

The Blessings of Prayer

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Prayer is not just a one time experience for the believer, it is our lifestyle. We must see prayer just as important as us putting on clothes each morning.

Those of us who fasted and prayed over these past twenty-one days, must continue in this process of living a disciplined lifestyle. Why? Because there are so many blessings that come through our devotion.

“Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees” - William Cooper

If he saw the all the strong saints meeting God at their designated appointment prayer times....he would send his own self back to Hell.

God rewards the one who diligently seeks Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Here is at least six of the blessings of prayer:

Blessing 1: A Greater Faith

The essential aspect of prayer is faith (Ps. 61:2)

Remember Hannah...her prayer of faith for a son to give back to God. The people needed a king. (1 Sam 1)

Sometimes we sabotage our prayers by praying not in faith and praying for the wrong reasons (James 4:1-3)

Blessing 2: A Greater Peace

Phil. 4:6-9

They say only 10% of what worry about ever happens.

Prayer keeps our mind in check, like our helmet (our armor piece in Eph . 6:10-18)

Paul told the believers in Colossal that should allow the peace of God to rule in their hearts (Col. 13:15) that comes through our prayer life.

Blessing 3: A Greater Purity

This has nothing to do with just sexual desires. God expects us to live lives of purity and holiness.

Holiness (defined) “without mixture”

Prayer is essential to helping us confess our sins, habits etc. in order to restore purity (Ps. 24:3-4; 51)

Blessing 4: A Greater Contentment

A prayer of contentment says, “God is enough for me”!

It is the bedrock of a deep seated passion for God, which is developed through prayer

Passion (defined) “A powerful, compelling emotion, a love or desire”

Paul had many setback experiences and sufferings than most believers, but yet he was able to pull from those experiences a deep love for God.

What was his secret?

- 1) Contentment
- 2) faith
- 3) Learned to live within his means
- 4) he only had a desire to do what God wanted him to do

Blessing 5: A Greater Ministry

A fervency in prayer connects your heart to others (James 5:16)

Produces a love for your enemies (Matt. 5:44)

Helps you to expand your love and prayers for those in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

Prayer will connect your heart to serve in your local church.

Blessing 6: A Greater Confidence in Decision Making

A disciplined prayer life will help you from making unstable decisions all the time.

Prayer gives us confidence in making the right judgments in difficult and unknown moments ...for example:

Abraham (Gen. 12:1-4; 22:1-8)

Gideon (Judges 7:1-12)

Why do you think many people do not take time to pray before they make major decisions that concern their lives? Simply because we do not want to hear the answer we may get.

“Forbid that I should venture on any business without first begging God’s direction and assistance” - Susanna Wesley (mother of the great John Wesley)