

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Spiritual Health Checks - Devotion to Prayer"

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There are four signs that show that the child of God is a healthy Christian. One is a heart hungry for God's Word, second is his desire to be involved in Christian fellowship, third he observes "Communion," and four he is devoted to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Without the power of God there can be no lasting work done for Christ. A healthy Christian knows that if the church is too busy to pray there will be a great amount of activity with little accomplished, many services but few conversions, many programs with little life changing results. This is why the apostle Paul wrote, "I urge your brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me ..." (Romans 15:30) The child of God faces many trials, many obstacles and even spiritual perils as he walks with the Lord down here.

Watchman Nee wrote, "Our prayers lay the track on which God's

power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, His power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails." Corrie Ten Boon expressed the life of being a vibrant Christian and she

asks, "Is prayer a steering wheel or your spare tire?" Prayer is like art or music. It can only be enjoyed by and through those who have disciplined themselves to actually spend

time in prayer. An artist or musician cannot fully reach his full potential unless he learns about and spends time developing his gift. Most people enjoy the benefits of looking upon art work that has had much time and hard work put into it. All mature adults appreciate the benefits of listening to a musician that has put a great deal of time and energy into their music. So it is with prayer. It is those who spend time in prayer individually, corporately and continually, who bless those for whom they have been praying.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2) "...be faithful in prayer..." (Romans 12:12) "...Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and request..." (Ephesians 6:18) And there is God's promise about prayer, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16b) How is your Prayer life?

Come One, Come All



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There are people who appear to glide through life with similar ease. They prepare for each day with prayer and seek the knowledge of God's will for their lives. Each week they are further strengthened by worship and fellowship in God's house. You can join them!

Move through life as one with God. Come one! Come all!

Sunday Romans 5.12-21	Monday Romans 6.1-14	Tuesday Romans 6.15-23	Wednesday 1 Corinthians 15.1-34	Thursday 1 Corinthians 15.35-58	Friday 2 Corinthians 1.1-11	Saturday 2 Corinthians 2.5-17
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