

## Internal (Eternal) Advantages

Prayer is a mighty spiritual tool for obtaining objective benefits, as food (Matthew 6:11), rain (James 5:17-18), Gentle and kind government (1 Timothy 2:1-2), and salvation of kinsman (Romans 10:11). But prayer is also an effectual internal instrument that does more good than medicine. Definite subjective values accrue to the person who cultivates spiritual life through persistent private praying.

1) Honesty: No person, in a closed closet, talking to our Creator can be other than upright and honest. God knows as He “searches the heart” and that “all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

2) Humility: If a person stands upon the highest mountain top and gazes toward the starry cosmos declaring, “What is man that You are mindful of him?” Humbleness abides.

3) Gratitude: If we “give thanks always for all things,” the grace of being grateful and appreciative will take hold of our soul.

4) Dependence: A person who considers, when making any plans, the Architect of human destiny, saying “If the Lord wills...” That person shall not be haughty and self-sufficient.

5) Love for God and Man: A petition offered in solitude instills agapé love for both the Father and the Father’s children.

6) Forgiveness: A purpose in prayer is forgiveness of one’s own sins, however, a forgiving spirit must exist toward others. A person can never pray acceptably until grace and mercy toward others is ingrained within.

7) Gladness: Happiness fills a Christian heart with assurance that the Holy Spirit and Jesus are abiding within praying.

8) Companionship: Loneliness is averted when a Christian realizes God and Jesus as well as the Holy Spirit are abiding. A Christian knows Somebody is listening during every prayer.

9) Season of Refreshing: When a Christian begs “Purge me...I will be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me able to hear joy and gladness,” then the assurance of pardon brings an inward feeling of refreshing and cleansing and purifying that can be obtained in no other way.

A melodious song says, “Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?” The “hour of prayer” is valuable. As busy as Jesus was, at times, “in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed” (Matthew 1:35).

Simple words. Eternal words. Have you internalized your “eternal” advantages today?



**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** ...yes, as soon as we can! Pray for one another!  
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