



PLUG
INTO THE
POWER
OF PRAYER



7 days
without
prayer
makes one
WEAK

The Power of Prayer!

“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven!”

Ps. 107:28-30

**“The Greatest Power on Earth
for a Christian, is the Power
of Prayer!”**

(Thomas Payne)



There is power in prayer!

- How often do we pray? Once a day? Twice a day? Three times a day? Many times a day?
 - Now, we need to be honest because God knows how much we pray!
 - I am sure each & everyone of us should & could do better!
- The Bible teaches us that we should “always” be in a spirit & mindset of prayer!
 - Lk. 18:1-8
 - 1 Thess. 5:17

What does it mean to pray always, to pray without ceasing?

- Does this mean we lock ourselves in a room and never come out?
- Does this mean that the only thing in life we are to do is pray?
 - Ps 119:160 The sum of thy word is truth; And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever.
- The idea is that we learn to “always” depend on God and “always” trust in Him being united with Him!

I. The Examples of Prayer!

- The Bible is filled with examples of prayer!
 - The longest prayer in the NT is found in (Jn. 17) where Jesus is praying to the Father before He is delivered up to be crucified for the sins of men! Longest in the Bible (Neh. 9:5-38) this being a “prayer of praise!”
- Jesus often took time to set forth teaching on prayer!
 - Mt. 6:5-15
 - Lk. 11:1-4

Jesus was teaching the principles of what prayer is to be about!

- When we pray it is not to just be a “wish list” but we are to focus on God as our “Heavenly Father” and know that He will provide!
- Many have the wrong focus when praying!
 - Js 4:1-3 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Now James indeed believes in the power of prayer!

- Js 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
 - We are to ask for the right reasons and in the right way!
 - The key is “in faith, without doubting!”

Who prayed the most in the Bible?

- I believe Jesus did hands down!
Jesus would “often” take time out of His day to pray!
 - He prayed for the children! (Mt. 19:13)
 - He prayed for us! (Jn. 17:20)
 - He prayed for Himself! (Mt. 26:36-44)

II. The Encouragements of Prayer!

- It seems to me that prayer is more for us than anything! God already knows everything, but yet He desires that His children come to Him in prayer!
 - Mt 6:8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."
 - Ps 38:9 "Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You."

Prayer continues to help us understand our dependency on God!

- This is why we are told to “pray without ceasing!” (1 Thess. 5:17)
 - We sing “ever hour I need you!”
- Prayer is designed to bring us closer to God & closer to one another! (Js. 5:13-16)
 - Js 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Weekly Prayer Meetings!

- It was once common for Christians to come together and simply pour out their hearts to God and to one another!
- These meetings would last for hours often, without regard for the clock, but with regard for everyone!
- Our continual healing is affected by our prayer life, or lack thereof!
 - Js. 5:16
 - 1 Pet. 3:7
 - 1 Pet. 3:12

Prayer helps us to keep the right mind-set!

Mt 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

- It is hard to hate someone when you are on your knees before the Father praying for them!
- Next time we become angry or upset about how someone is treating us, we need to hit the floor & start praying for them!

III. The Expectations of Prayer!

- This last point is very exciting to me!!! There is “power” in prayer my friend!
- Prayer has the power to change things!
 - One man’s prayer changed the world for 3 ½ years! (Js. 5:13-18)
- God has promised to hear & answer our prayers!
 - 1 Jn 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." (Cf. 1 Jn. 3:22)

The Real Question Is, “Do We Believe It?”

- Many pray, “Lord if you can, Lord if you find time, Lord if you are able...”
- A great reminder for us!
 - Js 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
 - Mt 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Conclusion:

- There is power in prayer my friend, the question remains are we using it?
- It is time that we once again truly become “people of prayer!”
- Prayer have the power to chance the world and God is waiting to hear from us!
- If you are not yet a Christian, then know this, “we are praying for you!” Come to know the God of heaven and allow Him to begin to work in your life!

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