

# The Sin of Prayerlessness

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Through prayer, a person becomes a part of what God is doing.
- B. There is casual, committed and combat prayer. We should seek to do the third especially combating against Satan.
- C. God expects us to pray.
- D. Text: I Samuel 12.

## II. Prayerlessness is a sin.

- A. It is a reflection of a proud heart. A person becomes independent of God. (I Samuel 8:4)
- B. It is a sign of a divided heart. We struggle because we want to move in different directions than God.
- C. It is the sign of a deceitful heart. Combat prayer reveals our desperate needs and the deceptions under which we have been.

## III. We do not pray more because we may not know how, but we also have not seen the sin of prayerlessness.

### **Application questions:**

1. How would you respond to someone who says that praying before meals is enough?

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2. What is the relationship between prayer and empowerment?

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3. Why is prayerlessness a sign of self-deceit?

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