

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. (1PETER 4:7)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

BE SERIOUS AND WATCHFUL IN YOUR PRAYERS

Apostle Peter wrote in his first epistle to believers, saying,

“Be serious and watchful in your prayers”.

Why do we need to be serious and watchful in our prayers?

First, when we pray, we are actually talking to God Almighty, therefore, we need to note that, and be serious knowing He is listening to us.

Second, we need to be watchful when we pray – watchful means, we are to pay close attention usually for the purpose of anticipating opportunity.

Prayer is talking to God, but the Scripture tells us, that we who have believed in Jesus as the Savior, have been given the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

Therefore, Jesus said when we pray, that we are not just talking to God, but to our heavenly Father – so He want us to begin our prayer with,
"Our Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:9).
Or if you are alone praying, you can begin with, "My heavenly Father".

This gives us a sense of belonging, and a sense of having a relationship with Him.
As such, in a place like that, we need to be serious and watchful; because we are having a conversation with our Father.

And we should expect that if we talk to Him, He will definitely talk back to us – that is why we need to be in anticipation of His response.

You cannot be a child of God and not hear your Father talk back to you.
If you do not hear from your heavenly Father, how then can you call yourself a child?
And how then can He guide and comfort you?

Jesus said,
“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).
So if you are a child of God, Apostle Peter said, you should be serious and watchful, knowing that praying is communicating with your heavenly Father; and communication cannot be complete until it is two-way.

So be serious and be watchful; anticipate His

response, and believe it.

THINK IT OUT

Are you serious and watchful when you talk to your heavenly Father?

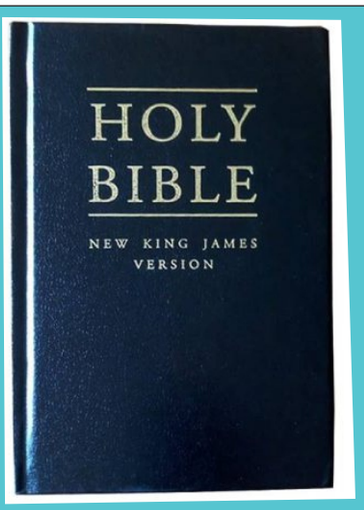
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for making me worthy to be called a child of God through Your sacrifice. I receive the

sonship and henceforth, I will pray and anticipate response from my heavenly Father.

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