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~Consider Prayer~

1 Prayer isn't passive, it's active. It's really doing something. Prayer isn't the least we can do, it's the most.

2 Prayer is supernatural. It's reaching out of the visible world into the unseen world, and tapping into powers beyond this dimension. (Prayer picks fights with demons—and empowers righteous angels to win those fights.) *“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Eph. 6:12).*

3 Prayer is never secondary, it's always primary. It's not the last recourse, when options run out; it's the first and best recourse. Prayer is the central work which causes all other work to bear fruit. (No prayer, no power.) *“Therefore put on the whole armor of God...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the gospel...Pray that I may declare it fearlessly” (Eph. 6:13, 17-20).*

4 God's greatest works, accomplished through prayer, are often invisible to us for now. (What's visible to us, except in rare moments of clarity, are not God's greatest works.)

5 We pray now in faith, believing our prayers are making an eternal difference; we anticipate Heaven, where we'll learn God's breath-taking answers to our prayers, including many that seemed unheard and ignored.

6 There is no greater ministry, no higher calling, no better investment than prayer. (It's not just right, it's smart.)

7 Prayer is trusting God that He can accomplish more when I'm on my knees than I can accomplish on my feet. •

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