

The Prayers of One Man

In *Point Man*, Steve Farrar tells the story of George McCluskey; not so much about the person, but about what he accomplished through prayer.

When McCluskey married and started a family, he decided to invest one hour a day in prayer, because he wanted his children to follow Christ. After a time, he expanded his prayers to include his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Every day, between 11 a.m. and noon, he prayed for the next three generations.

As the years went by, his two daughters committed their lives to Christ and married men who went into full-time ministry. The two couples produced four girls and one boy. Each of the girls married a minister, and the boy became a pastor.

The first two children born to this generation were both boys. Upon graduation from high school, the two cousins chose the same college and became roommates. During their sophomore year, one boy decided to go into the ministry. The other did not. He undoubtedly felt some pressure to continue the family legacy, but chose instead to pursue his interest in psychology.

He earned his doctorate and eventually wrote books for parents that became bestsellers. The man's name? James Dobson, the founder of *Focus on the Family*.

Dobson, who founded the nonprofit organization in 1977 and chaired it until 2003, never drew a salary from the organization, but used it to teach quality for daily living for families and to promote his related books and publications. *Focus on the Family*, a daily radio program, was broadcast in more than a dozen languages and on more than 7,000 stations worldwide, and heard by more than 220 million people in 164 countries. *Focus on the Family* was also carried on more than 60 U.S. television stations daily.



No longer affiliated with *Focus on the Family*, Dobson founded *Family Talk* as a 501c(3) organization in 2010 and launched a new radio broadcast, *Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson*, that began on May 3, 2010, on more than 300 stations nationwide. He has been referred to as “the nation’s most influential evangelical leader” by *Time* magazine.

Through his prayers, George McCluskey affected far more than one family.

Who but God can know the results of your prayers? He is faithful to honor the petitions of His children.

– Beecher Hunter