



“... and I will make them joyful in My house of prayer... My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Isaiah 56:7

A people of prayer – prayer that actually connects with God – are a people where joy is a constant companion. “In Thy presence is fullness of joy.” (Psalm 16:11). Joy is a by-product of genuine Life. Where there is joy, Life is not far away. Look for joy – it can be seen and heard for it carries with it a quality of atmosphere that is attractive and energizing.

Once the vital connection to God is made through personal and corporate prayer, joy and peace begin their manifestation among the people of God – His presence is evident, His joy infectious, His people encouraging, His peace settling!

These earmarks of a people of prayer may be seen any where in the world were Christians gather. It is not reserved for this people or that people – but for all who call themselves Christians. The question is then – is our church a house of prayer or a house of teaching? Is it a place to meet with God or a place to gather with friends? When we gather primarily to seek God, all the other “stuff” will be present – but should we forget our calling to be a people of prayer, gradually... slowly... we will lose our joy... our peace... our vision... our purpose...

Next time you are at a church service or a gathering of saints look for someone with whom you can pray. Pray for their needs... pray for your church and its leaders... simply pray!

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