

God's Plan Revealed Through Prayer

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We celebrated 70 years at Soquel Campmeeting in 2018. We also experienced the marked presence of God in the prayer room and conference grounds. Sincere prayers for revival, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and total surrender ascended to God in the packed prayer room each afternoon.

We began prayer as usual on Wednesday, July 18, with praise, confession and asking for the Holy Spirit. I'm sure it must have been much like the disciples in the upper room as expressed in Acts 2. We then began earnestly asking God to do a miracle with the Evangelism offering, above and beyond all that we were asking, as promised in Ephesians 3:20.

We had just totally surrendered our lives to God, when the Holy Spirit hit me with the question, "What kind of a commitment have we made as a united body to evangelism?" The prayer team continued to pray for the Evangelism offering while I struggled with the question. I hesitated to bring it up, not knowing what the reaction would be. But after silently seeking God I was certain it was His plan.

I shared the question and the response was overwhelming positive. We then continued in prayer, this time for wisdom from God to guide us to His plan (not ours) for the commitment He wanted us to make.

Immediately, someone mentioned the idea of committing to a minimum of a dollar a day or \$365 a year. The excitement in the room was palpable as we sensed that God had revealed to us His plan. Numerous ideas were suggested about how to present the idea to the conference leaders. We agreed that we should call this plan "A Dollar a Day for the Lord." (DDL)

People that weren't planning to give began to write checks for \$365. A widow gave the first check, a lady who was saving for a hot tub gave \$365 of her savings, and another couple from a sister conference pledged \$365.

Once again, God had proved that it is true: "Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you, for everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened." Luke 11:9, 10