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## **SIX REASONS WHY YOU MUST BE PRAYERFUL**

1. **In this kingdom, we pray first because it is a command:** believers are commanded to pray, *Luke 18 vs 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Thesalonians 5 vs 17*, remember we are touched to pray and we are receiving the

preaching now so that our prayer will be effective. Prayer is a command for believers, Luke 18 vs 1, once you are a man, you are mandated in this kingdom to pray, He spoke a parable that men ought always to pray, 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5 vs 17 says pray without season, that does not mean you should pray from morning till night and live an ineffective life, it means you must be consistent your prayer life, pray without season, don't go on break and resume after five months. Be consistent in your prayer life.

2. **It is one of the strategies for fellowship with the father:** it is not the only platform, but it is one of the strategies for fellowship with the father. Many people think it's the only way to fellowship with the father, no! but it one of the major strategies for fellowship. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14 vs 2, Paul is teaching here, and he is teaching the church in Corinth about prayer, for he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God, this is not the gift of tongues like a ministry. So it is very important, it's one of the strategies for communion, it was Paul that was praying and he said " the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion, that's where we get the word koinonia from, the communion of the holy spirit be with you always", the communion, it means the sharing together, intimacy, it means intercourse, it means, the participation of the spirit, the oneness that comes through fellowship is praying that it remains with the saint, why? Because it is only with God that all things are possible and so whatever makes you look up



to your connection or to a human has rub you of an opportunity for intimacy and has also destroy your potential for an efficiency.

3. **It is a platform for growth and transformation:** the growth process of the believers was so design that prayer will play a major part in your growth, that means believers that don't pray cannot growth effectively, in fact cannot even grow, it is a platform for growth and transformation. Luke 9 vs 28-29, that glory and that transformation came as a result of prayer, so when you pray, it is a system allocated for your growth and for your transformation. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14 vs 4, the word edifies in that scriptures means he build up himself, that means you build up yourself as if it's an exercise , for example, someone who is working out every day and just making sure he is fit and healthy, this is what it says that he that prays in an unknown tongue edifies himself. Jude 1vs 20, if you are not beloved, that scripture is not for yours, beloved, building up yourself on your most holy face by praying, what does it mean, that you are growing and increasing in discernment, your faculty of interacting with the realm of the spirit are been hasten and finetuned in the face of prayer. One of the classic signs of prayerlessness is lack of discernment. You know immediately that a man's prayer life is dead when your discernment is dead. What is discernment? It's the faculty of perception, the faculty of spiritual perception, your ability to be able to perceive the impulses of the realm of the spirit, to perceive things, to perceive joy, to perceive the activities of

angels. Man is spirit, that man lives in a body, man is not spirit like a separate entity, soul like a separate entity and body like a separate entity, that teaching is not accurate, man is a spirit primarily, that means his sphere of reality is the realm of the spirit, this spirit cannot interact with the earth realm because of the law of territory, it must have a material body that is consistent with that ecosystem to be able to work, this spirit, if it finds his way to the earth, it will move the same way demons are moving and so God made this spirit a legal occupant in the earth by giving it a material body, but there was a challenge and God needed to solve it because the earth realm and the realm of the spirit, they are all part of Gods kingdom but the dimensional nature of their operation makes it impossible for spirit to operate and so they need body to come there, you cannot switch them so there is an issue now, the spirit cannot relate with the body because there is a disparity in the realms and so God decided to create a bridge, the faculty that connects the spirit are in the body, He called it a mind, that mind consist of will, emotions and intellects. Those faculties were put as the bridge that the spirit will use to interact with the body and the bridge that the body will use to execute the impulses of the spirit. When you call man a soul, what you mean is the spirit in partnership with this faculty of consciousness, that is what is called a soul. If a man dies, you don't see three people coming out or two people either going to heaven or hell, no! there is no record of that in the scripture, Jesus gave up a



ghost, not many ghosts, only one spirit left that body and only one spirit returned.

The realm of the spirit controls the physical realms, the bible tells us that, that the things appear came from the things that do not appear, remember i never said a thing that are not real, they are just not real from this dimension, that means that man being spirit and dwell in a body has an advantage of the duality of realms, that dual nature is what makes the body to receive impulses that it cannot explain, so when you stand and suddenly there is a heaviness in your heart, you don't even know why, there is no joy again, the spirit man is perceiving something from the realm of the spirit and then because it is connected through the mind to the body, it's trying to transmute that but because your prayer life is down, the fortitude to resist that perception so that the body can execute what the spirit is saying is not there. For instance, the spirit of death can be roaming around a family and now because in the realm of the spirit nothing is hidden, when the spirit of death is roaming around, your spirit is perceiving it, if you came out in the realm of the spirit you will no longer be in vision, but when you begins to pray, what happen is that there is a rearranging, because the way the flesh works, it attempt to subjugate the spirit to a point where it cannot gain that ascendant, this is where the advantage of fasting , etc. can come in, but generally this man, the spirit of death is loitering around his vicinity and he's moving around because he's dead in the flesh, his organs of perceiving is dead, imagine in the physical that you cannot hear, you cannot smell nor see nor sense, you are not alive because I can be killing you and you are not aware, the only

thing you just know is that you are fainting, then you go into coma and die because the ability is not there. I can be talking to you, supplying an information and you cannot hear, the same way there are physical senses, there are also spiritual senses, and this spiritual senses, the same way you have blindness, you can have spiritual blindness, you can have spiritual deafness, you can have paralysis in the realm of the spirit even if the holy spirit is saying Mr. man you are not there at all. I'm explaining to you that when you begin to pray, what happens to you is that, your spirit man begins to gain ascendancy and you can stand and just sense and know, and because your sense organs with the realm of the spirit is heightened, the holy spirit is at liberty on the strength of your spirit man to use whatever faculties he pleases to reveal to you what to do, so, he can use your hearing and you hear, it can use your seeing and you see a vision, he can use the knowing in your heart and you come with perception, it can even move you into his will, the more you pray, you are giving the holy spirit the versatility options to be able to communicate the will of God to you, that means people who don't pray; imagine if this guy is blind spiritually, deaf on one ear spiritually, cannot sense anything, look at the little allowance the holy ghost has to communicate destiny things to him. So, you can have a dream but because you are spiritually blind, you will see nonsense, you will get up from that dream and write things that was not really what was communicated to you in the dream, why? Because the problem with you is blindness, remember Paul was blind but he was stills seeing, he was in a vision. When you understand this, prayer is not all about give me tea, give me bread, you are say-



ing holy spirit you are at the mercy of my faculties of interaction, your possibilities are limited by the space I give you, could it be that if you were prayerful and you became sensitive, you would have been able to know when to do destiny things that has passed you by, when you become very sensitive, the holy spirit pending on the gravity of what he's communicating, he can use multiple channels to strengthen your conviction.

We pray because it is a platform for growth and transformation, one of the hardest assignments of the holy spirit is to transfer the will of God from the heart of the father to the mind of the saints, it is difficult. That's why when God finds one man who is aligned, you better stay out of the life and out of the way of that man, That's why the bible says; let him that has an ear, that means it is possible that you don't have that ear.

4. **Prayer is a platform for warfare and intersection:** Act 12 vs 5, when I say warfare especially in Africa, warfare means many things to many people , there are some people who believe that warfare is some carnal confrontation of spirit in the flesh, that it's an ever continuous process without victory, I don't believe that, and others also believe that the concept of warfare is just some kind of Christian talk that does not exist, I also don't believe that. There is a healthy balance concerning the subject of warfare that must be communicated. Act 12; we are talking about a man here under the influence of wicked spirit to persecute the church, please don't lose your focus and attention, so James is dead now, and because he saw that it pleased the Jews, look at this wicked man, he proceeded further to take peter also, then were the

days of unleavened bread, during the feast, so he's about to destroy someone, the pillars of the church, peter was kept in the prison and with prayer without ceasing from the church unto God for him, prayer was made without ceasing and when Herod would have brought him forth, that same night, peter was sleeping between two soldiers, can you imagine it, aside from the fact that he was in prison, the two soldiers held him, he was chained and they are also sleeping close to him so that, if he moves and they wake up, they can say where are you going to, if you do not understand the ministry of angels in prayer and the warfare dimension of prayer, you will get into trouble. The bible is full of the ministry of angels in prayer. The angel of the Lord came upon him and a light shine in prison and he smote peter on the side and raise him up, saying arise up quickly and the chains fell off from his hand. They are praying and praying correctly because Jesus has taught them how to pray, remember before that time, they were not getting results, now Jesus has taught them how to pray and mentored them and the apostles now were mentoring the early church, so, there was no confusion as to whether the prayer will be answered or not and while they prayed, something was happening in the realm of the spirit because the bible says that let it be done in the earth as it is done in heaven, so an angel came from heaven to make sure what happens in the heavens happens in the earth, he came to that prison and said gird thyself, angels can speak and said cast thy garment under thee and follow



me. Look at this, peter was already so used to vision, he didn't know whether it was real, or it was a visionary experience. My brothers and sisters look at these, these are not parables, can these things happen again? Why are they not happening? If this is true and scripture cannot be broken that men prayed, and physical angels came.

let me give you a story, that will be my third encounter with angels in body and not in visions, I was in Abuja one year and I got into a bus and I alighted at a bus stop and my wallet fell and everything fell and the bus had gone, I was with one of my friends, it was so frustrating for me, I think it was when we were preparing for one of our crusade or so, then everything was gone, the town was busy, you will not even know which of the buses you alighted from, I pleaded with my friend and said please you will have to just get a bike and go to where the park is and begin to check. I stood there and I was just praying in the spirit and I remember the scripture that says He shall put His angels charge over thee and all of that, I was standing there and the next thing a man is limping with my wallet and brings to me and he said "take" and just turn and goes away, I was standing there and looking at this man, what is your name? who are you? At least let me say thank you and after a while I cannot remember seeing the man again.

The first time we were going to hold our crusade in Jos, we were there and quiet honestly we were confused and didn't know what to do, suddenly a stranger walks up to me and said get a bus and a loud megaphone, he said go round the city, remember, and do publicity, I never saw that man again.

Angels are real, our carnality has reduced us to the point where we don't even have the eyes and the perception, you will be joking to think everyone standing in any Holy Ghost filled meetings is a human being, I tell you the truth and I lie not, I started sharing it during the early days of koinonia church meetings but I stopped, I stopped saying it for a reason, there are times that I will be ministering, many things happen as a man of God when you are ministering, you cannot say everything, there are times I'm standing here already and I'm having multiple visionary experiences while I'm ministering, and this comes as a result of training and experience, with time you will understand it so that you are not distracted, and there are many times when God opens my eyes, I see people, not from the body but the spirit man, in the realm of the spirit you will know that it's an angel because they excel a light and suddenly you will check and you will find out that this person sitting down is not a human being, the moment they see me and we make contact, they will just stand up and gradually walk out. I've seen these things many times when koinonia started, I use to say it but eventually I kept quiet because I don't want people to build their monument, you know people start to make all these idolatries and the rest. So, I understand what this scripture is saying, let me tell you, warfare is real and it's important to be able to get victory.

James 5 vs 13, we pray because it is an instrument of warfare, what is warfare? Establishing the will of God in spite of the contentions of darkness, that's what warfare is. Engaging scripture, engaging the mysteries of the kingdom in prayer to establish the will of God. Satan will never let your destiny go, not without a battle, just because God said all



things are yours does not mean all things will come to you, just because God said you will be a great man, he will attack you, he will attack your children, he will attack everything that can be attacked, I believe in warfare when it's biblically engaged, I believe that any believer who sits down and allows his destiny to move by default is in trouble, he will never win in life. Warfare and intercession. What is intercession? Standing in the gap for someone else, standing in the gap for a territory, making petitions to heavens on behalf of an individual or a territory. Do you know why God allows intercession? Because assuming for instance, the spirit of death is attempting to take my life this night and I do not have the faculty to discern, I can become a victim of it and that means my destiny and all who are connected with me will be in trouble, it's a revelation of God's mercy, the mercy of God starts moving round that territory to find those who have the discernment and the will to obey God, so it's like a cloud, the holy ghost will come upon somebody in his room, and if he stands up and says God forbid I need to sleep and go back to sleep, the holy ghost will leave quietly and find another house but somehow he will just come to someone who just gets up and says something is wrong and he will tell the person to pray in the spirit and while you are praying, you do not even know why you are praying and I do not know him but he's in the body, his prayer life will now save me. That's why when we get to heaven, many people will receive thank you for what you did and you don't even know and they will tell you remember in 1999, the three days fasting you did secure the man who later became the president but you will never know that it was your prayer. If Hannah the prophetess

did not intercede for Jesus, they would have killed Him, believe me, if Jesus could not die, his parents would not have to run away with him, He was in the flesh, the only thing is that the body will not decay. Hannah the prophetess was praying, imagine the kind of intercessor, she sacrifices her life, she sacrifices her husband. I'm teaching you many things in this book because if Hannah the prophetess was in our generation and you saw her and apostle Joshua Selman, Hannah the prophetess will bow to me and say you are the great man of God and we are the quiet people, whereas you did not know that the way things happen in the realm of the spirit is that those that may be making the greatest impact may not be the Joshua Selman's and all of these people, as visible as we look, there will be one quiet mama somewhere that is the backbone behind our success, that we may never know, God gives this mama a mandate and say mama you have 30 more years to live and your assignment every day is to pray for someone called Joshua Selman, where is he in the world? You don't need to know him, I may never know that the health of this ministry, the health of my life primarily maybe founded upon that big intercessory ministry. If you really find an intercessor somewhere, not just a lazy person who just said I'm an intercessor but a real intercessor, respect them. If I bless you, you see me, you will package offering and come and give me, if I speak over your life, they can carry that message all around the world, people will watch the videos and see me speaking, they will open doors for me but if I intercede for you, there is no man who will see me to say thank you. These are the people who are greatly prized in the spirit. Some of them are here, they don't even believe that they are



a ministry, I just have the grace for intercession. Do you know there are times I'm sitting and it will look as if they are soaking me inside hot water, I know somebody somewhere is shouting to heaven for me, they can't even say allow me sleep small now, there are times I know it's its prayer bands, there are times I know individuals are just praying, they prayed for Jesus. The bible never said Hannah the prophetess stops praying after the dedication, he just said my eyes have seen the consolation of Jesus. intercession is powerful, listen to me, don't sit back and allow the devil to destroy your loved ones, you must learn to pray. Some of you are not only lazy spiritually, you are responsible for the pain of many people, this is why when God is quarrelling people you will think you are innocent, He will come and say you are part of the reasons why these people are not doing well, you ask God why, I put a burden on you to pray one time like that and you just carelessly say it's not my business, there are selfish believers, that's why God will use the face of someone you love in the dream, it's not that something is wrong with that person, it's just that it's the only way, it's not all about demons, it is the only way to wake you up to pray because if you saw another person, your selfishness will not allow you to stand up, so you see the face of the person who comes to marry you and you say no, God this cannot happen, and you prayed and God said that's it, you will be rewarded for praying but that is the only skill to be able to lift you.

Warfare and intercession, James 5 vs 13, the biblical approach to affliction, is any man challenged by the situation you cannot understand, before you sit down and start using your brain, because in the flesh you will calculate wrongly, what is going on? My chil-

dren are suddenly falling sick in a way that I cannot explain, money is disappearing in this family, suddenly there's no peace in my family, suddenly my grandmother hates me, I came out in the morning, three accidents before I came back home already, if you are sensitive, that is afflictions. The bible says don't sit down and start discussing scientifically, just start praying because when you pray among the many things that happens is that you begin to perceive, you are allowing your spirit man in partnership with the holy spirit to draw forth what the real issue is and communicate to you. How many of you have ever been confident about a decision, you were so bold until you prayed, somewhere in that prayer, you stood and say God thank you, this is how I would have died, you felt Ghana is the place God is sending you to, in fact everything in you was just saying Ghana until you went to pray, when they prayer was done you were embarrassed, you just stood there and say so this is how I would have been on my way, you know powerful believers by this one thing, they will tell you I want to do this and that and two weeks later they just keep quiet, I know what has happened to them, they have gone to finetuned that thing. A brother can look at a sister and almost be confident base on what I'm feeling, this is my wife until you go to pray, while you were praying, the flesh and the body were giving you way to destiny and when you rise up then you would have known that you would have made nonsense of your life, you now come back and say thank you Jesus. Someone can come to you and say I'm a real estate morgue and this and that and you are sitting down and you want to carry all your land properties to him, you just say let me just sleep over it, you can come



tomorrow morning, until when you wake up in the night and begin to pray and you find out that your entire destiny could have gone down because of lack of discernment. When believers don't pray, you will know a believer who does not pray by the repetition of trouble that will always get into, when you are getting into trouble again and again then something is wrong with your prayer life.

5. **Prayer according to scripture is strategy to keep your faith alive:** Luke 22 vs 30-32, what is faith? Faith is a conviction, it does something to your faith, when satan wants to sieve you like weeds, remember the bible says a double minded man, let him not think he will receive anything from the Lord so when satan wants to make sure that you don't receive anything, he will begin to make you doubt your convictions, he will manipulate the flesh realm and make sure what you believe is manipulated, there are many things that believing them may be difficult for you but start praying, a word has been spoken concerning you, ah by November this would have happened, you will say amen but you didn't believe it, your pain is overwhelmed, you are used to prophesy not been fulfilled so you don't believe it but when you begin to pray, something begins to happen in your spirit man, it's like a gate that is broken, then you start believing God, yes this is me, I know you are able to do it, prayer is a way that we keep our faiths alive.

6. **It is a platform to make request and petitions:** prayer is the authorized biblical platforms to table your request and to make petitions. You don't make petitions in this kingdom by complaining,

the bible says do everything without complaining or arguing. Most believers do not pray, most of what we think is prayer is just blind fleshly canal argument, prayers like; what is this? Is this how life will treat me? And God you are watching? Are you praying? No, you are not praying, You are lamenting, lamentation does not have access to answered prayers, no! unto him that hears prayer, not complain, not grumbling. Mark 11 vs 24. This is the cycle, your desire, reception and then manifestation. You first receive before you have, you cannot have what you've not received, you don't receive things physically, you receive things in the realm of the spirit, you have gotten them physically, so what you desire, prayer is the channel that makes your desire to be received and then to manifest, when you pray. So, you can have desires leave them there and you find out that nothing ever changes in your life. Philippians 4 vs 6, be careful for nothing, the word there careful is not trying to say we should live a careless life, the word there is anxiety, other version will say anxious, but in everything, that means there is no small or large matters, just pray about everything. The bible does not isolate some certain things and say don't pray for them, there is no issue that cannot be prayed for, this is where we must put a correction to our teachings. Some people say prayer has nothing to do with finance, no? there are keys, anytime prayer is not the key, prayer is the hand that holds the key, in any case you will still need prayers, a key does not open itself so prayer is important. The bible



says in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God, this is a very interesting scriptures because in one of the scriptures we read the bible says for your heavenly father in up already knows, the things that you need and now its saying make your request known unto God. God wants the saints to make their request known because He answers prayers. You have many requests, o God my house rent, O God the issue of my child, I'm tired of escorting men in life, o God the issue of my finances, fruitfulness etc., the bible says don't be ashamed to make your request known unto God. That means it is not out of scripture when you pray in understanding, you can make your request known unto God, are you seeing why we come with our request and miracles are received, you are making it known to God, it is scriptural, God wants to know, bring before Him your request because He will answer. James 4 vs 2-3, God is speaking now, request are very important in as much as prayer is not just for only asking things, there Is a major part of prayer that was designed to allowed to make your petitions to reach heaven, look at the alternatives you have introduced perhaps prayer could have given it unto you, the inability to have prayed will make you to desire in an ungodly way, and to kill even because of it and then to fight because of it, he said you have not simply because you ask not. If you can ask, there will be no reason to kill, no jealousy, none of these things because the same Lord is rich unto all. He's saying if you don't know how to ask, you

will continue to admire people and to hate people's breakthroughs and their testimonies as though God isolated them and bless them alone. The bible says you have not because you ask not, we ask and receive not because we ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lust, can you see the patterns of prayers, what does it mean to consume it upon your lust? That means the ultimate scope of your desire is just to satisfy yourself, there is nothing kingdom in it, you will now understand the prayer of Jesus, thy kingdom come. It is within the scope of kingdom that says "give us our bread so we will be strong enough to make your kingdom come, once you detach the kingdom, you also detach the possibility for your daily bread, your daily bread is connected to your desire and your participation in making the kingdom come. Listen to my teachings for your glory, where I teach in this kingdom God is not of light to stand in partner with you on any matter that does not have a provision to give Him glory. Our selfish words have mastered how to use the realm of the spirit to draw realities for our own personal desires, why do you want a child? Why do you want a marriage and prosperity? Apostle I'm tired, people have been looking down on me, I want them to know that I'm not a nobody, and God said that is the kind of nonsense prayer that will not be answered. Why won't it be answered? Because there is no provision for kingdom in it. O God I want all my children to excel, why? So that everybody will know that I'm not a small woman and God said this is a joke, not in



my kingdom. Lord I want money to buy a new wrapper, why? So that every woman in that church will know that me too I'm not poor, what do you take God for, an ATM machine? He's the Lord of all, let him find your heart plug towards His kingdom. Father I'm trusting you to give me twins, so that I can hurry up and have children and have the grace to serve you, God said before you finished, twins are already on their way coming, roast every devil on the way between the second heaven and makes sure those things come. I have learnt something about God, if you want to see the speed of God in your life, die to yourself, say Lord this is about you.

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**How To Access The Deep Things of God:** Do not get used to what God is doing. Your heart must always be in a posture where you receive every miracle no matter how great or little with gratitude in your heart. If it could not be done by man then, God deserves the glory for it.

John 11:40 - Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe [in Me], you will see the glory of God [the expression of His excellence]?" There is a relationship between your experience of the glory of God and believing Him. If you doubt and wonder if God can touch you, you won't receive from Him because the scripture teaches us that there is nothing new under the sun. Your assignment is not only to listen but, to listen in faith, to listen in hope expecting to receive something. Let your heart be open. Every experience, if God is there something