



LIFEWAY CHURCH MINISTRIES

2018 PRAYER AND PETITION **“The Year of Excellence”**

Father God, we come to You in the year of 2018 standing on Your Word in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the establisher of our covenant with you and God the Father, in accordance with 1 Cor. 12:31: But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. In 2018 we as a congregation choose to come together in unity to bring forth the “Excellence” of God in our Church and in our individual lives. I will not neglect my obligation within my covenant privileges. I will faithfully pray, and give of my money, gifts, talents and abilities, in support of the “Excellence” of God within our congregation as well as in my family and personal life.

1. We stand believing that in this year of 2018 Lifeway and the families within Lifeway will experience a year of “Excellence” like no other. We stand in faith looking to the author and finisher of our faith to perform the exceeding and abundant above all that we can ask or think. We confess and decree, that we stand under the divine covering of Lifeway Church ministries and will in year 2018 experience a divine impartation of God “Excellence” within our families and ministry in 2018.

The Building of God’s House in “Excellence”

(1 Kings 6:11-14) 11. Then the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: 12. "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13. "And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel." 14. So Solomon built the temple and finished it.

2. I will be committed to daily prayer and fasting as led by the Spirit of God and the reading of the word of God, that I might be ready to perform my function in bringing about the “Excellence” of God in both my personal life and in the lives of those within my church in 2018.

Prayer of Commitment

(Ps. 5:1-8) 1. Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. 2. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. 4. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will

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worship toward Your holy temple. 8. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

3. I will be committed to receiving the Power and demonstration of the “Excellence” of the Spirit of God upon my life in 2018.

The Receiving and Transporting of the “Excellence” of God

(2 Cor. 4:6-7) 6. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

4. I will be committed to attending church services regularly in 2018, that I may grow and develop in the faith, that I may demonstrate the “Excellence” of faith as I stand in one accord with the local body of Christ to which I and my family are called.

The “Excellence” of Faith

(2 Cor. 2:1-4) 1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.
2. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.
4. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5. that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

5. I will be committed to myself, my local church (Lifeway) and the Kingdom of God; I will operate in “Excellence” spiritual warfare before God and man in 2018.

The “Excellence” of Spiritual Warfare

(2 Tim.2:1-5) 1. You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

6. I will walk within the “Impartation” of God’s Grace and Mercy that will provide me the necessary wisdom, knowledge and understanding to be a good steward over the increase in the life of my family and Lifeway church in 2018.

The “Excellence” of Humility and Grace

(Phil. 3:7-15) 7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

7. I am committed to the Covenant order of “Excellence” Thereby will I honor God in heaven as He honors me on earth in 2018.

The “Excellence” of Covenant Honor and Integrity

(Ps. 8:1-9) 1. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5. For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

7. All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

8. I will receive and uphold the “Impartation of the honor of God.” I understand that to receive the honor of God, I bear and represent his very name in 2018

I will uphold the “Excellency” of my Financial Spiritual Values

(Mal. 3: 6-12) For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. 7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? 8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of

hosts. 12. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts

9. I will, through faith, receive and walk in the full earnest expectation of the “Excellence” of Christ Jesus our Lord and the divine impartation of the Favor of God in 2018

The “Excellence” of Godly Favor

(Heb. 1:1-4) 1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

(Gal. 3:13-14) 13. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

10. I will be committed to my Birth right and Place in the “Excellence” of Christ Jesus our Lord unto the glory of God the Father in 2018.

The “Excellency” of Representation

(Rev.1:5-6) 5. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(2 Cor. 5:17) 17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

11. I will be committed to Wisdom, aligning my thoughts and actions with “Excellence” and not mediocrity in 2018.

The “Excellence” of Wisdom

(Eccl. 7:10-14) 11. Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. 12. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. 13. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? 14. In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

12. I will be committed to the ‘Impartation’ of God’s Plan and Purpose of my Life by operating in a conscious awareness of the urgency in my Life, understanding that “Time” is a divine gift of God within every season in 2018.

“Excellence” of Motion and Meditation

(Ps. 1:1-3) 1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

As a result of my compliance with this petition and my commitment to my church, spiritual covering, and You Father God, I will do my best in this **“Covenant Execution”**. I will partner with you as a member of Lifeway church to see You manifested in my life, family, church, community, and nation. I will no longer be individually minded but rather covenant minded. I am willing and able to give of my money, time, gifts, and talents. As a result of my change, I believe and stand on Your Word according to Ps.91:1-8 ¹“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. ⁴He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. ⁵Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ⁷A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.”

In accordance with Hebrews 13:17 which says, ¹⁷“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you,” I stand in obedience to my Pastor who watches for my soul. As he follows the Lord, Jesus Christ, so will I obey and follow him. I am committed to also praying and assisting my Pastor and never murmuring or complaining about the vision, position, or authority that You have placed in position.

In 2018, I commit my heart, mind, and body to You Lord in all that I do. Have your way in my life; rule and reign as you see fit. You lead and I will follow.

IN JESUS NAME I PRAY, AMEN

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