

A Good Prayer Life

Foundation – God Cares & Acts

Points to Consider

1. God Cares
2. God Acts

God Cares

Ps 115:12-15 *The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great. May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children. 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. NKJV*

The Lord is _____ of those who fear Him, both small and great. God thinks about the circumstances of our lives.

Matt 10:28-31 *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. NKJV*

He cares so much about us that He knows how many hairs we have on our heads.

Isa 49:15 *Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. NKJV*

It is more likely that a woman will forget her nursing child than for God to forget His people.

Matt 11:28-30 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Jesus provides rest for those who labor and are heavy laden.

Labor – being fatigued because of _____ work. (worn out)

Heavy laden – weighed down with burdens that are too heavy to be carried. (overloaded)

1 Peter 5:6-7

You can cast your cares upon God because He cares for _____.
God will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle **you**.

God Acts

2 Chron 6:38-39; 2 Chron 7:14-

Solomon asked God to _____ the cause of His people.

God said that His eyes will be open and His ears _____ to the prayer of His people.

When His people come to their senses and ask for the Lord's help, He will _____ their sin and heal their land.

2 Chron 14:10-14

The Lord struck the Ethiopians _____ Asa asked for His help.

2 Chron 20:22-26

Jehoshaphat prayed and God _____ his cause. God is the one who saved His people. Jehoshaphat's prayer is what moved God to act.

Gen 24:12-14; Gen 24:26-27

God acted when Abraham's servant prayed. He _____ that God answered his prayer.

Acts 12:5-17

God heard the prayers of the many disciples who had gathered at Mary's house to pray for Peter.

1 John 5:14-15 *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. NKJV*

If we ask anything according to His will, God hears and _____ us what we ask for.

James 5:13-18

The prayer of faith will _____ the sick.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man _____ much.

Summary

In order to have a good prayer life we must:

- Live a good life.
- Have faith that God listens.
- Have faith that God cares.
- Have faith that God acts.