

The Affinity Accountability and Prayer Strategy



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The Affinity Accountability & Prayer Strategy:
An Explanation

The Affinity Accountability & Prayer Strategy/Shield consists of seven members that function relationally to form a core group.

The Core Group is made up of three relational components: Affirmation, Challenge, and Inspiration.

Each of these relational components has three members; and, together the components function as a concentric alliance or confederation.

The Affirmation Component: A Mentor, You, and a Watchman/Intercessor

The Challenge Component: A Right Hand, You, and a Brother in Arms

The Inspiration Component: A Scout/Front Man, You, and a Rear Guard

The Core Group has a plural common element – You in Christ. You are His living disciple/representative. All of the member's of the core should be His living disciples/representatives too.

The Core Group's Motto is "One for All and All for One"!

The Core Group purpose is to provide a spiritual alliance of accountability for its members. Each member of the core group has a specific spiritual function. As the group forms and the members interact, all of its members will be affirmed, challenged, and inspired to journey together and follow JESUS.

The Affinity Accountability and Prayer Strategy goal is to maximize Christ likeness individually and corporately; and, to promote Kingdom cooperation.

Additional Available Resources From Encourage Men To Pray Ministries, Inc.

180 Bible Reading Program:

The 180 Bible Reading Program is designed to help establish the Authority of the WORD of GOD over a venue or a special event. The 180 Bible Reading Program has been used by various church groups and conference leadership teams to prepare venues and participants spiritually for extraordinary meetings. The Scriptures have been divided into 180 topical, logical, and chronological readings. Each participant is given an assignment card which identifies a passage of Scripture to read audibly. The entire Scripture can be read by the team in about 35 minutes. Some smaller groups have read the selections over an extended period of time. The 180 Bible Reading Program can be personalized for your event.

The "630" Challenge:

The "630" Challenge is a Bible Reading Plan printed on a bookmark that prompts an individual to read the entire New Testament in one month. The "630" Challenge is accomplished by reading the New Testament every month for one year. Each reading contains 10 chapters which are read 6 days per week. This Challenge works best in the context of accountability relationship.

James, A Presentation:

Brother Rick Lindsay brings the Lord's half-brother to life in a dramatic monologue of the events surrounding the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Scriptures in the Book of James are brought to life by his portrayal of James wearing first century clothing and his sharing of a life changing word picture.

Encourage Men To Pray Pocket Prayer Book:

The Encourage Men To Pray Pocket Prayer Book provides the believer with an convenient means to record prayer requests and to journal blessings. Because of it's durability and size, many men use it also as their personal notebook.

Affinity Prayer Gatherings and Advances:

Our Affinity Prayer Gatherings and Advances are designed to prompt an intentional focus on communing with Almighty God and with the Body of Christ. From the individual to the corporate group, all are offered an opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, inspired, and affirmed in Christ.

THE AFFINITY CORE CROUP



"Follow Jesus! No order ever supersedes this order...period."
Rev. Rick Lindsay

Brother Rick is married to Marsha Ann. They have 4 adult children; Bethany, Ruth, her husband Brandt Sword, and Mark, his son.

Brother Rick accepted Christ aboard the USS Mount Baker off the coast of Athens, Greece on January 28th 1974. In 1978 he graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.S. degree in business administration. After college, he was a General Contractor for 20 years. In 1992 he accepted the challenge to join two short term mission trips to Papua, New Guinea to construct a missionary residence for Lae Baptist Bible College. He has served Promise Keepers on staff as their National Strategic Prayer Coordinator; and, he has been a frequent work shop presenter for the National Coalition of Men's Ministries.

Brother Rick founded Encourage Men To Pray Ministries in 1999 and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 2000. He travels extensively presenting a dramatic monologue on James, speaking, teaching, and sharing his faith in Christ.



Pictured above are the six men that Almighty God has surrounded me with to journey through this life. I thank God for each of you daily -- for your willingness to serve Him. Warrior Won, Under Rower, Jump Master, Light Saber One, Stealth 7, and the Mail Man: You guys are awesome!

"My SIX"!!!!!!



The Affinity Core Group functions as a spiritual entity. Amos 3:3 declares "Can two walk together, except they be agreed"? Each person on this Earth is on a journey. Many travel alone and are unaware of potentially harmful ambushes. The World is a dangerous place to travel through with one's soul. Without accountability and fellowship the Christian is vulnerable to attacks from an unseen enemy.

The Affinity Core Group provides a line of defense and offence relationally for its members. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 drives this point home with the declaration of "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

The Affinity Core Group's three components: Affirmation, Challenge, and Inspiration draw influence from Ecclesiastes 4:12 "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. These components are relational in nature and provide eyes to see and ears to hear "What saith the Lord?" and "What does the Word declare?"

The Affinity Core Group is an elite spiritual warfare tactical team which operates in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 6:17 "But he that is joined unto the LORD is one Spirit; and, Philippians 1:27c "That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

THE AFFIRMATION COMPONENT

Watchman
(Intercessor)

The Affirmation Component main function is to provide one with spiritual oversight and spiritual validation. These spiritual assets are fundamental to the process of one's Christian maturity and well-being and should demonstrate and possess excellent character, testimony and knowledge of the Scripture.

The Mentor and Watchmen/Intercessor minister one on one with you and with the Lord in your behalf.

YOU

As you journey daily, weekly, etc., these valued confidants reinforce who you are - whose you are. They encourage you to walk worthy of your calling as declared in 1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things".

Mentor

In their respective roles, they advise, instruct, and counsel in things of the Lord. They are spiritual coaches that rally the believer to remain faithful in all circumstances whether in company or alone, and validate your spiritual progress.

The Watchman/Intercessor and Mentor, at best, exhort one to embrace Philippians 1:10 and 11 as an observable lifestyle.

"That ye may approve things that are excellent; that; ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God".

The Affirmation Component Sentinels are responsible before the LORD to provide the believer with spiritual moorings and anchors such as Titus 2:1 "But to speak the things which become sound doctrine".

And, Titus 3:1 "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, and to be ready to every good work".

THE INSPIRATION COMPONENT SENTINELS

Scout
(Front Man)

1. One's chief reconnaissance gatherer.
2. One's premier advocate.

Example: Abraham's eldest servant in Gen. 24

Rear
Guard

1. One's loyal trusted ally and spiritual encourager.
2. One's appointed spiritual warfare interpreter and strategist.

Example: Silas to Paul in Acts 16 and 17:1-14

THE INSPIRATION COMPONENT



The Scout/Front Man and Rear Guard positions are all about the processes of Spiritual Intel. Their functional focus is spiritual reconnaissance and its interpretation. Both are wired to seek, observe, gather, and report spiritual conditions. They are the truth sensors: 1 Thes. 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.

John the Baptist is probably the best example recorded in Scripture of one that serves another out front; He opened the way before Jesus. In John the first Chapter he humbly declares in verse 27 "He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to unloose". John knew his role- place, and he was dependable.

Peter is an example of a Rear Guard. He's always right there in the thick of things near Jesus – ready to serve him. He's ready to protect him. Peter wasn't perfect but he was enthusiastic and engaged in the mission at hand. He's at the ready, he's Jesus' understudy and in the end he became a valued disciple, leader, and teacher.

The Rear Guard has your back. He brings up the rear. He promotes your success and will not let you quit when you are discouraged. Rear Guards push you forward spiritually when you need encouragement.

In 1 Chronicles Chapter 11 it alludes to David's mighty men spiritual allies and their valued relational positions of honor with him due to exploits and their faithfulness to serve. They would not brake ranks in battle. They were submitted one to another and to David's success.

In Spiritual Warfare, as in real combat, the term "semper fidelis" (always faithful) is used to note the highest level of desired character. It is fitting here to suggest that you will be well served to adopt it too.

THE AFFIRMATION COMPONENT SENTINELS



1. One who guards and protects.
2. One who prays, petitions, or entreats Almighty God for favor.

Example: Paul to Timothy in Timothy 1:3



1. A trusted loyal advisor and counselor,
2. One who teaches, guides, and coaches.

Example: Jethro to Moses in Exodus 18

THE CHALLENGE COMPONENT



The Challenge Component gets its mandate from two passages of Scripture in the book of Proverbs. Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. And, Proverbs 17:19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

The Right Hand Man and the Brother in Arms are a man's greatest and true comrades. These two spiritual warriors might be referred to as modern day fighter pilot wingmen. They are always on the ready to protect and the first to defend.

They are the "INDESPENSIBLE ONE'S" because either one of them can assume the position/function of any of the other members of the core group with the exception of their counterpart.

Aaron and Hur model this type of God anointed relationship in the passage of Scripture declared in Exodus 17:9-13 "And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. So Joshua did as Moses has said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: but when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword".

THE CHALLENGE COMPONENT SENTINELS



1. One's chief confidant and trusted friend.
2. One's first responder and accountability partner.

Example: David and Jonathan
in 1 Samuel 18:3



1. One's armor bearer and trusted ally.
2. One's expert spiritual warfare comrade.

Example: Jonathan and his Armourbearer
in 1 Samuel 14: 1-14