

**General Topics :: Prayer****Prayer - posted by SteveHale (), on: 2011/5/16 21:45**

Thou shalt know that there are two sorts of Prayer, the one tender, delightful, amicable, and full of sentiments; the other obscure, dry, desolate, tempted, and darksome. The first is of Beginners, the second of Proficients, who are in the progress to Perfection. God gives the first to gain Souls, the second to purifie them. With the first he uses them like Children; with the second he begins to deal with them as with strong men.

This first Way may be called the Animal Life, and belongs to them who go in the tract of the sensible Devotion, which God uses to give to Beginners, to the end that being endowed with that small relish, as the natural man is with the sensible Object, they may addict themselves to the spiritual Life. The second is called the Life of men, and belongs to those, who not minding sensible Pleasures, fight and war against their own Passions, that they may conquer and obtain Perfection, the proper employment of men. Assure thy self, that dryness or aridity is the Instrument of thy Good, because it is nothing else but a want of sensibility, that Remora, which puts a stop to the flight of almost all Spiritual Men, and makes them even draw back, and leave off Prayer: as may be seen in many Souls, which only persevere whil'Âst they taste sensible Consolation.

Know that the Lord makes use of the Veil of Dryness, to the end we may not know what he is working in us, and so be humble; because if we felt and knew what he is working in our Souls, satisfaction and presumption would get in, imagining that we were doing some good thing, and reckoning our selves very near to God; which would be our undoing. "The Spiritual Guide" by Miguel De Molinos

Re: Prayer - posted by OK2PRAY, on: 2011/5/17 1:40

We could never overstate the importance of prayer. I worked at a Radio station in Ohio in 2002 and had the oppurtunity t o talk with Pastor David Wilkerson in an interview on a book he had recently written at the time. We talked for about 20 minutes off the air and the last thing he said to me was, "If you stay in the secret place of prayer and stay in the book, yo u eill make it. But, if you neglect prayer and neglect the word of Gd you will not make it..."

I recorded a small clip from my son on prayer...i hope you like it!

God Bless!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnvz7n9F2aA&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL