

Our Willpower and Prayers – 2/2

... continued from third Wednesday of May, 2023

Whoever would like to develop willpower must have good company because you require a good example before you. To develop the strength of the will, you need to associate with those who have great will power. If you want healing by God's power, seek the company of those who strengthen your faith and your will. Never be satisfied when people speak words about God but have never experienced Him. See the difference between a man's sermon and his life; he must demonstrate that he has experienced what he has learned or taught. It is worthwhile to be with others only if they are sincere and strong so that you can exchange noble soul qualities.

Make an effort to know God. Your mind may be satisfied that you are religious, but unless your consciousness is satisfied with direct answers to your prayers, no amount of formal religion can save you. A strong willpower will bring God's answer to your prayer. Do not while away your time in idleness. Too many diversions also weaken your mental power. Exercise your will continuously, night and day. Use your willpower to demand God as His child and behave as His child. Remember, behind your will is the great Divine Will. It is not automatic but you have to receive.

The way to become receptive is to sit quietly and concentrate your thoughts on a worthy wish until your mind and thought be completely dissolved in that idea. Then your willpower becomes divine and can be successfully applied towards realizing your goal by practical efforts. You will see success start coming to you. God comes only when you are sincere and when you love Him for His own sake. In silence, meditate deeply and concentrate on the thought of your need. Do not keep looking for the results. When you sow a seed, it takes time to sprout and grow. Never try to test God. continue to pray unceasingly. Your duty is to bring your needs to God's attention.

Everyday undertake something that is difficult for you, and try to do it. In spite of your failures, continue it without stopping. You will accomplish increasingly greater things. Will is an instrument of the image of God within you. Pray until your body and mind are completely subjugated; then you will receive God's response.

God will not break His laws to satisfy your material desires. Do not ask God for things that are quite impossible in the natural order of life. Only ask Him for true necessities, not for unnecessities or desires. Cut out your desires and wants for needless possession. Concentrate only on your real needs. Your greatest necessity is God: **“Seek first the Kingdom of God”**. Bring your needs to God as a child, ask God for His guidance and help; work with determination and don't look for the results. Seek God night and day. Then you will receive God's response. Your prayers are answered.

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