how many people live a casual Christian lifestyle (Carnal Christian) that embrace many of the secular things of this world and then believe that they can pray to God and expect an answer. For example you have been out drinking and partying all night but on the next day learn that a friend has been hurt or has some special need and you begin to "intercede" for that person.

Another example - someone has mistreated you, lied on you etc. and you have made up your mind to never forgive this person. Can you intercede on behalf others? An intercessor MUST BE WILLING TO FORGIVE. An intercessor must have a REPENTING HEART that is not to say be one that is practicing sin and needs to repent constantly for sinning. No, a repenting heart to the extent that I recognize my imperfections and understand that

my heart is wicked and deceitful above all things. Therefore I guard my heart, check my heart and am continuously aware of the need to confess and repent of any thing that may hinder my walk with God.

A true intercessor understands that intercession is a high and holy calling. A true intercessor is on the order of a high priest whose duties are to go in before God on behalf of the people. Yes, Jesus has made it possible for each child of God to come boldly before the throne of grace for himself but there is still a need for intercessors.

A true intercessor has a personal intimate relationship with God. A true intercessor has a lifestyle that includes a dedicated time of prayer, fasting and reading the word of God. Intercessors are interceding daily for the people of God, the pastors, leaders, communities, homes, families, world peace, different situations and circumstances that affect the people at large.

What is an intercessor? A person who has answered the high calling of God accordingly to II Chronicles 7:14 "if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land. A person who has answered the want ad according to Ezekiel 22:30 "and I sought for a man that should stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Types of Intercessors

[Source: Rev. Jacqueline Reeves]

Natural Intercessors
Surrogate Intercessors (Substitute)
Seasonal Intercessors
Last Resort Intercessors
Faith Intercessors
Weeping Intercessors
Warfare Intercessors
Group Intercessors
Team Intercessors
Church Intercessors

[1]Natural intercessors are gifted in prayer. They like to pray. They have the ability to birth new things in a region or city. These persons groan and wail, and they experience birth pains. They birth things into the church. GOD will also send these intercessors spirit to another country.

[2]Surrogate intercessors are an elected substitute. They also do groaning. He will send them pictures and faces. They are usually from other countries. Hannah was a surrogate; and Rachel was a surrogate.

[3]Seasonal intercessors-GOD will put it on the heart of an individual, to pray for something at a particular season. It has to be their season to pray.

[4]Last Resort Intercessors-Someone who prays occasionally, but GOD uses that person when there is a crisis.

[5]Faith Intercessors-They are released in the gift of faith. That person believes in GOD for the impossible, no matter what

happens. They make faith declarations, because they understand that faith breaks down the power of the enemy.

[6]Weeping Intercessors-Psalm 126; Joel 2:17. These intercessors come before GOD weeping on behalf of a city or country.

[7]Warfare Intercessors are extremely militaristic in character. They point to the strongholds as though they actually see it.

[8]Group Intercessors do a combination of weeping and wailing. Acts 4; 5; 12. their faith and boldness proves the power of GOD.

[9]Team Intercessors-The difference between a group intercessor, and team intercessor, is that the group meets at least once a month, while the team meets daily, around the clock prayer. They pray until GOD moves, and answers their prayers.

[10]Church Intercessors are responsible for praying for the city, and they are made of of many different churches.

OTHER TYPES OF INTERCESSORS

[Source: Warriors For The Kingdom]

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERCESSORS:

The administrative intercessors have the gifts of leadership, giving, exhortation, faith, and administration. They serve as the spinal cord in the Body carrying orders to other members. They coordinate and form prayer chains, telephone networks, newsletters and crises lines so everyone will be notified and encouraged to pray. Without these administrators, much of the intercession we experience today would lack the order and follow through these steadfast men and women of God provide.

CAFETERIA-STYLE INTERCESSION:

These are men and women who intercede cafeteria style. Their prayer lives are continually changing Like chameleons, they do not conform to any particular mode or method. They are pliable and flexible in the hand of God. They can discern the Spirit's direction, whether in travail, warfare or prayer lists. These intercessors easily enter the flow of the Spirit. Even new believers can intercede effectively in this way.

CRISIS INTERCESSION:

These intercessors pray for emergencies and can recognize when traumatic events have occurred. Like an E.M.S. ambulance driver, this emergency intercessor is always on call. Emergency intercessors sense the urgency in every crisis. They are the search and rescue team for those who are wounded on the spiritual battlefield. Their gifts might include: prophecy, mercy, faith, healing, pastor, service. We must have these intense people who receive emergency calls and send immediate intercessory help.

GEOGRAPHICAL INTERCESSOR:

Today, God is calling more intercessors for the nations than has ever been recorded by the church. These are the evangelists in the Body of Christ. They may have a gift mix of evangelism, prophecy, faith and mercy. These intercessors stand in the gap for different nations of the world to pray in the last great revival before Christ's return.

MERCY-MOTIVATED INTERCESSORS:

From a merciful heart mercy-motivated intercessors find great satisfaction praying for any event, city, nation or situation needing the mercy of the Lord. They breathe compassion and empathy into the spiritual lives of others and are able to touch the heartache of another with encouragement and love. Mercy-

motivated intercessors often move in the gifts of counseling, healing, giving and helps.

PRAYER-EVANGELISM INTERCESSORS:

These intercessors pray toward evangelism, ministry and service to others. They act as the 'knees' of the Body. They can cross the street or the city on their knees with prayer for the lost. Their prayers often result in sending workers to the right people in the right place for the right reason-bringing others to Christ. Their gifts often include faith, service and evangelism.

PRAYER-LIST INTERCESSORS:

Some intercessors pray through prayer lists. They tend to have the gift of administration or teacher or teacher mentioned in Romans 12. These prayer-list intercessors tend to be disciplined as they faithfully pray through the assignments God gives them on their ordered prayer lists. Occasionally they will get emergency requests and prophetic instruction, but their priority is to be persevering for the people, places and issues on their prayer lists.

PROPHETIC INTERCESSORS:

There are 'prophetic intercessors' who seem to hear from God almost as much as they speak to God. Exhortation, faith, wisdom, words of knowledge and discernment flow from the prophetic intercessor. Paul mentioned the eyes and the ears of the Body in 1 Corinthians 12. He points out that if the whole Body were an eye, there would be no hearing. With those who are the eyes and ears (prophetic intercessors), God often shares the secrets of His heart and the strategies of His work. God reveals His plans to them. At times He reveals the plans of the enemy, as well.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT INTERCESSORS:

(Assigned to an individual) have a special assignment to pray for leaders, such as religious, political or social leaders. They have a nurturing pastoral gift. They love to minister and shepherd in prayer, and quite often intercede with great compassion. The primary concern of the special assignment intercessor is the protection and care given the Body of Christ. They also feel deeply about the leaders for whom they pray. At times they become emotionally attached to them. Leadership can misunderstand them if they do not appreciate the shepherding heart of these prayer intercessors.

WARFARE INTERCESSORS:

Some intercessors are prayer warriors involved in spiritual warfare, which requires the revelatory gifts spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12. These gifts might include: faith, word of knowledge, discernment of spirits or prophecy. Prayer warriors are aware of the battle in the heavenlies (see Eph. 6:12). If the Body of Christ does not understand and learn from these intercessors, they will not see the spiritual battle developing. Like a spiritual radar installation, a prayer warrior is constantly surveying the heavenlies. When he or she locks in on prayer concern, this warrior has a gift to be an eye in the Body of Christ. The Lord reveals enemy targets that need to be demolished. Like the 'smart bombs' of Desert Storm, this kind of intercession is activated by the Spirit of God to hit a specific target.