

Prayer Requests masking Neglect of the Word

Spiritually weak Christians always think more of prayer than they do the Word. They're trying to get results through emergency and crisis prayer and, at the same time, are not willing to put any time in God's Word. They have a Word-less life. Their M.O. in life can be described as "*bump and pray*." What I mean by that is whenever a weak Christian gets hit with a problem, they solicit everyone they know to pray for them. They do this thinking that the more people they can get to pray for them, or for their problem, the more apt they'll be to get God to do something.

They get themselves in the position of needing a miracle from God because they have not maintained a strong spiritual life. They neglect God's Word by not staying in the Word and feeding on it, and by not meditating on the Word of God daily. As a result of their neglect, these believers constantly live in the crisis mode.

Some believers live their whole lives going from one crisis to another. They become the drama queens of the body of Christ, amplifying every problem they have into a world crisis. Their lives never change. They live on prayer requests and they're not living their life on the Word. They would get offended if you told them this, but prayer cannot take the place of God's Word.

The first place you want to go about your problem is God's Word. You want to think, "*What does the Word say about this?*" Our faith has always got to be based on God's Word. The Word has to be our foundation for why we believe God for any thing and about anything. Jesus said in John 15:7, **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Too many prayer requests from the same individual can be an indication of a lack of doing the Word of God. It can also mean the person is seeking attention. You don't have to give a prayer request every time prayer requests are taken. Learn to talk from your spirit and not your emotions. Prayer requests have their place, but they're never to take the place of doing the Word. We do people an injustice if we leave them with the impression that prayer will take care of everything. And prayer alone won't, and that's one of the reasons we need God's Word.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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