

Pray Without Ceasing

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Praying without ceasing is essential to maintaining a strong faith and avoiding failure in ministry.

Scripture: Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:16

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the critical importance of maintaining a consistent prayer life, sharing the story of a once-effective preacher who neglected his time with God and faced serious consequences. Tozer warns that when believers abandon their commitment to prayer, the work of God suffers. He calls for honesty in our relationship with God and urges us to prioritize prayer to avoid spiritual failures. The sermon serves as a reminder that prayer is essential for sustaining our ministries and connection with God.

Transcript

Pray without ceasing. --1 Thessalonians 5:17

I knew of an able preacher greatly used of the Lord in evangelism and Bible conferences. He was a busy, busy man. There came the occasion when someone frankly asked him, "Doctor, tell us about your prayer life. How do you pray? How much do you pray?"

The man was embarrassed as he replied, "I must confess to you something I have not confessed before. I do not have the time to pray as I used to. My time alone with God has been neglected."

Not too long afterward, that preacher sustained a serious failure. It brought his ministry to an abrupt end, and he was put on the shelf.

If we want to be honest with God, we will take solemnly the admonition to pray without ceasing. God's work on this earth languishes when God's people give up their ministries of prayer and supplication. I cannot tell you why this is true, but it is true. Men Who Met God, pp. 46-47

"What a sad statement, Lord: 'I do not have the time to pray as I used to.' Deliver me from that neglect and keep me faithful in this high priority. Then guard me from that 'serious failure.' Amen."

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