

“Did You Think To Pray?”

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Regular, habitual prayer to God requires faith; quite a bit of faith. One must have faith enough to believe that God is and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (**Heb. 11:6**).

One must have faith enough to know that God hears when you pray even though not a sound from heaven is heard (read **1 Kings 8:30, 45, 49**). And you must have enough faith to believe that God cares for **you** (read **Matthew 6:25-30**).

One must have enough faith to trust and obey God so that one's prayers *can* be heard. “*One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination*” (**Proverbs 28:9**). “... *The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*” (**James 5:16**). Notice it says “*of a righteous man.*” Not just **any** man. Not just **anyone** who claims to be a Christian. But a *righteous* man — one who trusts and obeys God.

One must have enough faith to care what God thinks about a matter. So many people today are worried about being *politically correct* — that is, being unoffensive to the masses of people — but I think we should be more concerned about being *spiritually correct!* That is, we should care about what God thinks and accept that His way is the best way, the right way, and the only way.

If this kind of faith is *lacking* in an individual, then he or she will have a hard time maintaining the habit of prayer. So dear reader, take a good, hard look at yourself. Do you pray regularly, habitually with a heart full of love and trust? If not, then the problem is a lack of faith. That can be cured in you and in me. “God said it, that settles it, I believe it” should be our attitude. “*Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears*” (**1 Sam. 3:9**).

Prayer is man's communication with God. His Word is God communicating with us. A heart full of biblical faith is a heart God loves and will help in every way He possibly can. Don't you want that kind of a relationship with God?

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