

Living a Lifestyle of Prayer (Part III)

“I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” (1 Timothy 2:8, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for the **“Come and See”** devotional today.

As we have learned in the previous series of this message, if we are to fulfil our divine destiny as God’s children then we must pray fervently. The accounts of Samson’s lifestyle recorded in the Bible suggest someone who did not take prayer seriously: *“then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her.”* (Judges 16:1, 21st Century King James Version). It is illogical for someone who routinely communicates with God through prayer, to behave as Samson did.

In addition to obtaining direction and guidance at the altar of prayer, we need to pray routinely to obtain strength to overcome our weaknesses. The Bible states: *“then he (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray and not to faint.”* (Luke 18:1, 21st Century King James Version). When Apostle Paul was confronted with a personal struggle that became a proverbial thorn in his flesh, he prayed to God for strength and said: *“concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.’”* (2 Corinthians 12:8-9, New King James Version).

Again, prayer is a two-way communication initiated by believers, towards God, through Jesus Christ *“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”*-1st Timothy 2 verse 5. Likewise, prayer is a dialogue with God and so our daily communion with God should be an interchange in which we call upon God and wait for Him patiently to speak back to us.

We should never be in a hurry to hang up on God, as the Bible indicates: *“Keep the king’s commandment for the sake of your oath to God. Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him.”* (Ecclesiastes 8:2-3, New King James Version). We must remember to wait a little longer for God’s answer of peace in response to our enquiries. Pray continually everywhere and anywhere, irrespective of the place or your position; pray without ceasing concerning your desires and the needs of others as well.

Let us pray: “Father, may I receive your Grace and help and may I call upon you daily concerning all my earthly affairs. I refuse to make any move without consulting with your wisdom,” in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

This message was brought to you by Evangelical Ministries International (EMI). We know this message has been a blessing to you. Please share your testimonies with us by visiting our website www.evangelicalministries.org or contact us on info@evangelicalministries.org. God bless you!