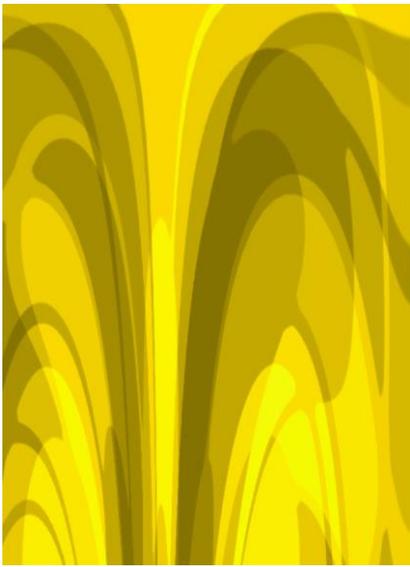


God has the Solution

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Nothing is more important and practical in life than getting nearer to God. As we get nearer to God, everything improves. We feel better; our work goes better; we are better neighbours and better citizens. When Jesus said "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33 KJV), He meant just that.

Prayer is the way to get nearer to God and is the only true action in life. When we do not pray, we simply act in accordance with our natures. We remain as we are. If we neglect prayer for twenty-four hours, we are the same at the end of that time as we were at its beginning. When we pray, we change. If we pray a little, we change a little. If we pray a lot, and with understanding, we change a lot; we think, speak, and act in a different and better way. And this, we believe, is what Jesus meant when He said "Ye must be born again" (Jn. 3:7 KJV).

Of course, when we speak of prayer, we do not mean the repetition of words, meditation in silence, or reading of spiritual works exclusively. We cannot and should not do these things constantly. We speak of prayer in the wider sense. We mean that we are praying when we realise that God is working, speaking and thinking through us. When we do our daily work - whatever it may be - with the sense that we are expressing God, we are praying.

When we enjoy ourselves and realise that it is the joy of God working through us, we are praying. And when we pray in this way, we not only improve our consciousness of good, we also do things in a much better way and with much less trouble.

The ideal way to relate prayer to our work is to pray at the outset of any task or project. We should begin whatever we do in the knowledge that God is doing the work through us. Regardless of what we do, it is never drudgery when we know that God is working through us. Sometimes we mistakenly approach a particular problem with the question "Can this problem be solved?" Obviously, the problem *can* be solved. God can do anything!

It is never too late; there is always an answer, even when we cannot see it. Even though we may not be able to see any way to accomplish a needed result, God has a way. This is why it is essential to leave ways and means to God - to let God reveal ways and means to us. It is for God to give our answers. The part that really matters to us - our part in the process - is to learn more about God.

If we pray rightly and do our best to live according to our prayers, we confidently should expect to overcome our problems within a reasonable time. And if new difficulties crop up, we should, through prayer, be able to handle them efficiently and without too much extra effort.

When you pray, God-consciousness is being expressed by you and through you; therefore, your prayer is a good prayer. It will be answered, but you should leave the way and means to God. Pray for the solution and for the right arrangement of circumstances; then leave the details to God.

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