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The Assembly 21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting

Prayer Deposits

Prayer is not a religious practice but a sacrifice we make as unto the Lord.

Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices, God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16

Our sacrifice is when we set time aside out of our busy days to make the Lord first and foremost. Prayer is not an act that should be sidelined till when you are less busy, nor when you deem it fit to be prayed. It is a thing that a believer must always do. Sacrifice is not being part of the world but living a Godly life out in the world.

We are not strong enough in our flesh to war against the schemes of the enemy, to deal with the trials and tribulations of life, to fight off sickness, disease, financial issues, and heartbreak on our own. When we pray, when we set time aside to fellowship with our Father in heaven and give thanks for all He has done, is doing, and what we know He will do, we are making sacrifices and these sacrifices become.........Prayer Deposits!

Dutch Sheets, in his book Watchman Prayer,

"Prayer is not a check request asking for things from God. It is a deposit slip – a way of depositing God's character into our bankrupt souls."

When you don't make the necessary financial deposits naturally and go to the bank to withdraw some money, you can't. Why? Nothing has been deposited, there is nothing there. In order the withdraw, you must make a deposit.

Take the time, make the sacrifice, turn in your deposit, and give thanks knowing that your heavenly Father hears you and will respond. When the deposits are made withdrawals are yours for the asking.

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