

"Obedient Praying"

Obedient prayer feels most frightening...
But is actually the safest prayer of all!

The greatest prayer every prayed:

It changed our history
It transformed our present
It secured our future

When Jesus prayed in Gethsemene:

His understanding of God's will was clear
His struggle with obedience was real
His submission to God's will was complete

To pray obediently requires that I:

Genuinely desire to know God's will:

As revealed in His Word
As illuminated by His Spirit
As confirmed through His body

Understand the reality of sacrifice:

Yielding my will
Offering my treasures
Investing my life

Put my faith into action:

Make a decisive first step
Commit to the long haul
Follow through to completion

Phenomenal discoveries of obedience!

God's will is good: because it is right
God's will is perfect: because it is holy
God's will is pleasing: because it is fulfilling

Three dangerous things I will pray today:

Submit myself to God's will
Commit myself to obey God's will
Trust myself to the provisions of God's will

Matthew 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

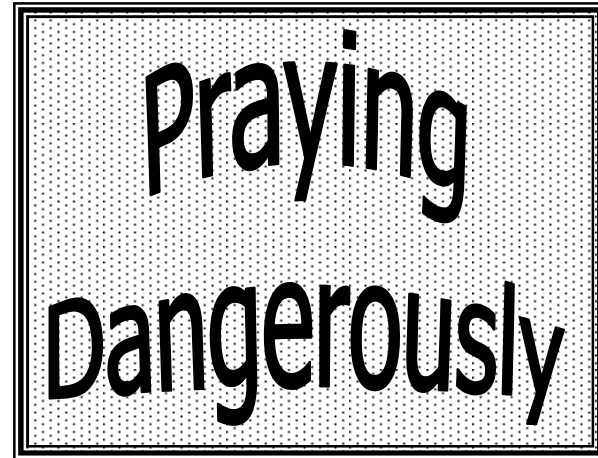
42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Romans 12:1-2

12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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