

# **The Gifts That Keep On Giving!**

1. The Future of the Church – His Return
2. The Power of the Church – The Spirit
3. The Reaching of the Church -- The Preaching of Truth
4. The Joy of the Church – The Family
5. The Fruit of the Church – Changed Lives
6. The Purity of the Church – Persecution
7. The Treasure of the Church – Lost Souls
8. The Gifts of Grace and Truth
9. The Gift of Prayer

Jerusalem/Judea/Samaria/Uttermost

Ethiopian/Saul/Cornelius/Antioch

God declared the value of lost souls in Syria... Antioch is just 50 miles east of ALEPPO, SYRIA and Antioch became the center spoke to the Mission Trips to the Gentiles. Acts 11: 19-30

10. The Difference made by the Church – Prayer

James and Peter's Difference... between Chapter 11 and 12, James, John's brother, was killed by Herod and would have killed Peter also but for a prayer meeting...

- Jesus said that we would receive access to ask God for prayer requests if we knew Him and if we were in good standing with Him.
- Jesus said that there was power to order demons by prayer.
- Jesus said that the House of God was a place to pray.
- Jesus modeled what we should do when we do not get what we ask of God.
- Jesus modeled load shifting through prayer.
- Jesus taught the disciples how to pray.

- Jesus prayed in the early morning, late at night, all night, standing up, sitting down, in private, in public...
- Jesus modeled prayer being used to produce intimacy with God.
- Jesus told Peter why prayer was so valuable... "That you enter not into temptation."
- We have even quoted the beginning of our walk with prayer... "Whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The issue here is the power of the Church when they unify and cry out to God!

Acts 12: 5 and 12...

Prayer is persuasion... Genesis 12 on... persuading Someone...