



STAY PRAYED UP

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When Jesus was asked “Master how should we pray?” It was not an optional response given but an instructional. We are to pray because we are constantly in a spiritual battle that we cannot physically see. We are to prepare ourselves for the “impending battle”, because we will face one.

In the book of II Kings, Elisha had to face an impossible situation, but he called on God to do the impossible while he did the possible.....PRAYED! There is only one way to be prepared for the battle to come. Stay one step ahead of the enemy. Paul said we are to “pray without ceasing” He also tells us to put on the full armor of God.

The battles that we fight take place on a “real battlefield” which is the battlefield of our minds. The enemy knows that if he can convince us or sway us somehow to believe that God’s word isn’t true, he has won. He’ll tell us that prayer doesn’t do anything. For the Christian, prayer is everything.

As Christians, we face a “hidden enemy” every day, and this is why it is very important to understand that there is an enemy. We have got to be PROACTIVE-proactive in battle instead of being REACTIVE. Too many Christians today are reactive when battling against the enemy. We don’t enter into spiritual warfare unless the enemy starts the fight. For many Christian, by that time, it is too late. “Well, it must be God’s will that I’m in this state.” we say. Don’t get me wrong, sometimes our state is God’s will, but sometimes we are in that state because we have just given ourselves over to defeat.

But there is always a better way that leads to victory. **Proverbs 3:5-8: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”**

Prayer is NOT an optional response for a Christian.