

## I Know What Prayer Can Do

"Pray always and do not faint" - Luke 18:1

Prayer is a direct line of communication between us and God. It has a way of unmasking our false dependency on possessions and others, and to rely on God. It is being busy with God and unbusy with the other things in this world. In the middle of our busy schedules, activities, work, family, friends, etc., prayer is our alone time with God. In essence prayer is our foundation for every aspect of our life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. If we want to move forward, grow, change, or go higher, then St. Paul we must pray.

SCRIPTURES
2 Thessalonians 1:11
Romans 8:26-27
James 5:16

Matthew 6:6

OTHER

**PRAY MORE...** it is harder to stumble, when you and I are on our knees.

## **Old & New Testament Examples of Prayer**

OT: The Role of the Priest/Pastor in Prayer (Hebrew 9:7)

NT: Jesus Opens the Access for Prayer (Matthew 27:51)

## **Prayer as an Invitation to Change**

Confession: Compassion | Cleansing | Renewal (Psalm 51 – David)

Prayer Either... Changes the situation OR changes you for the situation.

Adoration: Thankfulness | Praise | Revival (Psalm 145 – David)

Supplication: Turning | Pleading | Receiving (2 Kings 20 – Hezekiah)

<u>Intercession</u>: Prayer for those who Hurt Us | Praying for those who Helped us (Luke 22 & 23 – Jesus)

Prayer is... not a monologue but a dialogue