



## 2 Chronicles 7:14

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

## Ezekiel 22:30

*"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."*

### 1. God's Desire is to Heal, Not Destroy

- God's intention is always to bring healing, but He seeks to do it through His people.
- God proclaimed His people to be a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:6), and as Christians, we are called to this priestly role (1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6).

### 2. Our Role as Priests and Prayer Warriors

- We are called to be 21st-century priests, offering spiritual sacrifices through prayer on behalf of ourselves and others.
- **1 Timothy 2:1**: "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone."
- **Revelation 5:8**: "Golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."
- **Revelation 8:3-5**: An angel offers incense mixed with the prayers of God's people, and these prayers result in powerful earthly manifestations.

### 3. The Importance of Persistent Prayer

- Jesus emphasized that His house should be a house of prayer, not entertainment.
- **Job 1:10 (NLT)**: God places a hedge of protection around those who are faithful.
- **Daniel prayed three times a day**; just as we nourish our bodies, we must nourish our spirits through consistent prayer.
- When we neglect prayer, our spiritual senses become dull, leading us to live according to the flesh.

### 4. The Consequences of a Prayerless Life

- When we stop praying, we become:
  - **S**: Sinful (willfully)
  - **L**: Lacking in love
  - **E**: Empowered by the flesh
  - **E**: Entangled in the affairs of this life
- A prayerless life leaves us vulnerable to the enemy's attacks. Remember, *when we are not praying, the devil is preying.*

### 5. Jesus as Our Example



- Jesus, though sinless, often prayed. If prayer wasn't important, Jesus wouldn't have spent time on it.
- **Jesus won the battle in prayer before He won the battle on the cross.**
- The early church devoted themselves to prayer, making time despite their busy schedules.

#### 6. **Prayer as an Essential Practice**

- Prayer is not a waste of time; it is an investment in both the present and the future, shifting the spiritual world.
- People, including men and women of God, fail because they either don't pray or no one is praying for them.

#### 7. **Praying for Leaders**

- **Romans 15:30:** "Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:25:** "Brothers and sisters, pray for us."
- **Ephesians 6:19-20:** Paul requests prayer so that he may fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.
- The early church prayed earnestly for their leaders, as seen in **Acts 12:1-5** where constant prayer was offered for Peter while he was in prison.

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