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Thank you! Thank you! All of us here at Kingdom Ministries and Counseling Center want to express our sincere gratitude and thanksgiving for all those who helped to make this year's Vision & Fundraising Event a wonderful evening and helping us reach our fundraising vision goal of \$78,000! Praise God! We can't tell you how much it encourages us to know what is now possible as a result of your generosity. We consistently give thanks to God for you and pray for God's blessings and covering for you, your families, and all that God has given you to steward for His purpose. May it be as the Scriptures say, "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Your gifts and practical service will allow us to expand our mission and vision to *equip others to understand and use Christ's authority, the Holy Spirit's Counsel, and God's Word in Proclaiming the Kingdom of God, in Prayer, and*

Personal Ministry. It has provided the means to expand our base of support and our influence through the development of video & audio curriculum for group and personal training, purchase the necessary equipment for production, provide for staff and necessary support services for graphics, multi-media, and social networking. We may even have enough to add some insulation to our existing thin layer of (R1, plus or minus) attic insulation! So, thank you!!

Will you please join us in giving praise and thanksgiving to God as we gather this season to thank and honor Him for who He is and for all He's done, and will continue to do as we serve Him together. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper you in every way!



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Avoiding the Danger Zone in Prayer Ministry

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Learning to do prayer ministry can be a little intimidating for some people. They may be afraid they will do something wrong, that God might not show up, that they will be over their heads or won't know what to do in a given situation. Even though these feel like valid concerns at the beginning, the team is usually encouraged by how well it goes, even if they feel like they don't know what they are doing. But none of these common concerns are as risky what I call the DANGER ZONE.



Let's say you've just met as a team and ministered to someone. You've done your best and God has shown up and brought healing or freedom to the prayer recipient. You haven't given advice or counsel, but have asked the Lord every step of the way. Or maybe you didn't see anything happen. Maybe you think there are some things that you think could have done better. In any case, you close, making sure to suspend anything left for another time. You thank the prayer recipient for coming and for opening up to receive prayer. You have now entered the DANGER ZONE!

In observing beginning teams, it is a very common error to throw out everything you have just learned and put into practice, after the prayer time ends. Often the team feels a little awkward and are unsure of how to end. Sometimes the prayer recipient acts like they don't want to leave, but would like to stay and talk. There may be things the contenders have been thinking during the prayer time, but didn't bring up to the group to be tested. What ends up happening is that all of the advice the team members wanted to give, all of the things they were thinking but didn't bring up during the session, all of the memory verses, and all of the encouragement they were thinking about during the session get sucked into the DANGER ZONE and spewed out onto the prayer recipient. This can result in the prayer recipient becoming confused and overwhelmed. It can bring about a loss of the peace we just worked so hard for. As their last impression, it can distract them from focusing on what the Lord just did in them and for them. They can end up thinking about the advice given at the end, and the last things that were said, rather than focusing on the content of the prayer session itself and what they heard from the Lord. Clearly this is not good.

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How to avoid the DANGER ZONE

- End the session well. When you have completed the final closing prayer, use your body language to let the prayer recipient know it is time to leave. Gather your things, stand up, shake their hand if you like or give them a hug if they aren't opposed to touch, or in some other way show or tell them that you care about them. Take a step or two in the direction of the exit.
- Make sure you thank them for coming and for being open for prayer. It is hard to spill your guts, especially to strangers. Respect that by thanking them. Let them know if you would like them to update you on how things are going in a week or so. If you feel led to continue to pray for them, let them know that. If you feel another prayer time would be helpful, let them know they can make another appointment.

- Other than the above, the team should not converse with the prayer recipient.
- Once each member of the team has thanked them by making eye contact, and communicated by their body language that the prayer time is over, one of the team members can escort the prayer recipient to the door.
- If the prayer recipient still acts like they want to stay and talk, one of the team members should let them know that 'we are out of time for today', and again start walking them to the door. Remind them on the way out that you will be praying (if you will) and that they are welcome to make another appointment (if they are).

Avoiding the DANGER ZONE has many advantages. The prayer recipient is encouraged to keep their eyes on Jesus, rather than the team. The prayer time is able to end promptly. It minimizes confusion for the recipient and for team members, and it gives team members time to debrief and talk about how the session went, talk about what they were thinking, and discuss any problems or concerns for future sessions. It is also critical to debrief after a session, because it helps build trust between the team members, which helps them really start to function like a team, rather than a leader and some contenders.



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