PRAYER -- OUR LIFELINE

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Prayer Is Building A Relationship With God

(Acts 6:2b-4 NIV) (2) ... "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. (3) Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them (4) and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."
The Bible Contains The Very Words Of God

(2 Tim 3:16 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

(2 Pet 1:21 NIV) For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
In The Word We Get To Know God.
In Prayer, We Get To Communicate With God.

Truth Is The Quality That Is In The Word

(John 17:17 NIV) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
Right Relationship Between The Word And Prayer = Answered Prayer

(John 15:7 NIV) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
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- (1 John 5:13-15 NIV) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (14) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: 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 what we asked of him.

- We Can Ask And Receive In Prayer -- When We Pray According To His Will
By

1) Listening To What God Is Saying In Prayer
2) By Knowing God’s Word

We Can Discover God’s Will And How It Applies To Our Lives
Prayer Is A Lifeline

The Very Basics Of The Faith =

(John 1:12 NIV) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--
The Proof That You Have Become A Child Of God Is:

- The Testimony Of The Word
- The Testimony Of Your Heart
- The Testimony Of The Holy Spirit
(1 Cor 15:1-2 NIV) Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (2) By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

Endurance In The Faith Is An Important Piece Of Evidence Of That Our Salvation Is Genuine
Prayer is a lifeline between our Heavenly Father and us.

Prayer keeps us in right relationship so that we can endure in the faith.
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- (1 Th 5:17 NIV) pray continually;
- Just Like We Need To Keep On Breathing
  We Need To Keep On Praying
- We Are To Remain In Constant
  Communication With God
The Importance Of The Lifeline Of Prayer

Jesus Is Our Model Of A Fervent And Effectual Prayer Life
(Luke 3:21-22 NIV) When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened (22) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. (13) When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:
Everything God Does In The Work Of Ministry, He Does Through Prayer.

- The Devil Is Defeated
- The Lost Get Saved
- Wisdom Is Acquired
- Backsliders Can Get Restored
- The Saints Get Strengthened
- Laborers Are Sent To The Mission Field
- The Sick Are Cured
- The Impossible Can Be Accomplished
Prayer Is Our Greatest Spiritual Weapon

(Eph 6:12 NIV)  For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

(Eph 6:18-19 NIV)  And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (19) Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,
We Must Pray To Keep Ourselves From Being Defeated By Satan

To Fail To Pray Is To Fail Altogether
"Prayer Is Not So Much Another Weapon On Our List Of Weaponry, As It Is The Actual Battle."

-- Dick Eastman
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- Why Not Pray?
- Why Not Make The Investment?
- Why Not Start Now?
- Why Not?