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The Life of Prayer is The Life of God

- 1. Prayer is our chief service to God, man and us an individual. Prayer should be given the utmost priority Matt 6:33. But satan's strategy is to convince or trick us into making everything related to the Lord a second priority and making prayer the least important matter.**
- 2. Before we dive into the lesson there are a few foundational facts we must understand.**
 - **God does not compete, He Reigns, He will not be given the scraps/leftovers of our energy.**
 - **God is not impressed by outward appearance; He looks at the heart, prayer changes the heart.**
 - **Our victories are won at the Altar, by Prayer.**
 - **God is not asking for our attention, He is waiting for us to totally surrender.**
 - **A Throne can never stay empty; something will always sit there. If God is not first, something else is, ambition, Family, Marriage (Husband or Wife), comfort, sleep, careers, entertainment etc.**
 - **The Throne of your heart was custom built for God, no one else fits.**
 - **We make time for what we love! The time we give is the clear evidence of who is on the Throne of our lives.**
 - **When the first part of our day belongs to God, we are in His Will, Ps 5:3.**
 - **Morning Prayer is not just a moment, it's a Throne Room, where we choose who rules our day. God cannot be penciled in, He must be First.**
 - **We are not really too busy for God; we are just too available to lesser things. The issue is not our schedule, it's our surrender.**
- 3. In spite of the fact that God, in His Mercy constantly reminds us, of the dire need to acknowledge Him in all things, not many pay attention to the seriousness of spending time with Him. If we fail in our Life of Prayer, everything else will fail. Even though problems are piling up and we acknowledge with our mouth, that prayer is the only way to solve them, we just talk and resort to other methods, more than we actually pray.**
- 4. We have all committed the sin of negligence to prayer. Please join me in a short prayer of repentance. Let us acknowledge, that "we are the man" and take a moment to repent.**
 - **Lord, please open my eyes afresh to the value of prayer. Help me to discern the darts of satan deceiving my mind and distracting me from prayer. Help me to remember unless my spiritual or natural work is built on a foundation of prayer, it will not have much value, and its eventual result will be failure. Lord, please guard my times of prayer, because it is in such times that Your Glory is my consideration. Do not let satan intrude upon my times with You. As I hear Your Word tonight, help me to hear and act upon the part that is for me, in Jesus Precious Name.**
- 5. We must fight for our Life of Prayer, drive out any forces the enemy may have. 2 Sam 23:11-12. David's man, Shammah, stood, defended it, slew the enemy, and the Lord wrought a great victory. Our prayers wrought victory for God and for us.**
- 6. Fact: Earth (we) controls Heaven, Matt 18:18-22, says, "Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in Heaven....." "There must be a move on earth, before there is a move in Heaven. Everything contrary to God must be bound, and everything in harmony with God must be released. It all must originate from earth. This is a principle. God's Way.**

7. Exodus 17:9-11 – Who decided the victory at the bottom of the mountain? When we raise our hands to God, we win.
8. We must be attentive to God's Voice; Heaven may want to accomplish something, only our prayers can accomplish. We must constantly pray, Matthew, 6, Let Your Kingdom Come and Your Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
9. When we pray, we can experience God's Omnipotence, Is 45:11-12. God says, we can command Him. It does not mean that we can force God, however, we can let our desires be known. Proverbs 10:24b, "The desire of the Righteous shall be granted". Ps 37:4, "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart". As you walk with God, His desires become your desires.
10. The remainder of this lesson will assist us into becoming the vitally connected pure and useable unto God.
11. The first step in becoming a tool useable to God, we must have a renewed mind. The Word of God is essential and must be not only read but studied. 2 Tim 2:15, When we read the Bible, it is not just to touch God and His Heart, it is also that through the Word our darkened mind can be enlightened, our perverted thoughts may be corrected, and our mentality may be renewed. Once the Biblical teaching gets into us, the ideas, views, and opinions in our mind will be changed into the Mind of Christ. Therefore, with one who really loves God and walks according to the Spirit, the more he read the Word and is instructed by the Word, the more intelligent and proper his mind become. He will become dull in evil things but very alive in spiritual matters. Only a mind that has been renewed can cooperate with the Spirit of Prayer. Amos 3:3.
12. A renewed mind is clean, bright and transparent. Ex. Hannah, Mary, etc....
13. Going before God takes a sober minded person, not a confused, unstable person or a drifting mind. When we are defending or interceding, it is like handling diplomatic affairs, being clear, sober, clear, and have an ability to understand God and the matter at hand.
14. ****Whatever we do, we need a life that corresponds to the accomplishment of that thing. It is a fact that only a particular life can do a particular thing. Prayer is no exception to that rule. Prayer is a matter that is extremely spiritual, holy and transcendent. It requires a particular life style (because people are watching, all the time) even more than any other thing does. A prayer person must have a Holy Life, a set apart life, etc..**
15. Prayer is not an outward behavior, but an inward behavior, and we must be right with God, and we must pay attention to the inward condition of people, profess to be people of Prayer.
16. The first function, characteristic and ability of this Life of Prayer is to pray, loving people, love prayer, love being with God, love pleasing and desiring to be like God. Ex. If we send a duck and a chicken toward water, the chicken will run away; the duck will run toward the water, because that is his nature. With someone whose nature is not prayer, they run from prayer, because it is not their nature. The Life of God within us has a characteristic that loves to pray.
17. When we sin, fellowship with God is broken, the life in you is half dead, you dislike prayer and are unable to pray. We must immediately repent and restore the relationship with God and begin again to live in Him.
18. This Life I am speaking of is the Life of God, will keep you separated from the world and those who are not totally living in God. Amos 3:3, You will always be uncomfortable around these people.
19. If we want to be a person of prayer, used by God, who can pray, is willing to pray, who prays properly, we must agree with the Demands of the Life, (God speaking directly to you concerning a certain matter that He wants you to separate yourself from) in us. That meaning we cannot be disobedient to the putting aside whatever Demands of the Life wants us to put aside. Whenever we disagree, even slightly with Life's Demand for Holiness, we put to death the Life of Prayer. It is as if we have seized it by the throat. We can never say, "Oh it is just a little bit of worldliness". If it offends God, it's sin. Whatever God demands of us to forsake, we should forsake, whether big or small.

20. Sometimes it might be as small as, don't wear that, don't look at that movie, stay away from those people, go to prayer, be silent in this matter and how you speak to people etc.. It might not be sinful to you, but God knows you and he knows satan's plan to trap and dilute us and make a person of compromise Luke 22:31, but Prayer. Once the Life of Prayer makes a demand for separation, it never listens to an argument.
21. In disobedience we touch our Life of Prayer in a negative way, that is why some people cannot open their mouths when they come to Church. They cannot Pray or Praise, because they have problems with God's Demands and/or have rejected the Demands for Holiness within. Demands for Holiness do not come from Doctrines, but wholly from the Life of Prayer within.
22. What are the Demands for Holiness? God requiring, that we be separated from certain situations, people, activities, and anything outside of God or anything that might offend God or eventually hurt the Work or us. And the more we pray to God, by this Life of Prayer, the more stringent the Demands of this Life of Prayer, within us become. The more you pray, the more this Life of Prayer, in us is being exercised, and the more its functions of separation become manifest. Romans 12:1-2. Please Read this frequently.
23. The most holy person is one who constantly prays before God. The Life of Prayer within him becomes exercised and spontaneously brings forth the sanctifying functions. As we pray this thing goes, next time we pray, that goes, third time, that goes etc.
24. The more our appetite for prayer grows and our ability to pray increases, the more our Praises, Worship, Thanksgiving, Supplications, Expressions, and even our utterances are Anointed. Romans 8:26 The moment we agree with the Demands, the Life of Prayer is immediately enlivened (to make more vigorous or active; invigorate, quicken; stimulate, inspired, make cheerful, brighten, exciting).
25. As people of Prayer, everyone should be able to see the Life of God in us. We must continue to reject anything that does not correspond with God's Divine nature. If we do not take care of the requirements of the Life of Prayer within us, we put it to death and cannot connect with God.
26. This Life of Prayer hates sin. If we are slightly defiled by sins, or love the world a little, immediately there is consciousness within us, that does not correspond to the characteristics of this Life. Not only sins and the world, but even pride, excessive criticism, despising others, self-boasting, or presumptuous thoughts will make you unable to pray. Any dishonesty, unfaithfulness, unrighteousness, manipulation, lying or injustice will quench the Life of Prayer. There is nothing that causes a man to be dealt with before God more severely, than prayer. We are always being dealt with when we pray.
27. Who will tell us about ourselves? Who will we allow you to tell us? Would people be afraid to tell you what they see? Through prayer, God will tell us.
28. When we go before God, having ignored His demands, and the condemnations of the Life within, in a very light way, without repentance, and without being dealt with, such prayer might be considered, beating the air and might not be readily be answered, by God.
29. If sin is not dealt with, it will put distance between you and God. But if we confess our sin before God, He is Just to forgive us and clean us from all unrighteous. 1 John 1:9.
30. The Characteristics of Light are truthfulness, uprightness, goodness, etc. However, if our motives are dark, in our manner of life, action and conversation or simply being dark inside and without light, that will drastically affect our prayer life. Even if a person is well behaved, sincere, unpretentious and seemly humble, but seems dark, their prayer will be affected. Any form of darkness will affect your prayer life.
31. A dark person is closed to God and man. He may seem like he is flowing, however, he is not and when he hears the Word, he pays no attention to it. Our mind and emotions must be pure, before we go before God.
32. Some Saints are humble, loving, sincere, but they do not like to pray. They will do favors, run errands, are loveable, but they do not want to pray. They want to remain in darkness, and they will. The Life of Prayer in us loves light and loves to pray-this is a Law.

- 33. When a body is sick naturally, a natural law has been damaged, likewise, if we do not respond to the Demand of Holiness, out of the Life within us, that is a sickness that frustrates the Law of Prayer. A Life of Prayer for a Saint of God should be healthy and normal. We should love to pray.**
- 34. We must pray in the Spirit, Jude 20. If we do not exercise our spirit, it's like an organ (a leg that has been broken for six months, the leg becomes weak, because it has not been used). It loses its strength, agility and function, because it has not been exercised. Similarly, the spirit is the organ for praying. We must exercise it by praying without ceasing. The more we pray, the more we should want to pray.**
- 35. Some Saint's Life of Prayer are the weakest part of their spiritual bodies. We exercise our body, naturally, in the same mindset we must exercise our spirits. And a healthy Life of Prayer is the solution.**
- 36. If you do not have regular dealings with the Spirit, your spirit cannot be fresh. A spirit that is not fresh is invariably depressed and is unable to pray. Therefore, whether you can pray and how much you can pray depends upon whether your spirit is depressed or buoyant (lively and lighthearted, the opposite of sad, depressed).**
- 37. We cannot teach a person to pray, the most we can do is point the way. For the real desire to live a Life of Prayer dedicated to God has been hidden in the life of a believer, by God. He hid it within us when we received the Holy Spirit. It's like the leg organ, it has to be exercised.**
- 38. Prayer is an inward matter of Life; it is the very Life of God. That is why we must live a God Life.**

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