

# When Lightning Strikes Article Series

## “Praying For Your Clients”

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Shocked, feeling numb? Child protective services take your children? Have you been accused of a serious sexual assault case? Have you turned to the yellow pages and the attorneys and investigators all look the same? What should you do?

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I have always had a close relationship with the Lord. This doesn't mean that I don't sin from time to time, I am human and sometimes I get into the flesh. However, this is no excuse for my behavior, but every day and night, I pray to God and ask him to clean my body of my inequities and my sins. There is the thought that you should not mix religion with your business. I do not agree with this thought or concept. When you are representing a man or woman who has been accused of the most sensitive crimes society has established, prayer in my opinion is the ultimate answer.

Things get complicated and confusing to everyone involved. I remember when I was working on a case where a woman had been accused of sexually abusing several children, everyone was waiting for the jury to come back. One of the Pastor's present at the trial asked me if I would join them in praying for our client and asking the Lord to watch over her in this time of waiting. I was torn, I wanted to, but then I thought what if someone was to see me, they may take me to be one of those Christian Investigators who spends his time praying, believing God will set you free.

I struggled with the Pastor's request for about ten seconds and stepped on the grass area, just outside that Courthouse. We prayed for a good twenty minutes. I lost myself in the prayer and soon after the prayer was over, the jury had returned to give their verdict. We all rushed back into the courthouse and took our seats. When the jury came back into the courtroom, spiritually, I was high and believed she would be found innocent. I believed that God had placed her fate inside my heart. When the judge read not guilty on all the counts, I began to cry. The first person I thanked was the person I was in touch with, God.

My cohorts, clients, family and my wife tell me I have the gift of discernment, that this is a special gift God gave me at sometime in my life and that is why I am successful in all of my cases. I always give God the glory. In this world there is

no place for an ego. God doesn't like it and it alienates people. God must be first in all things and that is how I handle my cases.

I remember fighting for the innocence of this man who had been in the Chehalis jail for over nine months. I truly believed he was innocent. All of the work we had done on the case pointed to his innocence. I also believed if we were to go to trial he would be found innocent.

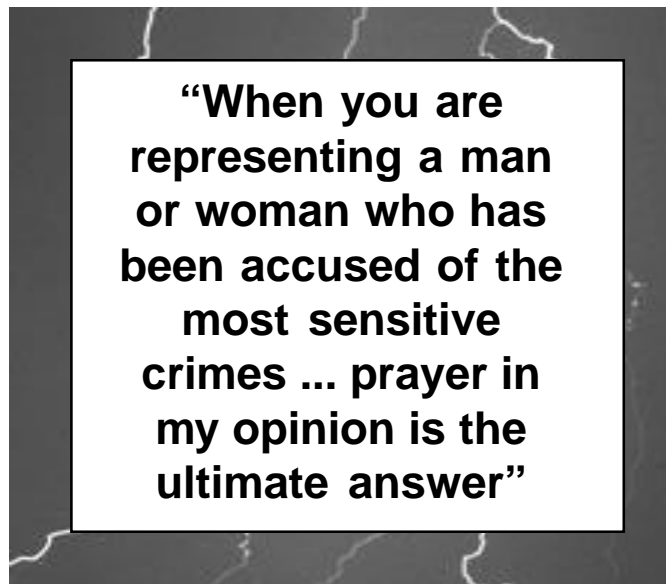
As I drove that day to the Chehalis Prosecutors Office to conduct interviews of the alleged victim and her brother, I kept hearing this little voice saying, “Read, read, read”. I arrived about forty-five minutes early, so I parked in the

court parking lot and decided to read the case through one more time. When I finished, I believed my client had committed the crime. Don't ask me what changed my mind. I had worked on this case for six months and this was going to be my day, where I walk into the prosecutor's office and destroy the two child witnesses. The big bad bully strikes again. However, I immediately asked the attorney if we could stop at the jail and talk to our client. As the three of us sat in the jail cell, I told my client I thought he had

committed the act and that he should take any offer the prosecutor had to offer to him. He didn't even blink an eye and asked the attorney what was on the table for a deal. He was guilty. He didn't say it, but he didn't have to.

Over the years, I have changed in the way I do things, because God has led me down many directions. During the first years of my business, I never brought up God with my clients. However, I had several clients talk to me about God. When this happened I would share with them my beliefs and for the majority of the time, we had a great relationship through the case and became friends afterwards.

Then about four years ago, I finally came out of the closet and hung my religious pictures everywhere in my office. In



fact as you walk through my front office door, if you look to the left, there is this great picture of Jesus and the Apostles. Every time I look at it, I get goose bumps. It is a magnificent painting.

I have always been candid with my clients about my belief system. Now I tell them how much God plays a role in my cases and without him, I wouldn't get things accomplished. People who are not Christians don't understand this. Those who are Christians do understand me.

My employees are all Christians; in fact I won't hire anyone who is not a Christian. It is my prerogative as a small businessman. Now this doesn't mean that Christian employees are better than non-Christian employees, but I believe it is easier to explain to them my visions and how God will help me accomplish them.

I know what you are thinking, "He believes Christians can't be child molesters", not so, say I. I have had many Christians over the years lie to me and who turned out to be child molesters. I have been able to help these men and women to get into Christian Sexual Deviance Counseling.

So how can you improve your relationship with God, talk to your clients about God and increase your success rate in handling sexual abuse allegation investigations? I believe there are ten steps you can use to increase your belief in God when investigating a case:

#### Step One:

If you are not saved, this means born again, you need to take time to attend a church where you can walk forward and except Jesus Christ as your savior. Asking for salvation is the first step in getting closer to God.

*Jn.3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."*

#### Step Two:

Reading the bible is very important. You must dedicate to reading the bible everyday for one year.

*Ps.102:18 "Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:"*

#### Step Three:

You should join a bible study group. The bible group doesn't have to be from your church. You can create your own bible study with your friends. I have found that people, who are baby Christians, don't like to talk about their new

found beliefs, as they become embarrassed. I look back when I was a baby Christian and I was apprehensive to talk to others about Jesus, because I was so overwhelmed with the joy I was feeling, the words just didn't come up right.

*Ps.19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

#### Step Four:

Your appearance, attitude, language and environment you work in tells your client the type of Christian you are. I have always made it a professional habit to wear a dress shirt with a tie and slacks. I have always had good hygiene and my hair and mustache always groomed. Remember, you may only get one chance to meet with a new client and if you have baggage, they will see it. Ask God to remove the baggage from your doorstep. In fact take the suitcases over to God's doorstep and leave them with him and ask him to get rid of them for you. Work together with God and you will be successful.

*1S.18:14 "In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him."*

#### Step Five:

After you and your client become comfortable with each other, you should always open the meeting with a pray, asking God to be a part of the meeting. At the end of the meeting end with a prayer and thank God for listening to the problems that have become a problem in the case. Ask for his guidance and assistance.

*Ja.5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

#### Step Six:

Ask your client to set up special times to talk to his Pastor or leaders at his church. Most attorneys would disagree with this advise, because some of the information he talks to his Pastor or church leader about may not fall under the Pastoral Clientele Privilege. However, the client should be instructed not to talk about specifics of the charges that have been made against him/her, but to talk about what he can expect from God and what steps he can take to be closer to God. There are spiritual counselors available to talk to as well. The choice should be left with the client, but he or she should see someone once a week.

#### Step Seven:

Talk to your client about his/her prayer life. People who are accused of child abuse allegations go through depres-

sion, suicidal thoughts, emotional problems and so forth. Praying can release your depression, suicidal thoughts, emotional problems and so forth. Have your client tell you how his prayer life is going. Talk about how he or she is feeling. It is really important that we pray as much as possible, as this is the only means we have to relate to God. The Holy Spirit will walk beside you as long as you call about it to help you with your problems.

*Ps.9:9 The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*

### Step Eight:

If your client has never been to church or after a time they tell you they can't handle going to church right now, but they want to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then lead them in the "Sinners Prayer". From that time forward you will have to keep your client under the microscope, because new Christians, tend to begin confessing their sins and past deeds to everyone. However, if the client truly has found God and committed the act, I have found they come forward and tell me of their sins. These are prayers answered. God has delivered my client from a major burden that has been on his or her soul for years.

### Step Nine:

When I get down, and it doesn't happen that often, I find myself seeking the Lord and asking him to give me strength to deal with certain clients. I find myself praying more and asking for guidance. The answer never comes immediately and then as trial nears or I am driving down the road, something always happens. An answered prayer. A major break through. Who do I thank first, God.

*Ph.4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

### Step Ten:

All of this may be new to you and your client, however no one knows when Jesus will return to take us home. I love God and have turned my life over to him. Since I did this, everything has changed. My business has prospered. My clients have been acquitted for crimes they didn't commit. Clients, who said they were innocent, have come forward and told me they were guilty. I was able to get them help. Just when things looked like Satan would win, a break through comes and God is standing right there in front of me telling me to leave my luggage at his doorstep and he will safeguard them, like he safeguards my clients and my soul.

*Ps.73:13 Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.*

Whether you know God or not, maybe it is time to re-evaluate how you deal with God when you initially deal with your clients. I have found that making it clear to my clients that I am a Christian eliminates a lot of problems right from the beginning.

So read God's word and believe in Jehovah Almighty who can do every thing for you as you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Tonight, kneel down and ask God for help, I do it 24 – 7.

*God bless to all of you who work in this industry and to those who are falsely accused. May God watch over you in your times of troubles.*