

Your Most Strategic Investment

(Why, How and What to Pray for your Spiritual Leaders)

TEXT: Romans 15:30-33
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INTRODUCTION:

The impact of a challenging culture and a concentrated attack on our spiritual leaders today...

“Paul knew that talking to men about God is a great thing. But talking to God about men is the first thing.”

WHY we should pray for Christian leaders – v. 30a

- Our DUTY to pray

“Now I appeal to you, brothers,”

- Our REGARD for Christ –

“...by our Lord Jesus Christ...”

- Our LOVE FOR the Spirit –

“...and by the love of the Spirit”

HOW we should pray for Christian leaders– v. 30b

“sunagonidzomai” = to contend with adversaries; to fight; to strain.

WHAT we should pray for Christian Leaders – vv. 31 & 32

- Prayers for PROTECTION -

“Until you know that life is WAR you cannot know what prayer is FOR.” John Piper

- Prayers for PROSPERITY -

- Prayers for PROVISION -

CONCLUSION:

What might happen if we consistently made our most strategic investment?

- *The result for Paul: Acts 21:15–28:31*

- *The result for us: PEACE*