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In an exclusive interview with Charisma Media, author Chris Garcia shared what he believes the missing key is for a lot of believers in their walk with the Lord.

"What marked Jesus' ministry as a powerful ministry, yes, He cast out all devils, He healed the sick, He raised the dead. But there was relationship between Jesus' prayer life and the power of the Spirit and activation so much so that the disciples were like, 'Master, teach us to pray.' They saw a relationship between His alone time with the Father and His public ministry of power," Garcia says.

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It is this private time alone with the Father that many people ignore. While we all need community with other people, especially with other believers, we cannot push our personal relationship with the heavenly Father to the side. Instead, it has to be the main focus of our lives, the greatest ministry that we have.

"The person of God, the man or woman of God is called to be with the Lord," Garcia says. "Unfortunately, we've deduced prayer to a list of things that we have to do. Or we've deduced it to a chore...it's more important that we have God's attention and that He has our attention and that we are with Jesus, we are with the Lord."

Garcia says one of the problems that we have with prayer and its perception today is that our Western society has made it all about a formula instead of entering into a deep and

meaningful time of communion with the Lord.

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God has a plan and a purpose for each of us, and one of the biggest parts of that plan is for us to know Him deeply. The more we get to know the Lord the more our lives will be shaped by His character and fruit. By spending more time with Him, we will see the kind of harvest He wants to produce in our lives.

“New wine is received and sustained by a new wineskin,” Garcia says. “And that new wineskin is the renovation of the mind, to renew in the Spirit of your mind, that is enabling you to sustain what God wants to do.”

By spending more time in communion with the Lord, we can fully see what kinds of things He wants to do in our lives.

“Many times, God wants to do something new and vibrant in our life. But we can miss out on it with an old mentality. It kind of reminds me of in Isaiah where it says, ‘Behold, I will do a new thing, shall you not perceive it.’ And so, in order for us to receive the new and sustain the new and maintain in the new, we’ve got to allow the new thing to renovate us,” Garcia says.

If you’re seeking to hear from the Lord, to know the direction He wants you to take, the greatest thing you can do is spend time in prayer. From there, you will see how life changes as God places you on His good, eternal path.

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