Much Time Should Be Given to Prayer

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"So. He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." Luke 5:16

Much time spent with God is the secret of all successful praying. Prayer, which is felt as a mighty force, is the product of much time spent with the Lord. The short prevailing prayer cannot be prayed by one who has not prevailed with God in a mightier struggle of long continuance.

Jacob's victory of faith could not have been gained without that all-night wrestling. God does not bestow His gifts on the casual or hasty comers and goers. Much time spent with God alone is the secret of knowing Him and of influence with Him. He yields to the persistence of a faith that knows Him.

Christ, our example, spent many whole nights in prayer. He had His habitual place to pray.

Paul prayed day and night. It took time away from important interests for Daniel to pray three times a day. David prayed in the morning, noon, and night. While the value of their prayers cannot be measured by the clock, we must still understand the value—and the necessity—of being much alone with God. If this feature has not been produced by our faith, then our faith is weak and superficial.

The men who have most fully illustrated Christ in their characters, and have most powerfully affected the world for Him, have been men who spent so much time with God as to make it a notable feature of their lives.

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