

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

ENGAGE: Part Four
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WHAT PRAYERLESSNESS DOES

1. PROMOTES SELF-RELIANCE.

*"Who is the Almighty, and why should we obey him? What good will it do us to pray?"
(Job 21:15, NLT)*

"GOD's Message: "Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, Who thinks he can make it on muscle alone and sets GOD aside as dead weight." (Jeremiah 17:5, The Message)

See also Joshua 7:2-5

2. PREVENTS SUPERNATURAL RESULTS.

"And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief." (Matthew 13:58, NLT)

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." (Mark 9:23, NLT)

3. PROMOTES SATAN'S RULE.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31-32, NLT)

WHY GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO PRAY

1. DEMONSTRATES GOD'S POWER.

"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20, NLT)

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." (Acts 4:31, NIV)

2. ACTIVATES GOD'S PURPOSES.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," (Ephesians 3:20, NIV)

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b, NLT)

3. REJUVENATES GOD’S PEOPLE.

“As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.” (Psalm 138:3, NLT)

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.” (Ephesians 3:16, NLT)

“God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.” (1 Peter 5:7, CEV)

“The LORD is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18, NLT)

ACTION STEP:
Get in a Group!!!