

- **1 Samuel 1:9-20** NKJV ... So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." 12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!" 15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. 16 "Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now." 17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." 18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. 9 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. 20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."
- **Luke 18: 1** NKJV ... men always ought to pray and not lose heart
- **James 4:2** NKJV ... Yet you do not have because you do not ask

**The Push To Pray ...**

 **1. Often Comes From Pain.**

- **1 Samuel 1: 10** ... And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.  
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 **2. Enables Us to Become the Person God Designed Us to Be.**

- **Matthew 6:9-10** ... Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.
- **James 4:2-3** NKJV ... You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
- **1 Samuel 1:10-11** ... And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."
- **Psalms 139:23-24** NKJV ... Search me, O God, and know my heart. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life
- **Psalms 139:19** NIV ... If only you, God would slay the wicked!  
*Notes:* .....

 **3. Puts the Problem On God and Produces Peace.**

- **1 Samuel 1:18** ... And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.
- **1 Peter 5:7** NKJV ... casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- **1 Peter 5:7** AMP ... casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].
- **Philippians 4:6-7** NKJV ... Therefore, I am no longer anxious for anything, but in everything through prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, I'm letting my requests be made know to you and I thank you for this peace that passes all understanding guarding my heart and mind.  
*Notes:* .....