

Point 2 – Prayer Resists Satan and Enforces His Defeat

Key Idea: We have a real enemy, but through prayer and the Word we resist him and stand in victory.

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Quote:

Smith Wigglesworth famously said, "I don't often pray longer than half an hour, but I never go half an hour without praying."

Practical Applications:

1. **Confront specific attacks in prayer.**

- When fear, condemnation, or temptation shows up, stop and pray **out loud**: "I submit to God. I resist you, Satan. You must flee from me according to James 4:7."

Point 3 – Prayer Strengthens Your Spirit to Rule Over the Flesh

Key Idea: Without prayer, the flesh dominates; with prayer, the spirit leads.

Matthew 26:41 (NKJV) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Jude 20 (NKJV) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Quote:

Andrew Murray, "The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history."

Practical Applications:

1. **Start your day "in the Spirit."**

- If you are Spirit Filled spend at least 5–15 minutes praying in tongues before you look at your phone or start your tasks.
- Take time to declare: "My spirit is strong. My flesh is not in control today."

2. **Use prayer as your first response to temptation.**

- The moment you feel tempted, anxious, or angry, step aside (even to a restroom, car, or hallway) and pray in the Spirit quietly for 2–3 minutes.
- Ask: "Holy Spirit, how do You want me to respond right now?" Then obey quickly.

Point 4 – Prayer Receives and Enforces Our Covenant Blessings

Key Idea: Prayer is how we receive by faith what grace has already provided in Christ.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Philippians 4:7 (NKJV) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Mark 11:24 (NKJV) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Quote:

Kenneth E. Hagin, "Faith begins where the will of God is known."

Practical Applications:

1. **Pray the Word, not just your feelings.**

- For every major need, find a promise (healing, provision, peace, family, calling).
- Pray: "Father, Your Word says _____. I believe I receive it now in Jesus' Name," and then begin to thank Him as if it's done.

2. **Keep a "prayer and praise record."**

- Write your requests with the date, the scripture you're standing on, and "I believe I receive."
- Leave space to record the answer. Review often to stir up faith and gratitude.

Point 5 – A Secret, Disciplined Prayer Life Produces Public Victory

Key Idea: God rewards what you do in secret; hidden prayer produces visible fruit.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV) But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Luke 18:7 (NKJV) And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

Luke 18:8 (NKJV) I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Acts 4:31 (NKJV) And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Quote:

Leonard Ravenhill said, "No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying."

Practical Applications:

1. Create a "prayer closet" environment.

- Pick a place (a chair, a corner, your car, or an actual closet) and make that your main prayer spot.
- Keep a Bible, journal, and maybe worship music ready so you can focus quickly.

2. Use a simple prayer structure to avoid wandering.

- For example: 5 minutes worship, 5 minutes praying in the Spirit, 5 minutes praying the Word for specific needs, 5 minutes quiet listening.
- This structure helps you stay consistent even on "dry" days; feelings will follow faithfulness.

1 John 3:8 (NKJV) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Men Ought Always to Pray: Winning the War on Prayer

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Luke 18:1 (NKJV) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Luke 18:2 (NKJV) saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Luke 18:3 (NKJV) Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

Luke 18:4 (NKJV) And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

Luke 18:5 (NKJV) yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'

Luke 18:6 (NKJV) Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

Luke 18:7 (NKJV) And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

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Point 1 – Prayer Is a Divine Necessity, not a Suggestion

Key Idea: A consistent prayer life is commanded by Jesus and vital to spiritual survival.

Luke 18:1 (NKJV) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV) pray without ceasing,

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV) Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

Quote:

E.M. Bounds wrote, "Prayer is not a preparation for the battle; it is the battle."

Practical Applications:

1. Set a daily appointment with God.

- Choose a specific time (e.g., 6:00–6:20 a.m.) and treat it like a non-negotiable meeting.
- Start with 5–10 minutes if you're rebuilding; consistency matters more than
- Use natural triggers: every time you check your phone, ride in your car, or walk into work, pray about someone or something with a 10–20 second prayer.