

COMMON MISTAKES IN PRAYER

TEXT: JOHN 14:26



Objective

- A. Avoiding common mistakes, misunderstandings about prayer

THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT PRAYER

1. You are **NOT** praying when your children, phone and TV and other distractions are.
2. You are **NOT** in prayers when you are too tired even with a fast, sleeping, snoring, dozing.

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3. Prayer is **NOT** meditation, it must be verbalized, vocalized

4. Complaints, grumblings are **NO** prayers

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5. Crying is **NOT** prayer.

COMMON ERRORS ABOUT PRAYER

1. Your Heart Condition: Your heart must be prepared to take delivery of the answers. (James 5:16). Your heart must be in the right position/alignment for your prayer to be effective. (1Sam. 16:7, Pro. 16:1, Jer. 29:11, 13-14, 1Sam. 1:13)

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1a. Heartfelt prayer is the altar for change of story, circumstances and situations. (Luke 9:29,35)

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2. Bitterness, malice, unforgiveness. As long as we are alive, offences must come. (Matt. 18:7, Luk. 17:1-4,
 - a. Bitterness with people
 - b. Bitterness with self
 - c. Bitterness against/with God. All the 3 realms of bitterness get you established in delay.

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- I. Vengeance, judgement of those that offends you belongs to God. Don't take God's responsibility. (Luke 17:1-2, Rom. 12:19)
- II. Mistakes you have made in the past can't be committed; in fact you compound the issues by not forgiving and forgetting the past mistakes you made. (Mic. 7:8, Matt. 6:34 ^{TLB}, Phil. 3:13)

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III. Bitterness, anger, blaming God cannot bring answers to our prayers. (Job 10:1-9, Job 9:17-18. God has good/best plans for us all (Jer. 29:11, Jn. 10:10, Jam. 1:13,20). God is always faithful; you can't fight God

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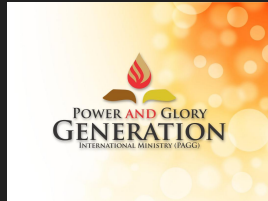
3. Avoiding the traps and tragedies of pride & arrogance when you go to God in prayer, you must come to the end of yourself. God only begins when man ends. (Gen. 2:21-22). All scriptural provisions attracts scriptural conditions. You must dump your own knowledge, university degrees, connections, talents/giftings.

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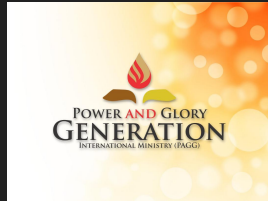
4. Going against God's will. The Word of God is the will of God. Find out His plans, purposes for you in that area and take it to God in prayer. Ex. Isa. 34:16, Ps. 68:6, Gen. 1:26-28, 2:18, 23-24, Eze. 37:1-7 in the area of marriage.

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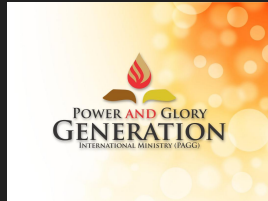
a. The will of God is answered prayers waiting to be prayed.

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5. Lack of intimacy(Koinonia) knowledge of God. You cannot make requests from the God you don't know. You do that at the place of prayers, praise and worship, study of the word. (Eph. 1:17-18, Isa. 11:2-3,9)

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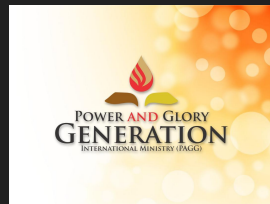


a. Understand the efficiency of the 3 unbeatable forces, you need them to win the battles of life. They are the Spirit, Word and Blood (1 John 5:8)

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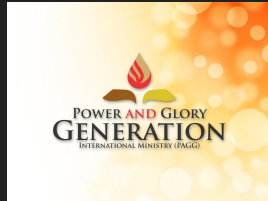
- i. The Spirit - (Acts 1:8, Luke 10:19, Ps. 110:1-3, Acts 4:31, Isa. 59:19, Luke 13:32)
- ii. The Word - (Heb. 4:12, John 6:63, Luke 21:15, John 1:1-9, Rev. 19:13)
- iii. The Blood - (Rev. 12:11, Heb. 12:24, Obadiah 1:17, Zech. 9:9-14, Exo. 12:12-14)

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b. The deeper the knowledge and understanding of God, the deeper the Relationship and faster results at the place of prayer. (Hosea 6:3)

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6. Bankruptcy of Spiritual sensitivity. (Isa. 30:21, spiritual deafness/blindness is a disaster *waiting* to happen (Ps. 32:8, 25:14, Ps. 23:1-2)

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- b.** Be humble, pride and arrogance will limit your hearing God. Bitterness, malice, unforgiveness, anger, etc can mute dreams, revelations etc.
- c.** Ensure you keep writing materials around you with the expectation of hearing & writing down God's instructions for total obedience/action (Hab. 2:1-3)

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7. Avoid alternatives: (Ps. 16:4, 32:8-10, Jer. 14:14). Be vigilant, know the difference between authentic and synthetic.
 - a. Refuse to be swayed by the wind and doctrines of falsehood and deception from fake altars, false prophets scattered everywhere especially TV, phones, markets etc. Eph. 4:13-14)

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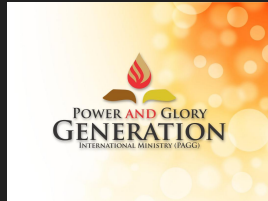
7b. Jehovah sharp sharp brings sharp tribulations pacing and sorrow, now or in future. Packaging is just witchcraft seeds that may manifest quickly or gradually.

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8. Faithlessness/Lack of faith: Faith is the key that releases the resources of Heaven into our situation. (Mark 11:22-24, Heb. 11:1-6,). Without releasing your faith at the place of prayer: its effort in futility, because without faith you can't please God.

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8a. Faith is seeing possibilities out of the scripture. Faith comes when your heart has captured the pictures from scriptures.

8b. Faith is the switch of power, practice a infesty of faith. (Acts 6:8, 2 The. 1:11)

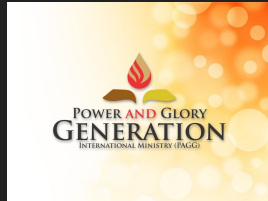
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9. Love for God and His commandments. (1 John 4:19, Ps. 91:4, Jn. 14:21, 2 Jn. 1:6, Matt. 5:17-19)

9a. If you love God, you will love His kingdom and also serve Him, worship Him diligently especially by your covenant responsibilities, where your heart is, your money will be there.

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9b. Going after the lost with passion is an authentic proof of our love for Him. (1 Corin. 2:7-9)

10a. The Ministry of Priest/Shepherd, counsellor in need is needed for guidance. (Deu. 20:1-4, Jer. 23:4, Isa. 40:11, Jer. 3:15, Eze. 34:14-16,23)

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The ministry of the Prophets help in guiding and counselling, interpreting the dreams and visions especially the newly born babes in Christ.

10b. There may be false places/altars, but a unique place and man of God that will feed you, teach, preach to you the full undiluted Gospel is not negotiable.

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10c. If you are not being fed well by your pastor, if vision and dreams are not powered through your pastor, something is wrong. (Hosea 12:10)

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