

## I Will Pray For My Church Leaders

II Thess 3:1,2

Romans 15:30-32

- I. A heavenly motive for praying for my church leaders.
  - A. For the Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Rom. 15:30
    - 1. Only place in Bible used.
    - 2. "for we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus" II Cor. 4:5
    - 3. "he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists, and some, Pastors and teachers" Eph. 4:11
  - B. For the Love of the Spirit. Rom. 15:30
    - 1. Only place in Bible used.
    - 2. We love the Spirit for the work he does in and through us.
  
- II. A compassionate motive for praying for my church leaders.
  - A. To deliver them from those who do not believe. Rom. 15:31
  - B. To deliver us from unreasonable people. II Thess. 3:2
  - C. To deliver us from wicked people. II Thess. 3:2
  - D. That their service may be accepted by the saints. Rom 15:31
  
- III. A personal motive for praying for my church leaders.
  - A. Desiring that my leaders are in the will of God. Rom. 15:32
    - 1. The Apostles governed their entire ministries on this.
  - B. Desiring that my leaders serve with joy. Rom. 15:32
    - 1. Joy is contagious, spread it with prayer.
  - C. Desiring that my leaders be refreshed along with me. Rom. 15:32
    - 1. "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; This, that I may be comforted together with you by mutual faith both of you and me." Rom. 1:11,12
    - 2. "For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother." Philemon 1:7
  
- IV. An evangelistic motive for praying for my church leaders. II Thess. 3:1
  - A. That the word of the Lord may have free course.
  - B. That the word of the Lord may be glorified.
    - 1. Even as it is with you.
    - 2. Romans 10:13-15