

Praying Without Ceasing, Believing Without Seeing

Go get your Bible, because you will need to look up some references that I put down.

Our lesson this month is about praying, and having faith that God will fulfill your request if it is His will and the right time. First, we will talk about prayer.

Look up these verses.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Psalms 66:19
- Proverbs 15:29

These verses all explain either why we should pray, how we should pray, or if God hears our prayer when we ask.

Let's talk about the first verse. It is "Pray without ceasing." What does this mean? This means that we should always pray no matter what the situation is, because God hears *all the time!!!* So, what happens if we are not feeling well? Pray and ask God to heal you! I have asked God to do so and he has always answered my prayer in his timing. The passage in Psalms says he will hear and attend to my needs.

Proverbs 15:29 explains why God eventually does not answer the wicked, *but*, God answers the prayer of the righteous.

We are now going to move on to believing without seeing, or faith to be exact. Jesus told Thomas that people who believed on him *without* seeing, would be blessed. Here is the passage that I am talking about.

- John 20:26-31

Here are some verses that I would like you to read before going further with this study.

- Matthew 9:20-22
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:7

These are verses that describe what God can do in us if we live by faith, and not by sight. Sadly, most people do not believe in God because they can not see Him. This is not a reason why we should reject God.

Galatians 2:20 is one of my favorite verses. It tells us that He (God) is the one who *bought us* and is our provider for life. He gives us hope, strength, and grace to continue on our walk with God.

I will leave you with this concept. Our prayer is answered by God, and if we have faith, we are promised a wonderful, though sometimes difficult, walk with the Lord here on earth.



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Special points of interest:

- A lesson on praying and believing.
- An amazing recipe for an awesome "snack" mix.
- A quiz to see how much you ask God to help you.
- A Sudoku for all those problem-solvers out there.

Puppy Chow ~Betty Crocker

What you need:

- 9 cups Chex® cereal
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar



What to do:

Into large bowl, measure cereal; set aside. In 1-quart microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter uncovered on High 1 minute; stir. Microwave about 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Pour into 2-gallon resealable food-storage plastic bag. Add powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake until well coated. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

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How much do you pray for help?

- 1. You are sick with the flu and you have an important assignment due on Monday. Do you...**
 - A. Take your medicine and lay there on the couch doing nothing.
 - B. Pray and ask God to help you get better ASAP and finish your assignment.
 - C. Take medicine and complete your assignment.
- 2. A bully comes up to you and says mean things to you. Do you...**
 - A. Ask God to help you not burst out yelling and help you instead to say kind words back.
 - B. Yell at the top of your lungs.
 - C. Run away.

Puzzle Time!

Here is another Sudoku. Solve for different numbers 1-4 that match up in box, column, and row.

1			4
3			1
2		4	
	3		2

2	1	3	4
3	4	1	2
1	2	4	3
4	3	2	1

Scores: 1. A=1, B=5, C=3. 2. A=5, B=1, C=3