



# Thought For The Week...

## What Prayer is NOT

We spend a lot of time talking about what prayer "is". Today I want to talk about a few things that prayer is "not".

Prayer is not something you give God as leftovers. He wants to hear from you first. Prayer should never be a "Plan B".

Prayer is not unanswered. Sometimes the answer is "yes", sometimes it is "no" and sometimes it is "wait". Sometimes not having an answer, is the answer. An old quote says it well..."There are times God punishes us mildly by ignoring our prayers and severely by answering them."

Prayer is not just a 30 minute session at the altar at church. Prayer is a way of life. It is a constant state of mind.

Prayer is not ordinary. Prayer should be expecting the miraculous. It is communicating with the God of the universe, so it could never be described as "ordinary".

Prayer is not you solving the issue for the Lord. Your prayers should be taking a situation before God and laying it at his feet, not giving Him instructions on how He should fix it.

Prayer is not a one-way conversation. Spend more time listening in your prayer time than talking.

Prayer is not an option. It is a biblical mandate.

Prayer is not a means by which to escape the biblical principal of reaping and sowing. You will reap what you sow. Many people make bad decisions and expect to pray themselves out of the consequences. It doesn't quite work that way.

Prayer is not a guarantee against suffering. Prayer may not keep you from suffering, but will certainly help you to endure it.

*From Flo Shaw, World Network of Prayer*



TUNE IN FOR GREAT  
GOSPEL MUSIC  
**KJIC 90.5 FM**  
KING JESUS IS  
COMING

# PRAYER PRACTICE



Tues night 7:30 pm  
**Make it a habit too hard to break!**

## Retirement Home Service TODAY

Today is the Retirement Home service in LaMarque at 2pm. See Bro. Walston to be a part of this ministry and taking this gospel to those that are not able to join us at POSF! Go be a Blessing!!

## Ladies Morning Prayer



*Every Wednesday morning join with us for the Ladies Prayer Meeting at 9:30 AM. What a refreshing feeling when you start your day with Jesus --in Prayer!*

# BACK TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONING

Today POSF would like to dedicate prayer for all our school children and commission them as they start the 2013-14 school year. We pray a special covering, protection, and anointing upon them to be witnesses and a light to this generation! They will be the only Bible some will read!



**BE BOLD FOR JESUS – HE'S GOT YOUR BACK!**



**Next Weekend is Labor Day Weekend and POSF will have only ONE SERVICE at 10 AM.**

Spanish Service at 1PM.

**No Evening Service.**

# *Birthdays and Anniversary's*

*Week of August 15-31*



- 25 - Ninfa Carrizales  
Shannon McClure  
Teresa Schanzer
- 26 - Simona Alvarez
- 27 - Donald & Dianna Alexander
- 28 - David Peacock



*God has given you incredible potential. Don't be afraid to take the risks!*

## **Character At Play**

A college football coach in the Bronx (New York) built his team around good character qualities. Instead of displaying their names on the back of their jerseys, the Maritime College players displayed words like *family*, *respect*, *accountability*, and *character*. Before each game, Coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes reminded his team to play by those principles on the field.

The apostle Peter had his own list of Christian qualities (2 Peter 1:5-7) that he encouraged believers to add to their life of faith:

**Virtue.** Fulfilling God's design for a life with moral excellence.

**Knowledge.** Studying God's Word to gain wisdom to combat falsehood.

**Self-control.** Revering God so much that we choose godly behavior.

**Perseverance.** Having a hopeful attitude even in difficulties because we're confident in God's character.

**Godliness.** Honoring the Lord in every relationship in life.

**Brotherly kindness.** Displaying a warmhearted affection for fellow believers.

**Love.** Sacrificing for the good of others.

Let's develop these qualities in increasing measure and integrate them into every part of our life.

Just as the body grows in strength

With exercise each day,

Our spirit grows in godliness

By living life God's way. —D. De Haan

**Godly Exercise is the key to Godly Character.**

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