

## Draw The Circle

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- There is something in man that pushes us to climb higher, drive faster, and to push the boundaries of life.
  - a. It's time for us push these boundaries of life into the supernatural realm.
  - b. It's time for us to climb higher and drive faster in our lives.
  - c. Do you feel under qualified and overwhelmed?
  - d. You might be exactly where God wants you to be.
  - e. These moments force us to pray like everything depends on God.
- Extreme Prayer!
- Legend of Honi the Circle Maker
  - a. "Honi dropped to his knees and raised his hands to heaven. With the authority of the prophet Elijah who called down fire from heaven...Honi called down rain."
- "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"--Corrie Ten Boom
- "History is silent about revivals that did not begin with prayer."--Edwin Orr
- "To desire revival and at the same time neglect personal prayer is to wish one way and walk another."--A.W. Tozer
- "The angel fetched Peter out of prison, but it was prayer that fetched the angel."--Thomas Watson
- George Muller  
Born: 1805, Germany  
Died: 1898, UK
- George Muller: "Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends."
- "I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming. Thousands and tens of thousands of times have my prayers been answered. When once I am persuaded that a thing is right and for the glory of God, I go on praying for it until the answer comes."
- R.A. Torrey said...
  - a. When it was laid upon George Muller's heart to pray for anything, he would search the Scriptures to find if there was some promise that covered the case. Sometimes he would search the scriptures for days before he presented his petition to God. And then when he found the promise, with his open Bible before him, and his finger upon that promise, he would plead that promise, and so he received what he asked. He always prayed with an open Bible before him.
- For whom do I draw a circle around in prayer?
  - a. Those in spiritual leadership.
  - b. 2 Cor. 1:9-11...And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many. NASU
- Draw a Circle
  - a. For divine protection.
  - b. 2 Thess. 3:1-4...pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
- Draw a Circle
  - a. For boldness to speak the truth.
  - b. Eph. 6:19-20...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- Draw a Circle
  - a. When you are sick.

- b. Acts 28:7-9...And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.
- Why draw a circle?
  - a. For unity.
  - b. John 17:20-21...I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- Why draw a circle?
  - a. For guidance.
  - b. Col. 1:9-10...For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects.
- Why draw a circle?
  - a. So we will forgive our enemies.
  - b. Acts 7:59-60...They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.
- When you draw a circle...
  - a. You are not moved by evidence.
  - b. Evidence does not always = the truth; but the voice of the Holy Spirit is truth.
  - c. Circle drawers intercept things in the spirit world.
  - d. They can change the outcome.
- God Himself is looking for someone to draw a circle and pray.
  - a. Ezek. 22:30...So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.
  - b. Isaiah 59:16...He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor;
- God Himself seeks faithful prayer.
  - a. Ps. 14:2...The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.
  - b. 2 Chron. 16:8-9...For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.
- When you draw a circle, you stir yourself up.
  - a. Isaiah 64:7...And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You;
- Characteristics of a circle drawer.
  - a. Isaiah 62:6-7...I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.