

# A Call to Prayer

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## Part 5

From “Let me speak, lastly, to those who do pray.” to “Is it not for thy honor that thy gospel should increase?”

What can often be said of the believer who does pray? What do you understand this to mean?

HE IS SICK OF HIS OWN PRAYERS; ANSWERS WILL VARY BUT WILL BE SOMETHING TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: I THINK THAT MY PRAYERS ARE INSUFFICIENT. [¶ BEGINNING, “BRETHREN WHO PRAY, IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF A CHRISTIAN'S HEAR...”, 1<sup>ST</sup> SENTENCE]

“I believe that prayers which \_\_\_\_\_ us no \_\_\_\_\_, should be regarded with great \_\_\_\_\_. I believe we are very poor \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our prayers, and that the prayer which pleases us \_\_\_\_\_, often pleases God \_\_\_\_\_.”

COST / TROUBLE / SUSPICION / JUDGES / GOODNESS / LEAST / MOST. [¶ BEGINNING, “BRETHREN WHO PRAY, IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF A CHRISTIAN'S HEAR...”, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCES]

Of what must we be aware when we go to prayer?

THAT WE DO IT WITH REVERENCE AND HUMILITY, NOT RUSHING INTO PRAYER WITH CARELESSNESS AND LEVITY. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND THEN TO YOUR ATTENTION, THE IMPORTANCE OF REVERENCE...”, 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> SENTENCES]

To what four Bible characters does the author point as examples of the answer to the previous question?

MOSES (HOLY GROUND); SOLOMON; ABRAHAM; JOB. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND THEN TO YOUR ATTENTION, THE IMPORTANCE OF REVERENCE...”]

What does the author mean when he says that we should pray spiritually?

PRAYING WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING SPIRITUALLY.”, 2<sup>ND</sup> SENTENCE]

What habit does the author recommend about the regularity of our prayers?

MAKING SPECIFIC TIMES TO PRAY, JUST AS WE MAKE SPECIFIC TIMES FOR EATING, SLEEPING, ETC. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PRAYER A REGULAR BUSINESS OF LIFE.”, 8<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCE]

What did the Apostle Paul say about perseverance in prayer?

CONTINUE IN PRAYER; PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER.”, 9<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCE]

“Never think that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ which is given to \_\_\_\_\_.... A Christian never finds he is a \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_, by persevering in \_\_\_\_\_.”

TIME / WASTED / GOD / LOSER / LONG RUN / PRAYER. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER.”, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCES]

What does it mean to pray in earnest?

“...AS IF WE WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT WE ARE DOING.” [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF EARNESTNESS IN PRAYER.”, 3<sup>RD</sup> SENTENCE]

How did Jacob express his earnestness?

“I WILL NOT LET YOU GO UNLESS YOU BLESS ME.” [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF EARNESTNESS IN PRAYER.”, 9<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCE]

What are cold prayers like?

A SACRIFICE WITHOUT A FIRE. [¶ BEGINNING, “I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF EARNESTNESS IN PRAYER.”, 17<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCE]

What does it mean to pray with faith?

WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PRAYERS ARE HEARD & WILL BE ANSWERED. [¶ BEGINNING, "I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING WITH FAITH.", 2<sup>ND</sup> SENTENCE]

"We should take with us some \_\_\_\_\_, and say, 'Lord, here is thine own \_\_\_\_\_. Do for us as thou hast \_\_\_\_\_."

PROMISE / WORD / PLEDGED / SAID. [¶ BEGINS WITH ABOVE QUOTE, 1<sup>ST</sup> SENTENCE]

What characterized Martin Luther's prayers that illustrates boldness in prayer?

HE HAD CONFIDENCE, REVERENCE, HOPE, ASSURANCE, AS IF HE SPOKE TO A FATHER OR FRIEND. [¶ BEGINNING, "I COMMEND TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF BOLDNESS IN PRAYER.", 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> SENTENCES]

How has this chapter encouraged/challenged you to pray?

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amend -- correct, change

ejaculatory -- sudden, spontaneous

eminently -- outstandingly

levity -- lightheartedness

parings -- leftovers

rote -- memory

trifling -- emptiness