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BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



# TODAY'S NOTES



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WHAT A STRENGTH & SPIRITUAL  
STRATEGY TO ALREADY BE IN A  
PATTERN OF PRAYER WHEN A  
STORM STRIKES!

# 7 SIMPLE STEPS TO BUILD A HEALTHIER PRAYER LIFE

## **1. SET A TIME.**

Build prayer into your day through alarms, notes, and calendars.

## **2. SET A PLACE.**

Find a quiet place, without distractions, where you can focus on God.

## **3. USE YOUR BODY TO HELP YOUR SOUL.**

Kneel, stand, close your eyes, or pray out loud if it helps you focus.

## **4. PRAY SCRIPTURE.**

Let God's Word give words to your prayers.

## **5. PRAY WITH EFFORT.**

Don't pray carelessly. Fight for focus, honesty, and faith.

## **6. PRAY SPECIFICALLY**

Name real sins, real needs, real people, and real requests.

## **7. PRAY WITH AND FOR OTHERS.**

Prayers strengthens love and binds the church together.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/seven-steps-to-strengthen-prayer>



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TAKE A MOMENT AND JOT DOWN A BRIEF PRAYER  
OF THANKSGIVING OR PETITION (NEED)



\*BE GENERAL AND DON'T INCLUDE ANY NAMES...

11 Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. 12 Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked."

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13 Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.

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**16** Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!"

**17** And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

**18** Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

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19 Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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**WANTING A LIFE THAT ISN'T  
YOURS IS A DANGEROUS  
THING FOR YOURSELF AND  
EVERYONE YOU CARE ABOUT**

# LUKE 12:13-15, 32

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

15 And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

# ROMANS

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages  
that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you.**

**26 I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble  
and fear before the God of Daniel,  
for he is the living God,  
enduring forever;  
his kingdom shall never be destroyed,  
and his dominion shall be to the end.**

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27 He delivers and rescues  
he works signs and wonders  
in heaven and on earth,  
he who has saved Daniel  
from the power of the lions."

28 So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius  
and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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