



General Topics :: Is Prayer Really The Answer?

Is Prayer Really The Answer?, on: 2007/6/1 6:30

Is prayer really the answer??

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer?, on: 2007/6/1 7:06

The answer to what?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/6/1 8:27

What is prayer?

ginnyrose

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer? - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/6/1 8:57

Prayer is part of the answer.

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/6/1 9:56

2Ki 4:33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

Mat 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Luk 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

2Ch 33:13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Jon 4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Mar 14:34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Luk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Mar

14:35-41

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Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Joh 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

*Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Mat 9:37,38*

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Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luk 18:2-8

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

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No one is a firmer believer in the power of prayer than the devil; not that he practices it, but he suffers from it. ~Guy H. King

Prayer is the language of a man burdened with a sense of need. ~E.M. Bounds

Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused. ~ Spurgeon

It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone. ~ Hudson Taylor

*To your knees man!*

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Brother, I cannot speak for anyone but myself yet everything is only amountable to ruin without true, concentrated prayer. Every single instance of failure, drift, unkindness, compulsion\reaction detached from the Spirit, every waste, every anxiety, dis-belief, doubt, uprising of the flesh, ... I could go on and on and on ... When I am "off" spiritually speaking and that is always the root of being "off" in everything that follows, I know the cause. Half-hearted, distracted, ... undisciplined prayer avails *little* I have found. It will ruin the best of whatever might be brought forth out of what I tend to think of as 'the reserves', those things that are hidden perhaps in the marrow but the repeating of them, clear as they may be even with a ultimate earnest undergirding them ... even to hear that some may have something of them is purely, accidental or maybe over ridden somehow ... what I am striving to say is it all can be done with a rather sinking feeling that they were borne forth of the flesh, the spirit is\was disengaged largely ... it all comes back to a lack of prayer.

Am speaking out of real time experience, there has been somewhat of a drift and that peculiar 'slow to hear' stupidity that almost could be compared to sitting out side ones self and watching him make blunder after blunder all the time knowing exactly what he ought to be doing.

Praying

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The great and only honest answer to not doing so is, *because I don't feel like it*. That is not to say there isn't some constant source of underlying prayer going on, just that it is somewhat detached ... We ("I") can be so dull as to have to have some major crisis before there is a return to earnest, sustained and concentrated prayer. This unruly beast of the flesh is so dull not to recognize that every form of crisis prevention is inherent in just *praying* period. I by **no*** means mean that all things will go well in present circumstances, they may, they may not, it is irrelevant. What it does mean is that without prayer and the Holy Spirit up-taking there is nothing left than to be cast back upon ourselves, basically being left alone to fight our own battles. Such rubbish and nonsense! It comes full circle back to *"taking my thoughts by the scruff of the neck"* (Joni Erikson Tada) and making them submit, forcing the medicine down the throat ... Do it anyway!

The devil is crafty as can be in drawing off in every subtle way, lessening the import of praying, anything to keep the saint from it. *Do not be deceived* has more ramifications than we know.

The last few days have been those where I have had to get just ruthless with all this nonsense and the smiting of my stupidity and conviction largely coming from the seemingly simplicity of;

couldst not thou watch one hour?

Oh, I am hardly even getting started here ...

;-)

*Edit, replaced the word "do" with "no", something of an important error and omission there.

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/6/1 13:41

Yes Yes Yes.

In His love
charlene

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/6/1 14:08

Yes prayer is the answer.

We may too quickly skip over prayer to remind one another of our duties, our calls to action, our sacrifices, and our willingness to obey no matter what the cost. Some feel most called to evangelism, others to foreign missions, others to teach, others to serve, others to give and so on.

All of these callings are various and different fractions that make up Christian living.

Prayer is the Common Denominator for those fractions. If you don't feel led to pray...you're probably not being led at all.

Blessings,

MC

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer? - posted by running2win (), on: 2007/6/1 14:44

I believe we are closest to God when we pray.

In reading about outstanding characters in christian history I've read many testimonies of the appearance of their faces actually changing while they prayed.

In the book *Recluse in Demand* Gerhard Tersteegen is said to have turned "as white as the wall" when he prayed.

In the memoir of Edward Payson he is said to have had a "seraphic appearance when he prayed."

E.P. also was known for having worn grooves in the wooden floor by his bed. :-)

Donald McPhail prayed and revival came to Barvas.

Yes, prayer is the answer.

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/6/1 15:27

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Amen
Brother.

This what I think wholeheartly.
Prayer is what makes what we do, have power.
Showing it isn't us, but God.

In his love
charlene

Re: a house of prayer - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/6/1 15:46

Hi everyone.

I haven't read through much here though I did notice that brother Mike shared many passages about prayer. I appreciate your heart to pray brother Mike!

This morning in my devotional time this passage stood out to me, from the prophet Isaiah

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

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Might consider this also....

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3869&commentViewItemComments>) Fresh Wind
, Fresh Fire

Chris

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer?, on: 2007/6/1 16:11

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I suspect that is what Bro Compliments was after in asking this.

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2007/6/1 16:27

Quote:

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I like your answer Jeanette.

Re:to Jeanette - posted by running2win (), on: 2007/6/1 16:56

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Why apologise? That is so true; "living and breathing in Him", wonderful thought...

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Blessings

Jeannette

Re: Is Prayer the Answer, on: 2007/6/2 5:40

Mike Balog that was an awesome post! Thank you.

On praying, I would say that there is more to receiving God's answers, sometimes, than (first) merely making our requests known to Him, and (second) merely listening to what He returns.

What He returns by way of answers, will depend on what we asked (obviously), so we need to have an attitude which reflects a willingness to receive the appropriate answer to our request.

For instance, if we are trying to find conviction over a known sin, but we *feel* unrepentant, then we have to be willing to receive repentance as a gift, to feel our sorrow for sin, and genuinely to grasp the open window of the moment to cement our decision to stop that sin while there in His presence, under the power of His Spirit.

On a completely different matter of prayer - healing - the same open-ness is necessary: be it in our mind to receive a new way of thinking, a healing from hurt which will require us to behave differently in future, to find forgiveness of ourselves, or give forgiveness to another, or be it to receive healing into a part of our physical being. Let us bring that part of our constitution (mind, soul, heart or body), into His presence with expectancy, and wait there in His presence in as much rest as we can contain, until we trust that He has answered.

Then we must move on, believing we have received, and trusting that in three days (if not before) we will rise from the dead effectively, renewed in His resurrection life.

Re: Prayer - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/6/2 12:28

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Acknowledged and well understood.

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Not position but *disposition* I would agree. You can be 'on your knees' in traffic, in conversation, as you mentioned above ... anywhere and at all times ... *praying in the spirit* and 'without ceasing' I have come to understand is both ... somehow at subconscious in that it is 'part' of you that comes forth without dedicated effort, like breathing. *Oh Lord* escapes from the depths doesn't it? it comes up into the mind, the thoughts, it is an utterance that doesn't always have to make a verbal noise escaping over the cords past the tongue and the lips. Is it not very much the essence of?;

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Gal 4:6

And maybe the greatest of all;

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3869&commentViewItemComments>) Fresh Wind
, Fresh Fire

Thank you brother for bringing this back up again, a needed refresher. There is some great challenges in this message and more over that trilogy of books from Jim Cymbala. Those had a tremendous effect right around the time of discovery of this wonder of wonders here. Thought he did a masterful job on the whole premise, taking note of when humans began to truly pray, according to the scriptures. That being the first instances of *crying out*, believe it was from (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid117>) Calling On The Name Of The Lord

Sorry for jumping around here a bit, our sister again;

Quote:

-----I often find it hard to know if I'm praying or just discussing something with myself, in the Lord's presence. Living alone I get some good conversations going like that! He's always included, but I don't really know which one of us I'm talking to a lot of the time!

Love your stark honesty and well know what you mean here. Somewhere along the line picked up this notice by way of a quote I believe alluding to this. Primarily the emphasis on "*just discussing something with myself, in the Lord's presence*" ... The sermons I have preached! Oh my, to God, the sense of preaching to the choir ... hard to say that without wondering at the misconceptions. But it has given me pause and I am thankful for it, it has become pretty much embedded and find that I will often stop suddenly in the midst of it and ... become silent, does any of this whole long discourse have any bearing on what You would have me addressing, thinking on ... is it *prayer*? Lord? Is how the thinking goes. To go back to duration, time spent, focused, and concentrated prayer ... It does take that element of time, how long ... it is an amazing thing that it can be as short as to startle and as long as to be likewise amazed that hours may have gone by in what seemed to be minutes. An excerpt from Eugene Price is coming to mind (If I have the name correct here), will have to dig it up and present it here.

Perhaps what I wanted to note was that the 'subconscious' praying that goes out *without ceasing* has to come from the times of concentrated effort in time spent focused in the closet. It is impossible, rather let me put it another way ... you run

out of fuel. Running on the 'reserves'. The very example is of our Lord, our Lord! Think of it!;

Mar 6:46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

Luk 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luk 5:16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Realize this all seems so very basic, but this last passage in Luke here, a bit of commentary;

Luk 5:16 -

And he withdrew himself into the wilderness - Or rather, He frequently withdrew into the desert. This I believe to be the import of the original words, ην ὑποχωρων. He made it a frequent custom to withdraw from the multitudes for a time, and pray, teaching hereby the ministers of the Gospel that they are to receive fresh supplies of light and power from God by prayer, that they may be the more successful in their work; and that they ought to seek frequent opportunities of being in private with God and their books. A man can give nothing unless he first receive it; and no man can be successful in the ministry who does not constantly depend upon God, for the excellence of the power is all from him. Why is there so much preaching, and so little good done? Is it not because the preachers mix too much with the world, keep too long in the crowd, and are so seldom in private with God? Reader! Art thou a herald for the Lord of hosts? Make full proof of thy ministry! Let it never be said of thee, "He forsook all to follow Christ, and to preach his Gospel, but there was little or no fruit of his labor; for he ceased to be a man of prayer, and got into the spirit of the world." Alas! alas! is this luminous star, that was once held in the right hand of Jesus, fallen from the firmament of heaven, down to the Earth!

Adam Clarke

Luk 5:16 - He withdrew - The expression in the original implies, that he did so frequently.

John Wesley

"Frequently" even that doesn't seem to codify it.

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Indeed it *is* the *answer*, prayer. The Upper Room, they prayed *until* ...

Act 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Col 4:2-4

Notice how closely related this is to John 8:28 above?

Rom 12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in affliction, steadfastly continuing in prayer,

Seem to be getting a bit distracted in my thoughts here and perhaps emphasizing the obvious. To break off to a personal note ... This morning was again one of those times of inexpressible ... *anguish*. It is so much further down past the emotions ... it seems to take the breath away or maybe better stated find at times that the breathing has become labored unnoticed, the recognition that something is being drawn up and out of you ... Ah, sometimes it is peculiar to try an attempt to give expression to that which is *groanings which cannot be uttered*, the silliness of trying to do so! Be that as it may, it is painful in such a different respect, it is *spiritual pain* if I may put it that way without the associated baggage of being 'overly spiritual'. My, catching myself with my own words here, what *is* being 'overly spiritual' in this regard anyway? Is it possible? If our Lord could go to such lengths as to pray out into manifestations of blood through the very pores of His

skin ... Reminded of;

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Many ways that could be taken I suppose, not trying to press it out of proper bounds. *Striving against* sin. What is the trouble? What is the striving and against what in particular? My thoughts and 'prayers' were many but it keeps coming back to the same things and I want to say *spiritual sins*. What came to mind in the midst of it all was;

1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life--to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.

Now there is certainly many aspects to what all is being spoken of here and I was only taking note of just one thing; The distinction and that distinction and what the trouble was, is that which is quoted in the signature now at bottom, from Oswald Chambers (borrowed from Greg's article on (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic_pdf.php?topic_id17189&forum16) THOUGHTS ON THE COMING JUDGEMENT).

"A wrong temper of mind about another soul will end in the spirit of the devil, no matter how saintly you are. One carnal judgment, and the end of it is hell in you. Drag it to the light at once and say - "My God, I have been guilty there." If you don't, hardness will come all through." ~ Oswald Chambers

Bitterness of spirit. The spiritual sin of pride, the spiritual sin of arrogance and haughtiness, the spiritual sin of gossip, the spiritual sin of presumption ... Each and every sin that is named as such throughout scripture has its *root*, its 'nerve' center ... Is this not why the *creation groans*? And we groan as well?

A wrong temper of mind, says more than I ever could. It was a mourning of it in general, in specific for my own failings and a mourning of it towards someone I love and have not figured out how to properly convey that this is the matter that is grieving the Holy Spirit. That, in itself is so wrought with notions of its own ... who is to say that the troubles we bear are those of His grieving? Is it in itself presumption? Is it not greatly peddled in the world of Christendom as so? Is *that* a derogatory statement? "Christendom"? I am not speaking of wavering at all but the perceptions given. Mode, manner and method. *Bitterness of spirit*, is it ever justifiable? I am speaking of that which launches volleys, that tears and accuses wrongly, presumptuously, it defies itself in expression that it 'means no harm'? Slandering accusation, killing, *spiritual murder* in the mind, yes, "spiritual mind murder" is this not all that the Lord Jesus came to put Sword of the Spirit to? The nerve center where outward sins are processed before they become manifestations? That those very *thoughts* are spiritual death and spiritual sin?

And that somehow we should give this a pass, an exemption ... a justification?

Re: Excerpt on prayer - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/6/2 13:43

An excerpt from Eugenia Price;

... I hated doing it, but I kept on getting up at 6:30 A.M. for my hour with the Lord. I got nothing out of it and I told Him so. But I got up anyway and now I know that every syllable of the Word of God which we drop into our subconscious minds stays there and becomes a *usable part* of us! Even if we don't seem to 'get it' with our conscious minds.

"Then the 'crisis' time arrived and no one was more surprised than I. On September 24, 1954 at 9 A.M My friend Ellen had been awake late the night before and asked me to let her sleep until 9. I had been reading more or less at random and with little or no understanding, here and there in the New Testament. Then I noticed my watch. It was five minutes until 9. I remembered my promise to waken her.

"Let her have another five minutes," I thought. And then I recall sitting there with no particular direction to my thinking. I was asking God for nothing. I was still in the grayness and still felt empty and very *unspiritual*. As our thoughts do, when we are wool-gathering, mine flew to the big heart-breaking problem in my life at that time. Then I found myself looking at the entire period of my Christian life. Suddenly aloud to the Lord, I said, 'What does it mean to have a new life? What does it *really* mean?'

"Here I make no effort to explain anything. I received no direct 'answer' as such. But for what could have been *any* length of time in my judgment, there began a 'leading' by the Holy Spirit through the scriptures, to one surprising spot and then another, some of which I couldn't have found otherwise without my concordance. He (the Holy Spirit) *had* to begin where He began. I shall simply list the scriptures and add what they meant to me on that morning:

(Mike's interjection here, will largely skip over this, it is 6 scriptures and she goes into a bit of detail, you will have to get the book!)

Acts 4:31 ...

... This seemed to suddenly fill me with a new eagerness and expectation! ... I felt very excited as I seemed compelled to turn to: ... The 14th chapter of John ... Then, I didn't seem at that surprised to find myself quickly flipping the pages of the Bible to: ... - not being aware that He was directing at all. Just following quickly. almost tearing the pages of my Bible in my haste ...

"Then I remembered the time. It could have been noon! And I had promised Ellen I'd waken her at 9! I looked at my watch. It was exactly nine o'clock. *All this had taken place in five minutes of earth - time.*

From *Eugenia Price: The Buoyant Life*

Itself, excerpts from the chapter of the same name contained in a book I couldn't recommend more highly:

(<http://books.google.com/books?iday9m4C2G98oC&pgPA138&lpgPA138&dqeugenia+price+the+buoyant+life&sourceweb&otsy-s7HvyTHX&sigqVE8en4HiXDfg-f5JnveUMHQf7k#PPP1,M1>) They Found the Secret: Twenty Transformed Lives that Reveal a Touch of Eternity
By Victor Raymond Edman

Re:, on: 2007/6/2 14:37

Quote:
-----Mike said: I hated doing it, but I kept on getting up at 6:30 A.M. for my hour with the Lord. I got nothing out of it and I told Him so. But I got up anyway

I hear ya, I would start an early morning prayer meeting with the LORD and I found myself not getting anywhere, hence the reason why I started this thread.

Is Prayer the answer?

Jeanette said that it's not the answer, but that God is the answer. I agree with her mindset.

I am more convinced that our heavenly Father is interested in a consistent relationship of time spent alone with Him. It's not how many words we can say to Him, the important thing is; what is He saying to us?

I think of Mary and Martha

Quote:
-----Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

This is what prayer is to me, it's not what I am saying that matters it's what Jesus is saying.

Don't get me wrong, we have our time to speak, our needs, wants and cares. When you think about the LORD's prayer, it's a prayer that we do not verbally say everyday, it's a life that the Father does within us.

I sense this longing from the LORD that He wants to spend time with me.

I enjoy your thoughts on this matter.

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/6/2 23:05

Mike said: I hated doing it, but I kept on getting up at 6:30 A.M. for my hour with the Lord. I got nothing out of it and I told Him so. But I got up anyway

when this man and women first got married they love each so much, then years went by and then the husband would sit down with his wife everyday, and they talked and he went away and said I got nothing from it, but he kept talking with her, he had to it was his wife.

But if this kept happening there relationship wouldn't grow. He was doing it because it was his duty. She might feel he really doesn't love her. Was it because he was tired that he wasn't enjoying it, what was making the time unenjoyable? Speaking for myself, I don't where you are, but I know what I have gone through. When I came to know the Lord, 5 years ago, I thought I was to be in prayer and reading everyday. SO I did it, I woke everyday, I would kill if anyone tried to mess up my time with the Lord. Part of it was duty, But I love it. It was something I enjoyed. It seemed so easy for the first three years of my walk. I had this picture of Christ and cross so big in my mind, I was forgiven! I had this picture I was worthless yet He loved me. I just wanted to know everything about him. I just wanted to be with him, he was annoyed to with, even I said nothing. Prayer was just part of my life. I was told you can't do this with God, so I started praying. Out of just wanting to get to know him and knowing I was weak. Maybe this why God made me sick so often to really show, Charlene you are weak you need me. Then he showed me the Cross, I am forgiven, How I love you was my cry. Love much forgiven much So at first it was easy to pray, and read. then trials came in, one after other, I was faced with awaking up earlier, or people trying to come over in morning. I saw that it was a real fight to pray, and to be with Lord. God kept saying remember what I brought you from. Remember my love. Remember how good it is to be with me. Anyways, through that I kept my time with Lord strong. But I came to Tuscon. To live with my brother and my father. I was away from my Church and friends. I was alone. I started to sin, Just a little one here and there. But it hurt my time with Lord in big ways. Slowly I started to let in more little sins in my life. It kept hurting my time with Lord. I would repent then the next week I would do it again. By my way of life had changed. I was sinning in areas I didn't even know. Or I saw and didn't care. I have seen over the last 6 months I have been in a battle to turn from my wicked ways, I let myself do these little things, now I am paying for even today. I now starting to see, how why sin, is keeping from my the way I loved my God. My sin had taken some of the joy in meeting with God, they have taken My desire to know God's word more, they have hurt my time with him. I still meet with My lord everyday, But I know how my sin has taken so much. I might say they are little sins. such as staying up late, or eating some foods, or not wearing my seat belt. But these are big, it is my heart behind them. So I know for myself, if I don't want to pray, or read, with Lord that day I know have not obeying my Lord.

Sin keep from treasuring Christ.

Also in the last 6 months I see that when I am not putting God's word into my mind, I can't pray as well. But I have seen, when I am in sin, I don't enjoy being with God as I should. But when I am humble and confess he really speaks to me. One thing God taught this week, I don't you doing, I want your heart. Don't be doing, but be!

YOU are right God is the answer but he use prayer

He calls us to pray, we are disobeying when we aren't. Prayer is what we do to cry out and say God humble me, prayer is where we speak our hearts.

Prayer show us how little we can do anything without God.

But even our prayers can be in vain, if we are sin. So it must be our hearts asking to be changed, so yes prayer is huge it is our life line to God. who hears and answers.

SO with the husband. Maybe he was in wrong, in heart, if he loves his wife, he should enjoy being with her, so it always is in that takes that joy away?

In his love
charlene

Re: Is Prayer Really The Answer? - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/6/6 13:53

i've given much thought to this thread ever since it was first posted and my answer today is still the same one that initially popped in my spirit ...

i think FAITH is the answer! ...

i say this in pondering what the dynamic was that initially facilitated my connection to God in the first place, via Christ, a

and what sustains and or motivates me to keep on keeping on in all aspects of Christian persuance (including prayer) when i'd much rather give up ...

In my life right now there are a few things that i've prayed and prayed about for decades, doing so and moving on out of faith ... Just as there are many things that i've stopped praying about, and moving on, now rested in the fact that i've done what i believe i've heard Him say do in my life, and as to prayers unanswered as yet i've come to "God is not hard of hearing" and if in fact He chooses to answer my prayers i now have come to a level of faith that says "whatever the outcome His will will be best for me" ... i'm clay - He's the Potter ...

So it's FAITH for me that's the answer, for without it i know it's impossible to please Him ... Just as i now know that whatever He requires of us, if we surrender and submit to it, the measure of faith necessary to motivate and sustain us to completion is already allotted out to us ... i believe it's my faith that gives Holy Spirit the leverage to keep on moving me past my "self" when i don't want to pray (but should), and stop praying (when i should cease) ... i think faith is my motivator, my prayer life is just some of the fruit from that faith ...

Blessings in Christ, and i pray that all are spiritually well in our Lord Jesus ... Amen