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Talking To God

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Prayer often gets overlooked in our lives. But it is so important that we never give up the time we have to talk to God! Start the morning with prayer.

Psalm 5:3 says, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Praying at the beginning of our day can help us to begin with the right heart and focus. If we fail to turn to God in prayer, we tend to rely on what we can do ourselves. Trust that God hears and answers.

Matthew 21:22 says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Know that God hears our prayers and He wants to give us good things. When we pray, we shouldn't expect God to be our "genie," and give us whatever we want. Instead, when we are close to Him, we start to want the things *He* wants, and He will accomplish His will. He promises it. Pray when worry comes.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Being careful for nothing means to not worry about anything. Instead, we need to pray in the moments we are anxious, because God will give us peace when we give Him our fears. God has given us the ability to talk to Him so we can learn to rely on Him more!

(All Scripture taken from the KJV Bible version.)

Regretting Having Regrets

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"Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

- Colossians 3:2

Regret doesn't make life easier. If anything, it makes it a whole lot harder.

Most people spend a lot of time dwelling on things they wished they could have changed.

Things they could have done differently. But where does it get us? Absolutely nowhere.

In Isaiah 43:18-19 it says, "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

Telling us that we don't need to fear the past, but rather look to the future, forgetting the past.

But we need to also learn from it. In 2 Corinthians 7:10 it says, "For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death."

Just like the term "forgive and forget," we need to realize that we're forgiven and move forward, not dwelling on the things of the past.

Like what Paul said in Philippians 3:13, "forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead."

We need to *learn* from the past, look to the future, and go forward into the future with God, for He knows best.

(Scripture from the NASB version.)

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