

PRAYER:

More than a 911 Call!

1 SAMUEL 12

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- Prayer is simply _____ to God.
- Most of the spiritual failures that we encounter are _____ failures.
- *"Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face..." 1 Thessalonians 3:10a*
- *"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- *"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."*
1 Timothy 2:8
- *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..." Ephesians 6:18a*
- Every believer must engage in a vibrant and growing prayer life. Why is this so crucial?

First, prayer will keep your heart _____.
vs. 1-5

- Samuel was a man of integrity, honesty, and had a clean testimony. Do you know why? He was a _____ man.
- *"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*
Matthew 26:41

- Prayer is what provides the spiritual _____ and energy to keep our hearts clean and live godly lives.

Second, prayer will provide you with _____ discernment. vs. 6-21

- When we (like Israel) forsake God and fail to seek God, we begin making very unwise _____ that lead us into trouble.
- But when we pray, we have biblical discernment to understand God's _____ for our lives.
- *"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."* **Colossians 4:12**

Third, prayer _____ the Lord. vs. 22-25

- God desires to have fellowship with you. He wants you to _____ to Him about everything of concern in your life.
- *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* **Philippians 4:6**

***"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently _____ him."* Hebrews 11:6**