

giving this to you, trusting you to show me what to do.

At the heart of the life of prayer is regular **"alone time"** with God and our Bible. In about 15 minutes, we can get alone and visualize ourself being in the holy presence of God. We read a short Bible passage and talk with Him about what we read or what is going on in our lives.

Our best example is Jesus. (Luke 4) When Satan tempted him three times, he answered him with three quotes from his Bible. Did you notice he talked to Satan out loud, just as he did with Simon Peter when he, said, "Get behind me Satan." Adrian Rogers says: "Talking to the devil is not praying to the devil. You don't pray to a cat when you tell it to the scat."

Ephesians 6 says the Bible is our sword. All through the day, we apply what we learn to the situations we face, good and bad, as I did with challenges to my church. Spurgeon says, "We do not walk around all day, sword in hand. The sword is in the scabbard, ready to be drawn in a moment."

ECSTASY- GOD'S "YES" ANSWER

Psalm 28:6-7

"I praise the Lord for hearing my cry for mercy. / My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in songs." - David

The Omni In Atlanta was rocking. The seats were shaking in and Atlanta Hawks playoff game. coach Lanny Wilkins' mind and eyes were riveted on the game. but suddenly, he turned his head, looked down, pull something out of his pocket and handed it to a little boy. his son had pulled on his pants leg and said, "Daddy, I need some money for a hot dog,"

Nothing compares with knowing in our heart of hearts, that the awesome God of this universe has taken a special interest in us, and answered one of our prayers personally. Every time it happened to Abraham, he built

an altar where it happened and gave the place a holy name.

We can't prove it and we don't have to, because we know it in our hearts. And when life is hard, we can always go back to those holy moments and know God is listening even when it seems like He isn't.

"Test your memory. What were you worrying about one year ago today?"

Pastor W.A. Criswell's plane was going down into the jungle that would swallow it up and make it invisible to rescuers, He said he put his face in his hands and prayed he would die in the crash.

The pilot said, "There is a creek and a village. Dr. Criswell said it looked like a thread lying next to a penny.

God guided that little plane and it landed safely in a narrow creek. Somewhere in my library I have a picture of Dr. W.A. Criswell, riding "piggy-back" on the back of a native, to safety.

After the rescue Dr. Criswell said they held a prayer and praise meeting and he led the singing. I heard him say, from his pulpit, in the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, that for the first time in his life, he really sang the third stanza of "Amazing Grace"

**"Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
Tis grace has kept me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home."**

I am putting prayer messages on one page, front and back so you can save and put in a notebook on prayer.

**BETHEL'S MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
HAS GROWN INTO THE HIGH 200'S (Sack
Lunches) THEY ARE IN NEED OF A GOOD,
STURDY HAND TRUCK. WE CAN BUY ONE BUT
BEFORE WE DO - DO ANY OF YOU HAVE ONE
YOU ARE NOT USING? *Preacher Bob***