

Philippians 4:13



Words to Find:
 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Prayer Versus Worry

Author Unknown

- ☞ Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith. Worry is a denial of faith.
- ☞ Prayer is putting one's hand in God's, trusting to His loving guidance. Worry is withdrawing our faith, and denying His power to lead.
- ☞ Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God. Worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement.
- ☞ If prayer does not cancel worry, worry will cancel prayer.

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If There Is No Prayer

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One of the most important tools a Christian has, in his spiritual arsenal, is prayer. It is not utilized properly by most. Prayer by Christians will change situations when God answers them. Here are some consequences in people's lives when little or no prayer is offered in their behalf.



tion. What an awesome responsibility we have to pray for others and ourselves.

James 5:14 "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray

over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:"

Also: James 5:15-16.

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A Child's Answered Prayer

D. L. Moody

I remember a child that lived with her parents in a small village. One day the news came that her father had joined the army (it was at the beginning of our war). A few days later the landlord came to demand the rent. The mother told him she didn't have it, and that her husband had gone into the army. He was a hard-hearted man, and he stormed off shouting that they must leave the house. He "wasn't going to have

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No Godly control. There is no hope for supernatural assistance if prayers are not offered about the situation. One is on his own, most likely without God's help, and taking his chances on how the matter will turn out.

Luke 11:2 "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." – His will and way may not be performed unless He is asked.

No protection. Jesus knew His prayer could change the circumstances He was in:

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." – Temptation to sin can be avoided with prayer. Also: Mat. 26:53

No needs being met. No blessing.

Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." All things can be asked for.

Also: Mat. 21:22, Mat. 6:11.

No change.

Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Watch and see how

prayer changes situations.

Also: Mat. 5:44

Not praying will not change anything!

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people who couldn't pay the rent". After he was gone, the mother threw herself into the armchair, and began to weep bitterly.

Her little girl, whom she had taught to pray in faith (it is more difficult to practice than to preach), came up to her, and said, "What makes you cry, mamma? I will pray to God to give us a little house, and won't He?"

What could the mother say? So the little child went into the next room and began to pray. The door was open, and the mother could hear every word. "O God, you have come and taken away father, and mamma has got no money, and the landlord will turn us out because we can't pay, and we will have to sit on the doorstep, and mamma will catch cold. Give us a little home." Then she waited, as if for an answer, and then added, "Won't you, please, God?"

She came out of that room quite happy, expecting a house

"A Christian should get on his knees before he gets on his feet."

to be given them. The mother felt reproved. I can tell you, however, she has never paid any rent since, for God heard the prayer of that little one, and touched the heart of the cruel landlord. God give us the faith of that little child, that we may likewise expect an answer, "nothing wavering."

Praying When in Trouble

Dowaname, 1644

Afflictions make us most frequent and fervent in pouring forth our supplications unto God. In our prosperity, we either utterly neglect this duty, or perform it carelessly and slothfully. When we are brought into calamities, we flee to Him in earnest prayer, craving His aid and help.

The child fearing nothing is so fond of his play, that he strays and wanders from his mother; not so much as thinking of her; but if he be scared or frightened with the sight or apprehension of some apparent or approaching danger, he runs to her, casts himself into her arms and cries out to be saved and shielded by her.

So we, securely enjoying the childish sports of worldly pros-

perity, do so fondly dote on them that we scarce think of our Heavenly Father. However, when perils approach, and are ready to seize us, we then flee to Him and cast ourselves into the arms of His protection, crying to Him by earnest prayer for help in our difficulties.

Heaven's Gates Always Open for the Praying Christian

Spurgeon, 1906

The Persian kings forbade any one to come near them. If any ventured into the king's court, and the monarch did not stretch out the silver scepter, the guards cut them down at once. Yet there were certain favored courtiers who, by special privilege, had the right to approach the king at all times, guard or no guard. These were the noblest in the king's dominions.

Such honor have all the saints, those born-again children of God. No cherub with flaming sword guards the way of approach to God against any child of the great Father.

"I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space; but I can lay it aside and go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of Heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth." — *Sir Isaac Newtown*

"Prepare by pre-prayer."