

“Your Communication”

Collide – Part 8

Ephesians 6:18-20

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“Prayeralysis” – Complete or virtual absence of any genuine personal conversation with God. It includes the loss of any sensation of closeness to Him with noticeable **decrease** in loyalty and obedience to Him. It eventually results in such rigidity of heart that it produces a life void any signs of true spiritual power.

❖ Signs of Prayeralysis:

- Talking about praying happens more than praying.
- Prefer others pray not me.
- Muttering tired clichés and worn words.
- Little emotion is felt or given while praying.
- Fifteen seconds of praying seems like an hour.
- Requests are more temporal than eternal.
- Prayer often starts and ends with my “need”.

❖ 3 Ways a Christian Soldier Should Pray . . .

1. Constantly.

“. . . Praying always . . .” Ephesians 6:18a (NKJV)

“Watch therefore, and pray always . . .” Luke 21:36 (NKJV)

“Pray without ceasing . . .” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great almighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

2. Correctly.

“. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . .” Ephesians 6:18a (NKJV)

“But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.” Jude 1:20 (NLT)

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that cannot express.” Romans 8:26

3. Unselfishly.

“. . . being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” Ephesians 6:18b-20 (NKJV)

❖ Sometimes God's Response to Our Prayers is . . .

➤ **Direct.**

'I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!' Isaiah 65:24 (NLT)

➤ **Delayed.**

"Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him." Isaiah 30:18a (NKJV)

➤ **Different.**

➤ **Denial.**