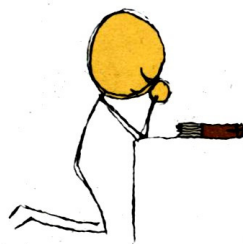


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Don't Neglect Prayer Waiting for the Right Time, Words or Issue.

- **Disciples asked: Teach us to pray** **Luke 11**
- **Jesus said: When you pray** **Mt 6:5**
 - > **Right Words** **Rom 8:26**
 - > **Right time**
 - > **Right Issue** **Mt 6:26**

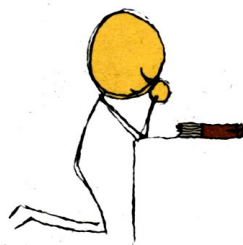


Don't Pray to People, Pray to God

- **Not to be seen**
- **Not to be heard**
- **Not to impress**

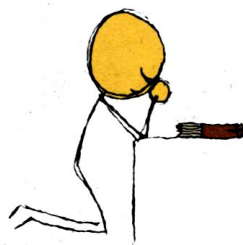
Mt 6:5

Lk 18:10



Don't Pray Prayers That Are Empty Repetition

- **Mindless empty repetition** **Mt 6:7**
 - >**Onomatopoetic** **(Babble, Murmur)**
- **Repeating words w no true connection**

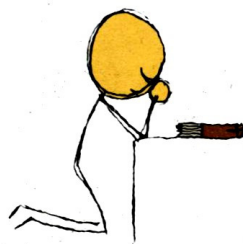


When A Memorized Prayer Helps!

Overwhelming Anxiety, Worry, Concern

- >Create a personal prayer designed to target the issue
- >Limit it to 5-7 words (Under 10, fewer the better!)
- >Make sure EVERY word is meaningful to YOU
- >Memorize it
- >Pray it to replace your worry with God's peace

“Lord Jesus, Help me trust your goodness.”

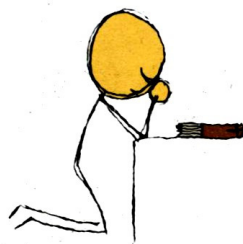


Don't Stop Praying Too Early

How Long Should I Pray,
When Do I Stop?

- When circumstances change: Time Out
- When God says Yes!
- When God clearly says No

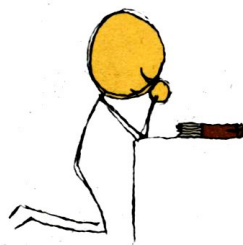
When it is clearly not His Will



Don't Pray Arrogantly

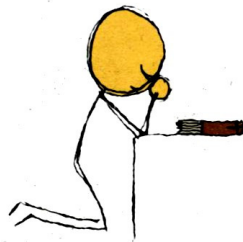
Luke 18:10

- **We cannot demand from God**
- **We can pray His word back to Him**
- **We can pray in faith**
- **We cannot pray arrogantly**



Be Sure...

- *You aren't neglecting to pray*
- *You are talking to God, not people!*
- *Your head and heart are connected*
- *You don't give up too soon*
- *You aren't being arrogant*
- *You are being honest with God*



Don't Be Dishonest With God!

Mt 26:39

- Moses was honest
- Jacob was honest
- Gideon was honest
- David was honest
- Jesus was honest

"I can't"

"I wont let you go!"

"I'm afraid"

"How long?"

"Is there any other way?"

