

Our Willpower and Prayers

We all wonder about the origin and the purpose of life. We hear about the creator whose intelligence governs the universe. We ask ourselves: who made this flower, its petals, fragrance, color, and beauty? At night we see many stars and the light of the moon. Then the sun comes as day with bright light making everything look clear.

There are two types of our needs: material needs which include our physical comforts and good health; and spiritual needs. When we exhaust our material needs, we turn to spiritual power. Everyone thinks that their problems are the worst. Some feel more oppressed than others because their resistance is weaker. Even the mightiest man has sometimes met failures. All of this makes us realize how limited our powers of life are in this physical world.

Our life is not just meant to seek financial security and good health but also to seek out the meaning of life. When we have tried everything and so far it has failed; what do we do next? When we think deeply enough, we find the answer within. This is the prayer that God answers.

Prayer is a demand of the soul. We are not beggars. God has created us in His image and likeness. We need to ask God as a son not as a beggar. The beggar gets only his beggar's share when asked, but the son can have anything he asks from his heavenly Father: **“Everything you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13)**. The secret of effective prayer is to change your status from beggar to the child of God. When you appeal to God as a child from your consciousness, your prayer will have both power and wisdom.

Each one of us has the power of the Spirit which lies within us and we need to develop it. We may have times when our prayers were not answered, but do not lose faith. In order for your prayers to be fruitful, you must have belief in the power of prayer: **“Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it shall be done for you” (Mark 11:24)**.

The power of our will is what makes us divine. God has given us a will power to use it, not in the sense of will to sit, will to eat as a mechanical man. Jesus meant what he said about the will, **“Father, if it is possible, take this cup away from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want” (Mt. 26:39)**. Therefore, right prayer, when it is persistent, is God's will. You must believe the possibility of what you are praying for. Make your will stronger through your thoughts, plans and activities. When your will persists, the desired result will somehow manifest. It is in this kind of will that God's answer lies; because will comes from God and continuous will is divine will.

A weak will is a mortal will. Behind human will, is the divine will that can never fail. But we are mentally and physically lazy. We think that we are praying, but we are thinking and finally sleeping. Our will is buried. You have within you the power to accomplish everything you want; that power lies in the will.

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