



The Impact of Prayer


**(Timeless Insights from
the Early Church)**

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Dr. A. T. Pierson preached...

“Generally, if not uniformly, prayer is both starting point and goal to every movement in which are the elements of permanent progress. Wherever the church is aroused, and the world’s wickedness arrested, somebody, somewhere, has been praying.”




Acts 4:31-33 (NKJV)

31) And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.



32) Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

33) And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.



**THE SEVEN-FOLD
IMPACT OF
SUPERNATURAL
PRAYER!**



Supernatural defined...

Super: “Over and above; higher in quality or degree.”

Natural: “Having a normal or usual character; not out of the ordinary.”


Supernatural: “Departing from what is usual or normal—that which transcends the laws of nature.”



1. FIRST IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL SHAKING

“...the place where they were assembled together was shaken...”



Haggai 2:6-7 (NIV)

6) "I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations will come and I will fill this house with glory."

7) The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house."



Hebrew 12:26 (NIV)

“Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens...so that what cannot be shaken may remain.”



2. SECOND IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL EMPOWERMENT

“...they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit...”



3. THIRD IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL COURAGE

“...they spoke the word of God
with **boldness...**”



4. FOURTH IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL UNITY

“Now the multitude of those who believed were of **one heart and one soul...**”

The Message reads:

“The whole congregation of believers was **united as one**—one heart, one mind!”



5. FIFTH IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL GENEROSITY

“...neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had **all things in common...**”

The Message reads:

“No one said, ‘That’s mine; you can’t have it.’ **They shared everything.**” Verse 34 adds: “And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy.”



6. SIXTH IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL

ANOINTING

“And with **great power** the apostle gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus...”



7. SEVENTH IMPACT:

A SUPERNATURAL FAVOR

“And **great grace** was upon them all.”

The New Living Translation
reads:

“...and God’s **great favor** was upon them all.”