***The Wisdom and Privilege of Embracing Our Sacred Trust***

1. Sacred Trust Themes (Allen Hood)
	1. ***Biblical:*** Keeping charge of the sanctuary is a biblical pattern. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament portraits of heavenly worship and prayer are night and day realities. God is answering this reality on “earth as it is in heaven” (Mt. 6:10). Ezekiel described a reward in the Millennium related to keeping or maintaining the worship sanctuary (Ezek. 44:15).

15The priests…the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me… (Ezek. 44:15)

* 1. ***Eternal:*** The Church functioning as a House of Prayer is an eternal reality (Isa. 56:7).
	2. ***Honorable:*** Continual prayer and worship is the honorable response to God’s infinite worth.
	3. ***Humble:*** The Lord called Daniel’s fasting and prayer an expression of humility (Dan. 10:12).
	4. ***Wise:*** Bob Jones called this the “House of the Watchful and the Wise” (Dan. 11:32, Mk. 13:33).
	5. ***Prophetic:*** The Lord called us by His audible voice in May 1983 to establish 24/7 prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. The Spirit is also presently speaking to the global church to bring forth night and day prayer in every tribe and tongue. Worship will be in every tribe and tongue (Mal. 1:11; Rev. 7:9) in the same way that the gospel will be preached in every tribe and tongue (Mt. 24:14) resulting in a glorious church.
	6. ***Necessary:*** Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would set watchmen on the wall who would intercede night and day (Isa. 62:6-7) for Jerusalem. In Luke 18:7-8, Jesus linked night and day prayer to the generation that He would return to, for the release of speedy justice on the earth.
	7. ***Historical:*** Approximately 1,000 staff laboring for 14 years in 24/7 prayer that is broadcast throughout the earth is an unusual historic event.

9A great multitude…of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne… 10saying, “Salvation belongs to our God…and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:9–10)

11From the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles [nations]; in every place incense shall be offered to My name…” (Mal. 1:11)

* 1. ***Minimal:*** A 24-hour a week commitment is the lowest common denominator. The Friend of the Bridegroom heart, *moved by voluntary love*, seeks to go beyond this minimum requirement.
	The Friend of the Bridegroom heart does not ask, “Are we required to do 24 hours a week?”
	The Friend of the Bridegroom heart asks, *“How far can we go in love for Jesus?”*
	2. ***Memorialized:*** There are only two people in the New Testament who are identified as having a memorial before God. Both are related to extravagant devotion to God in worship or prayer.
	In Mark 14, Mary of Bethany’s extravagant worship magnified the worthiness of Jesus.
	In Acts 10, Cornelius’ prayer opened the door in the spirit for the gospel to go to the nations.
1. intercessory missionaries (mike bickle)
	1. ***Intercessory missionaries:*** David commanded the kings who ruled Israel after him to establish full-time singers and musicians in the way that God revealed it to him (2 Chr. 29:25; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10-11; Neh. 12:24, 45-47). Israel supported Levitical singers and musicians as a full-time occupation (1 Chr. 9:33; 16:37; 23:5; 25:7; 2 Chr. 8:12-14; 31:4-6, 16; 2 Chr. 34:9, 12; Neh. 10:37-39; 11:22-23; 12:44-47; 13:5-12). We refer to this occupation as intercessory missionaries.

25And he [Hezekiah] stationed the Levites [singers and musicians] in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments…according to the commandment of David…for thus was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. (2 Chr. 29:25)

* 1. Isaiah prophesied about a global intercessory worship movement (Isa. 24:14-16; 42:10-12) that will be dynamically connected to Jesus’ return (Isa. 42:13) and His judgments (Isa. 42:14-15).

10Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth…11Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar [Saudi Arabia] inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela [Jordan] sing…13The Lord shall go forth [Jesus’ second coming] like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war.” (Isa. 42:10-13)

14They shall sing for the majesty of the LORD…16from the ends of the earth… (Isa. 24:14-16)

* 1. Jesus will release grace to establish 24/7 prayer before He returns. Only one generation sees the fulfillment of the promise in Isaiah 62:6 to act sovereignly to ‘set’ watchmen (intercessors) in place 24/7 until He returns. This “setting” includes His activity to *convince* them of this call, to show them *when and where* to pursue it, and to release *financial provision* to sustain them in it.

6I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace [be silent, NAS] day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7and give Him no rest till He…makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth [at the second coming]. (Isa. 62:6-7)

* 1. Amos’ prophecy linked the timing of the rebuilding of David’s tabernacle to one generation—when Israel was restored to her land in such a way that *she would never be pulled up from it*. This time began in May 1948—it is the *only generation* in which this prophecy can be fulfilled. Israel’s restoration to the land *signaled the beginning* of the time when the spirit of the tabernacle of David was released—connected to the harvest of the “remnant of Edom” (Islamic nations).

11I will raise up the tabernacle of David…12that they may possess the remnant of Edom [Islam] and all the Gentiles [nations]…14I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities…15I will plant them in their land [May 1948], and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land… (Amos 9:11-15)

* 1. ***Filling the schedule:*** In our first 10 years, we were challenged to keep the fire on the altar 24/7.
	2. ***Filling the earth:*** In our next 10-20 years or so we are challenged to see 24/7 prayer with worship in every tribe and tongue. We seek to call forth and encourage others in the nations.
	3. ***Filling the bowls:*** In our future together with many other intercessors, we are challenged to fill the bowls in heaven (Rev. 5:8). This will lead to the fullness of the Spirit in the Church.