

# A Call to Prayer

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## Part 3

From “I ask whether you pray, because diligence in prayer is the secret to eminent holiness.” to “But if you do not wish to be a backsliding Christian, remember the questions I ask you: DO YOU PRAY?”

To what two types of believers does the author draw distinctions?

Do you agree with the author's generalization? Why or why not?

What conclusion does the author reach concerning the difference between the two kinds of believers?

What do some believers consider genuine holiness to be?

“Prayer obtains \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ outpourings of the \_\_\_\_\_. He alone begins the work of \_\_\_\_\_ in a man's heart. He alone can carry it forward and make it \_\_\_\_\_.”

In what way can a believer stand firmly against habitual sins?

What does the author state as the reason for backsliding?

What do you understand backsliding to be?

What are symptoms of a backslider? (hint: begins with a wounded conscience)

How have you seen the above answer play out in your life?

What kinds of things can a believer do prayerlessly that will be the downward steps toward backsliding?

“You may be very sure men fall in \_\_\_\_\_ long before they fall in \_\_\_\_\_. They are backsliders on their \_\_\_\_\_ long before they backslide \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the world.”

How has this chapter encouraged/challenged you to pray?

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beseech -- beg  
eminent -- notable  
entreated -- begged, pleaded with  
palsy -- paralyzed  
pliable -- easily influenced