

THE LOST COIN OF PENTECOST

(PRAYER)

Luk 15:8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

Luk 15:9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5:17

Pray without ceasing - Ye are dependent on God for every good; without him ye can do nothing; feel that dependence at all times, and ye will always be in the spirit of prayer; and those who feel this spirit will, as frequently as possible, be found in the exercise of prayer.

THE EARLY CHURCH BUILT REVIVAL AROUND PRAYER

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.
Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

(Prayer brings a supernatural move of God)

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
Act 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

WHAT IS PRAYER

1. It is the offering up our desires in the name of Jesus for the things that are agreeable to His will.
2. Oxygen of the Soul: Prayer is as vital to our Christian walk and existence as breathing is to our physical existence.
3. It is a two way communication with God
4. Oral expression of our Desires: The deeper the desire the stronger the prayer, prayer cultivates our desires.
5. Prayer is returning to our Souls Habitat.

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1. Prayer is the most unexplored area of a Christian's life.
2. Prayer is the most Powerful weapon of the Christian life.
3. Prayer is the most hell-feared battle in the Christian life.
4. Prayer is the most underestimated power in the Christian life.

5. Prayer is the most untaught truth in the Christian life.
6. Prayer is the most demanding exercise in the Christian life.
7. Prayer is the most neglected responsibility in a Christian's life.

IT BUILDS AND EQUIPS US

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

1. A Christian's life must never stand still; if it does it is going backwards.
2. A house left to itself falls apart.
3. The Carnal and the critical are in the business of tearing down, but each Christian must be involved in building up. First his own spiritual life, and then his local assembly.
4. The foundation of our Christian faith, is the same Word that was once delivered to the saints. The Word of God is the central point of reference in Christian growth, I have yet to meet a strong, fruitful Christian who ignores his Bible. Watchmen Nee, used to read through the New Testament once a month.
5. The power for building the Christian's life is prayer: praying in the Holy Ghost, The Word and prayer go together for Christian growth.

THREE REASONS FOR PRAYER

1. **Prayer creates Fellowship with God.** Relationships are built on quality time together.
2. **Prayer renews us Spiritually:** 2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.
3. **Prayer makes us co-laborers with God:** Workers together with God, God working with them confirming His Word with signs following.

EXAMPLES OF PRAYER

Psa 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psa 34:5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Joh 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Abide in Him (Jesus) + **His Word in you** = **Asking and receiving**, prayers answered.

1. **Daniel Prayed:** Three times a day, overcame a decree, lion's den, and prevailed as a prophet of God.
2. **Jacob:** Overcame the anger of his brother.
3. **Hannah:** prevailed and brought forth a child.
4. **Elijah:** Prevailed and overcame the prophets of Baal.
5. **Nehemiah:** Prevailed and rebuilt the walls of the temple.
6. **Hezekiah:** Prevailed and 15 years were added to his life.
7. **Jesus:** Prevailed and overcame death, Hell and the Grave.

SEVEN TYPES OF PRAYER, WHICH WILL MOST LIKELY TO PREVAIL WITH GOD

1. **It must be mixed with Faith:**

James 1:6-8 “.. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed...For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord....A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

- a. Faith is to pray as a feather is to an arrow. The feather on the arrow helps the arrow stay on target to fly straight to hit its target.
- b. Without faith, or prayers are missing the target.

2. **It must Be a Melting Prayer:**

Psalms 51:17...The sacrifices of God are a broken Spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise...

Hosea 12:4 “Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us.”

3. **Prayer Must be Fired with Zeal and Fervency:**

James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Hebrews 5:7 “How is the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears, unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.”

Jer. 29:13 “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

4. **Prayer Must be Sincere:**

a. “Without Wax” Without Hypocrisy

5. **Prayer, We must Have our Minds Fixed:**

Psalms 57:7 “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise..”

Isaiah 26:3 “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

6. **Prayer that is Likely to Prevail with God Must be Argumentative:**

Luke 11:5-10: The Parable of the importunate friend.

Luke 18:1-8: Parable of the Unjust Judge.

Matthew 15:21-28: **The Syrophenician Woman**: This woman was a Gentile, and a descendant of the Canaanites who inhabited Syria and Palestine before the conquest of Joshua.

7. **Prayer that would Prevail with God, Must be without Sin in the Heart:**

Psalms 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me...”

WHY SOME PEOPLE DO NOT PROSPER

Psa 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Pro 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

Pro 28:14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

Psa 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart - “If I have seen (ראיתי raithi) iniquity in my heart,” if I have known it was there, and encouraged it; if I pretended to be what I was not; if I loved iniquity, while I professed to pray and be sorry for my sin; the Lord, אדוני Adonai, my Prop, Stay, and Supporter, would not have heard, and I should have been left without help or support.

