

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- November 20, 2014

“Prayer Vs. Time”

Ernest Hemingway once said: “Time is the least thing we have of.” Was he ever right. We spend so much time doing things that steal our minutes and siphon the significance from our hours. You know what I mean! Things like getting gas or a haircut, paying bills, mowing the lawn, and a dozen other time-consuming tasks that must be done but keep us from doing the things that make life invigorating and fulfilling.

When all is said, at life's end, the average person will have spent:

- 6 months waiting at stoplights
- 8 months opening junk mail (not to mention spam e-mail)
- 5 years standing in line
- 1 ½ years looking for car keys

What about watching TV, shopping, talking on the phone, etc., etc? Since we spend time doing what we consider “necessary stuff,” what significant tasks are we leaving out of the time we have? I'll give you the answer in one word: PRAYER!

I've discovered after being in the ministry for several years that prayer is more assumed than achieved, more preached than practiced, done quickly in a crisis, but rarely done in a calm. Yes, it is true that **God doesn't guarantee that He'll fix our problems when we pray, but He will adjust our perspective.**

Maybe you're like most people – intimidated about the prospect of praying and how to start it. Here are Three Don'ts to dispel intimidation and Three Dos that will jump-start your prayer engines:

- Don't worry about the Length of the Prayer.
- Don't worry about Eloquence.
- Don't worry about an Audience – You're talking to God not people.
- Do Prioritize. Give prayer its deserved time.
- Do Listen. Prayer is not a one-way communication.
- Do Plan to Pray.

Take some time or make time. Do it intentionally. And PRAY! You have more to gain by praying. Just try it! It does work! The poet was right when he wrote: “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of!”

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!
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