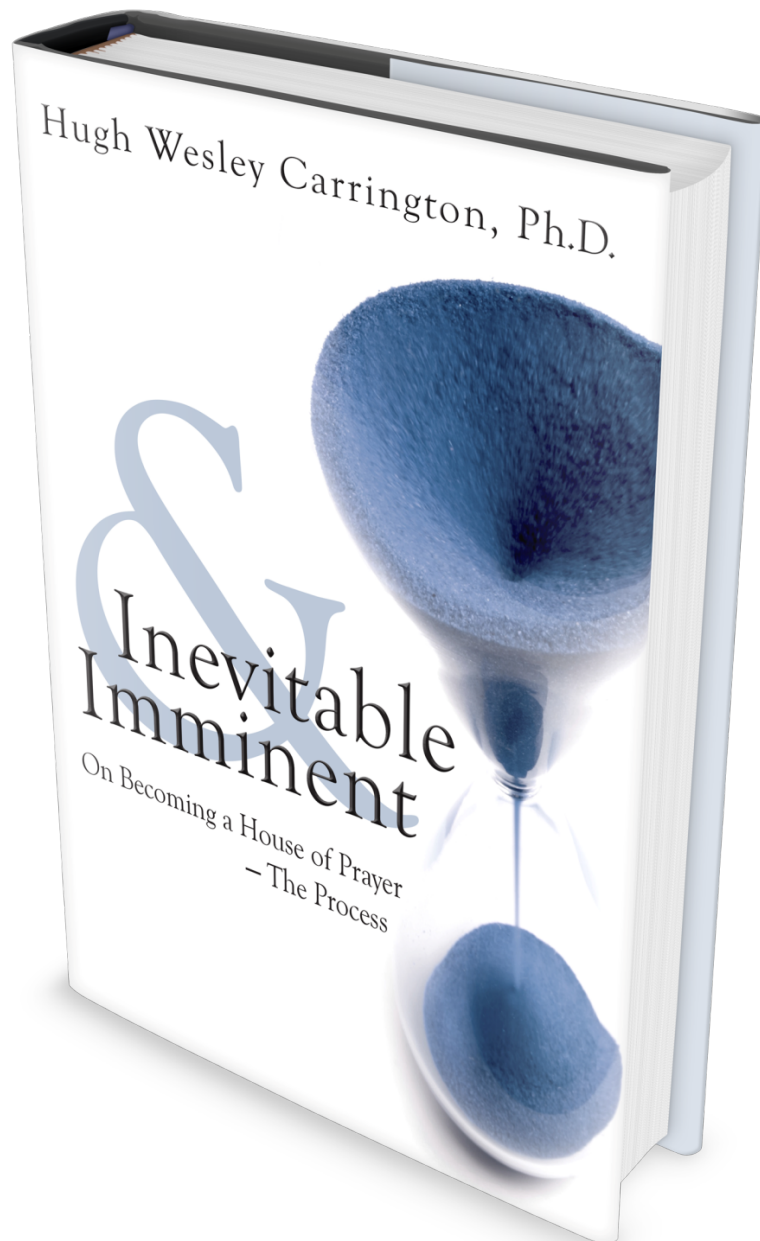


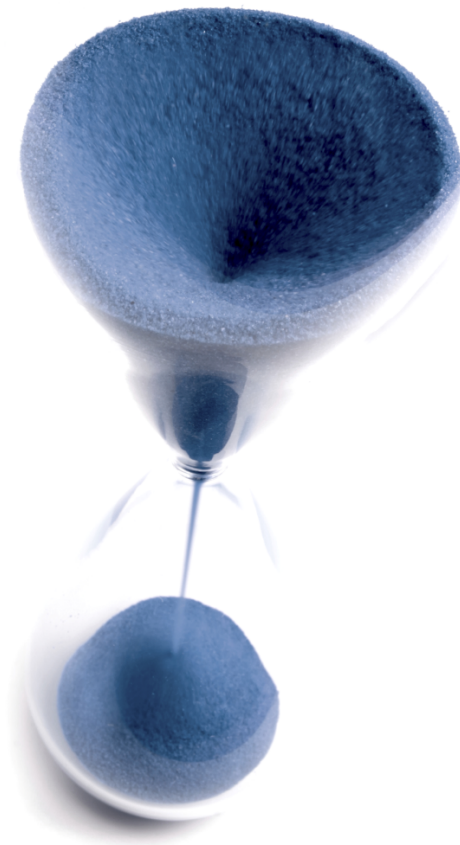
A Guide to Reading and Praying Through  
*Inevitable & Imminent* in 40 Days



*And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house  
of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Matthew 21:13 (KJV)

**We have a fixed quantity of time  
that's on the verge of running out.**



**I don't know when, but I know  
that time is and will run out soon.**

## DAY 1

**READ PAGES:** iii-ix (Preface)

**PRAY** for spiritual discernment.



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## DAY 2

**READ PAGES:** xi-xvi (Three Presuppositions)

**PRAY** about partnering with God to assist in finishing His work.



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## DAY 3

**READ PAGES:** xvi-xxi (Inevitable and Imminent...)

**PRAY** that this book disrupts your current way of thinking about prayer.



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## DAY 4

**READ PAGES:** 1-6

**PRAY** for the capacity to embody and strength to cast the vision.



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## DAY 5

**READ PAGES:** 6-10

**PRAY** for the capacity to embody and strength to cast the vision.



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## DAY 6

**READ PAGES:** 10-17

**PRAY** for the capacity to embody and strength to cast the vision.



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**DAY 7**

**READ PAGES:** 19-21

**PRAY** for the removal of spiritual robbers from your life and church.



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## DAY 8

**READ PAGES:** 22-25

**PRAY** for the removal of spiritual robbers from your life and church.



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**DAY 9**

**READ PAGES:** 25-33

**PRAY** for the removal of spiritual robbers from your life and church.



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**DAY 10**

**READ PAGES:** 35-37

**PRAY** that you and your spiritual leaders proclaim your church to be a house of prayer.



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## DAY 11

**READ PAGES:** 38-42

**PRAY** that you and your spiritual leaders proclaim your church to be a house of prayer.



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**DAY 12**

**READ PAGES:** 43-49

**PRAY** that you and your spiritual leaders proclaim your church to be a house of prayer.



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**DAY 13**

**READ PAGES:** 51-57

**PRAY** that your church will develop and implement fruitful ministries.



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**DAY 14**

**READ PAGES:** 57-61

**PRAY** that your church will develop and implement fruitful ministries.



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**DAY 15**

**READ PAGES:** 61-67

**PRAY** that your church will develop and implement fruitful ministries.



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**DAY 16**

**READ PAGES:** 69-72

**PRAY** that you will not be overcome by the attacks and distractions.



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**DAY 17**

**READ PAGES:** 72-77

**PRAY** that you will not be overcome by the attacks and distractions.



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**DAY 18**

**READ PAGES:** 79-81

**PRAY** for the courage to walk away praying, if necessary.



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**DAY 19**

**READ PAGES:** 82-87

**PRAY** for the courage to walk away praying, if necessary.



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**DAY 20**

**READ PAGES:** 89-94

**PRAY** for enough faith to try again.



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**DAY 21**

**READ PAGES:** 94-101

**PRAY** for enough faith to try again.



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**DAY 22**

**READ PAGES:** 103-105 (House of Prayer Process)

**PRAY** for you and your church's spiritual maturity.



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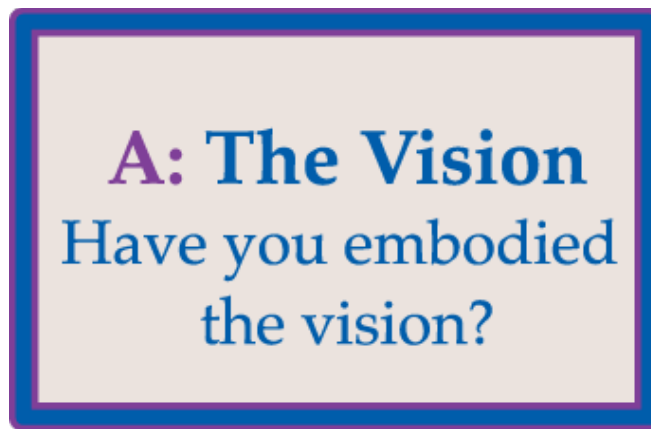
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**DAY 23**

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 1 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: have I embodied the vision?

**PRAY** for the capacity to embody and strength to cast the vision.



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DAY 24

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 2 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: Am I praying for the removal of spiritual robbers?

**PRAY** for the removal of spiritual robbers from your life and church.



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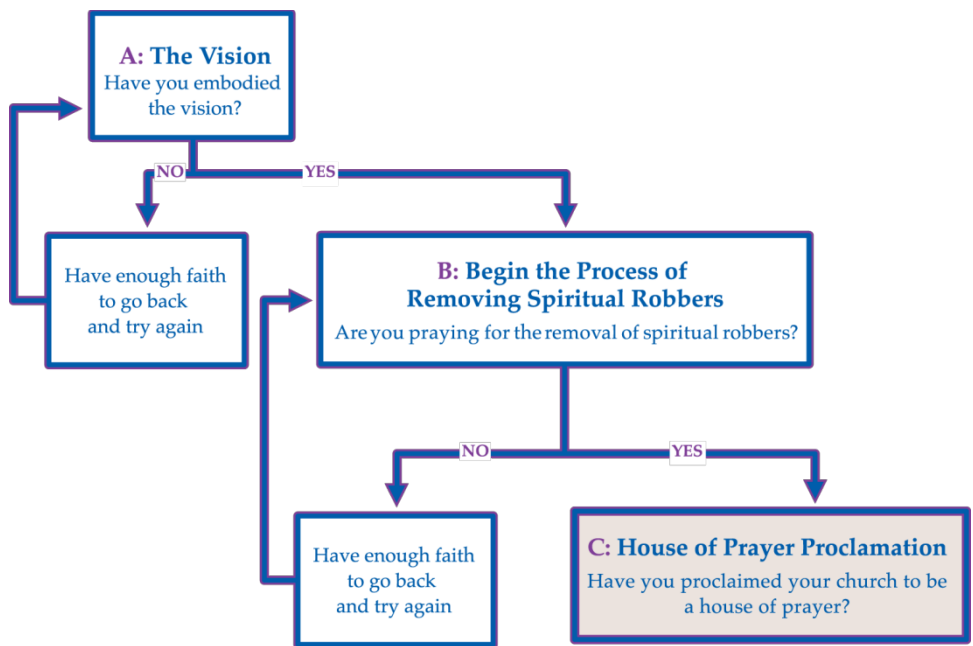
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DAY 25

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 3 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: have I proclaimed my church to be a house of prayer?

**PRAY** that you and your spiritual leaders proclaim your church to be a house of prayer.



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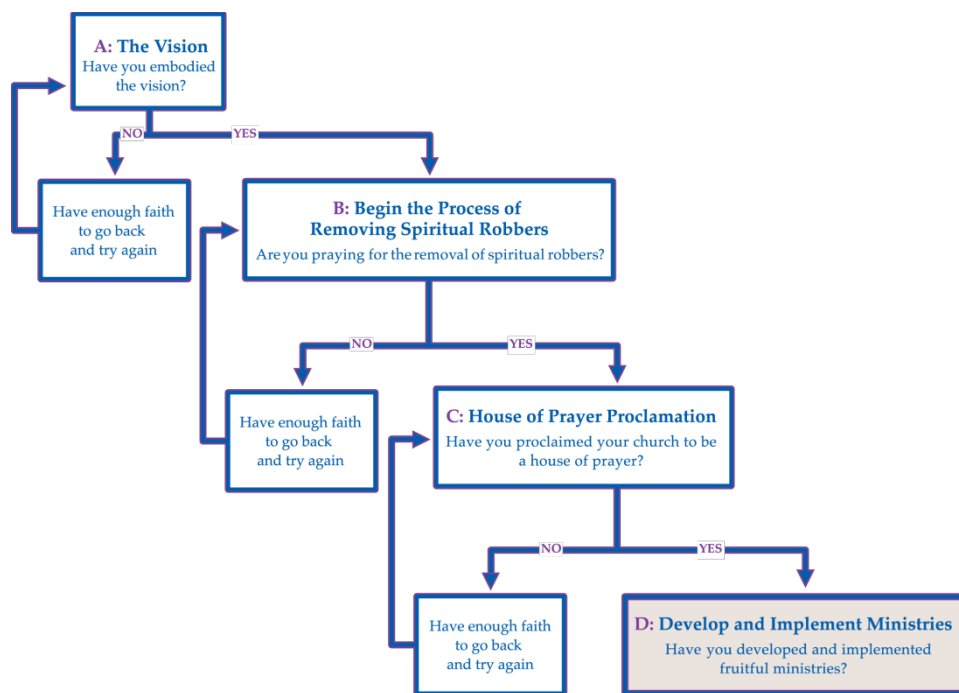
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## DAY 26

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 4 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: are we developing and implementing fruitful ministries?

**PRAY** that your church will develop and implement fruitful ministries.



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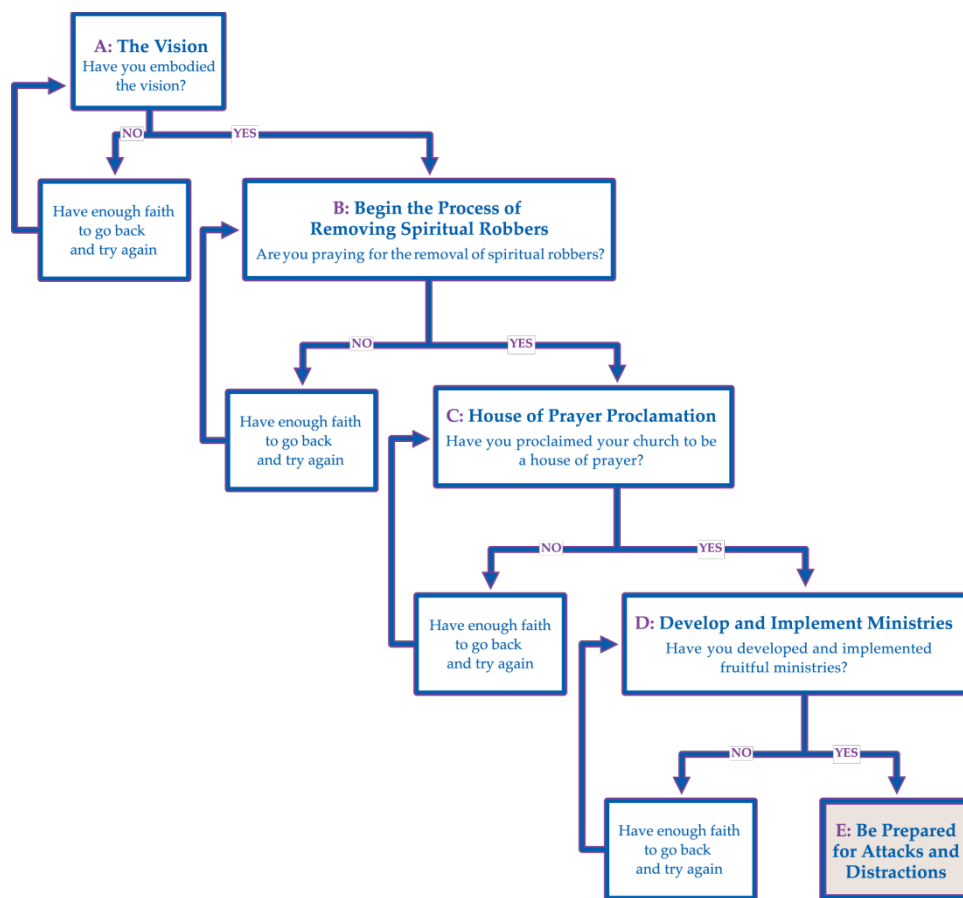
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## DAY 27

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 5 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: am I prepared for the attacks and distractions?

**PRAY** that you will not be overcome by the attacks and distractions.



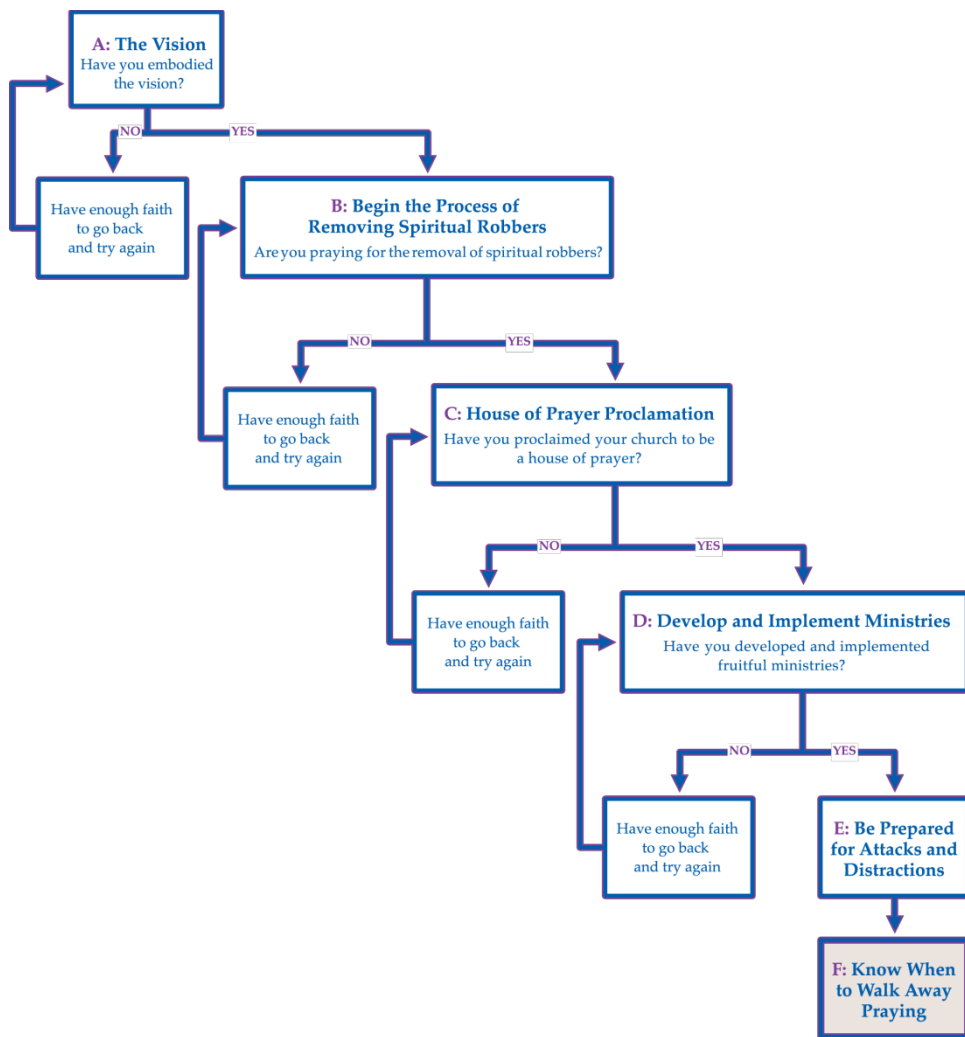
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DAY 28

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 6 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: do I know when to walk away praying?

**PRAY** for the courage to walk away praying, if necessary.



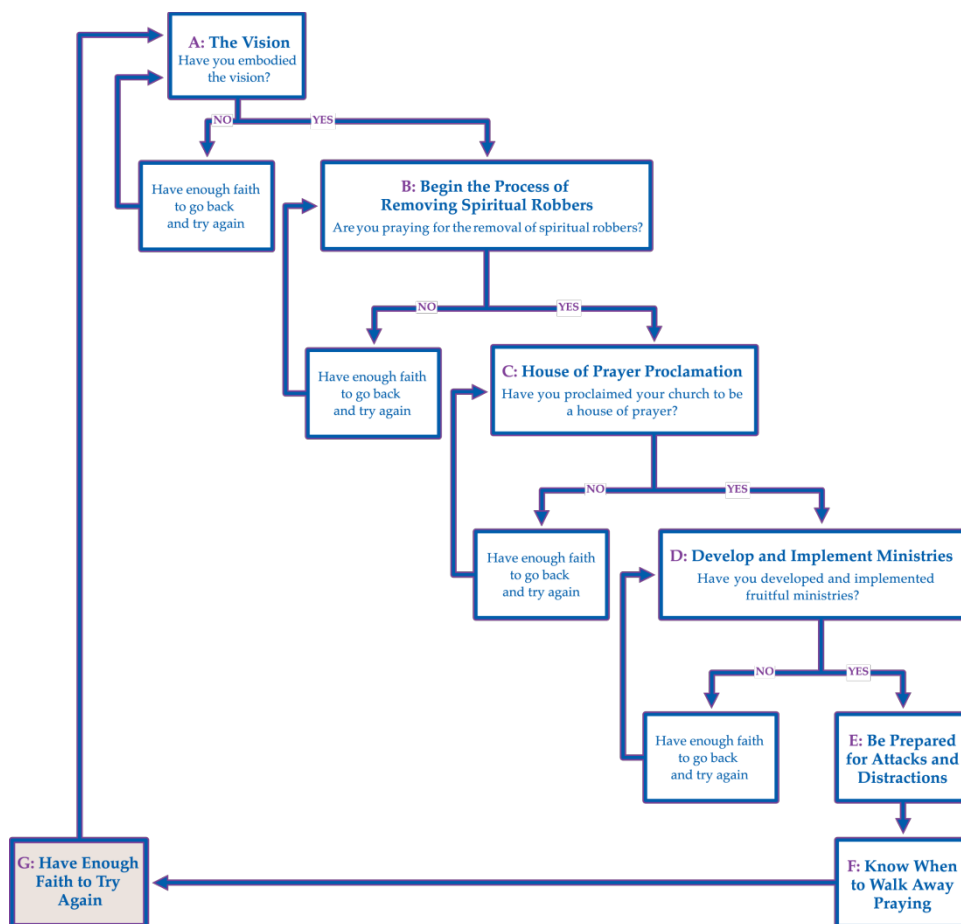
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## DAY 29

**READ PAGES:** Reread, as needed, any portion of Chapter 7 to ensure understanding as you reflect on the question: do I have enough faith to try one more time?

**PRAY** for enough faith to try again.



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**DAY 30**

**READ PAGES:** 105-113 (House of Prayer Canvas)

**PRAY** for clarity in developing the strategy for spiritual change and growth.



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**DAY 31**

**READ PAGE:** 108 (The Vision) Prayerfully consider each question and how you will challenge your church to become a house of prayer.

**PRAY** for spiritual discernment.



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**DAY 32**

**READ PAGE:** 108-109 (Spiritual Robbers and The Proclamation) Prayerfully consider each question and how you will challenge your church to become a house of prayer.

**PRAY** for spiritual discernment.



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**DAY 33**

**READ PAGE:** 109 (Fruitful Ministries and Attacks and Distractions) Prayerfully consider each question and how you will challenge your church to become a house of prayer.

**PRAY** for spiritual discernment.



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**DAY 34**

**READ PAGE:** 109 (Walk Away Praying and Try Again) Prayerfully consider each question and how you will challenge your church to become a house of prayer.

**PRAY** for spiritual discernment.



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**DAY 35**

**READ PAGES:** 115-123

**PRAY** that you never hear or experience the pronouncement.



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**DAY 36**

**READ PAGES:** 123-131

**PRAY** that you never hear or experience the pronouncement.



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**DAY 37**

**READ PAGES:** 133-138

**PRAY** for the latter rain that will allow us to co-labor with God to finish His work.



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**DAY 38**

**READ PAGES:** 138-145

**PRAY** for the latter rain that will allow us to co-labor with God to finish His work.



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**DAY 39**

**READ PAGES:** 146-151

**PRAY** for the latter rain that will allow us to co-labor with God to finish His work.



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**DAY 40**

**READ PAGES:** 151-159

**PRAY** for the latter rain that will allow us to co-labor with God to finish His work.



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## DAY 41... Keep Praying!

We often set aside 40 days, 2 weeks, 7 days, a special day, or specific hours for prayer. In too many of our churches prayer is an initiative (a cyclic program) when it should be a constant—a perpetual church pursuit. I don't have a problem with setting aside time for prayer; I'm more concerned with the unintended consequences. When we exclusively approach prayer (our approach to the throne of God) in this manner, we send the wrong message to our congregations. While it is not our intent, we send the message that now is the time you should *really* be praying and for how long. These prayer initiatives set unintentional limits on how long we pray and the intensity of our prayers and create a bipolar spiritual experience in our churches.

I've witnessed the bipolar spiritual experience over and over again in many churches. Individuals and the collective church are on fire—a spiritual high—for 40 days or 2 weeks, and then they return to business as usual. We get to the end of the allotted time for prayer, and we stop praying. If it does not halt immediately, within a few weeks the amount and intensity of prayer wanes and stops. Over time we become conditioned to praying, stopping, and starting again. Now we're praying; now we're not. Accordingly, there is limited-to-no sustainability or continuity in such cycles of prayer for a church to develop and grow spiritually.

What a radical change and spiritual benefit to our individual members and to the collective church and community if we were able to engender the same level of faithful prayer and expectancy of answers throughout the year, every year! Would it not be wiser to encourage our churches to develop a habit of prayer every day of the year? Churches cannot afford to focus on prayer for 40 days, 2 weeks, 7 days, special days, or specific hours exclusively. Prayer should be a daily experience that is accentuated when the collective church gathers throughout the week for worship. Daily intense prayer (absent the temporary highs and lows—the bipolar spiritual experience) must be a constant in the life of a church and the individual Christian.

p. 123-124, 126