

“Pray Without Ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV

To understand prayer, we must understand Blessing. In the beginning of time, *“God Blessed them, and God said unto them, ‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.’”* Provision preceded Command. But, wait! Did you see the word “commanded” in the passage? No. What you read was, *“God Blessed them.”* God’s Command is His Word which IS His Blessing! Is no His Word true and Perfect? Are we benefited by God for obedience? *“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you.”* We so often consider His Provision the Blessing when Provision is actually the benefit of obedience to His Word, the Blessing! God created all Adam and Eve needed to obey His *“Blessing”* before He gave it. God’s Commands bring us to His Provision if we obey. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, provision was removed. God said, *“Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life: In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return!”* They had to grow and gather their own provision, because of disobedience and so will you! They could no longer walk and talk with God which brings us back to what prayer is. The *“Blessing”* in our text, today, is really an invitation from God to you. While we meditate upon God’s Word, God is talking with us for Truth in thought is the Voice of God! When we obey the Truth, we are walking with God. *“God is Light. If we walk in the Light, (obey Truth) we have fellowship.”* Obedience brings fellowship with, walking with God, Himself! Prayer is asking, but not for provision. It is asking for Wisdom and Instruction for our steps that we may walk *“in the Light”* of God. *“In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”* God directs us with His Blessings. Provision will always be where God is. His Word instructs us in the Way we should go to experience the pure delight of Holiness! Why is it a delight? Because if God is with me, I want for nothing! *“The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.”* Prayer is you intimately communing with God, His Word in your thoughts is God Communing with you, and obedience is the evidence of that Fellowship!



Obey the Truth and walk with God,
Though yet you be upon the sod,
His Word in heart will guide you sure,
And you will ever more endure! –CGP

Did you ever have a best friend you did everything with? Who knew what you were thinking before you said it? *“Your Father knoweth what ye have need of before ye ask.”* Prayer is delightful intimate conversation with your best Friend! *“Abraham believed God, and it was imputed (accounted) unto him for Righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.”* God has Blessed all, but not all obey! Few are *“Friends”* of God. Many say, *“God bless America,”* as a request, but He already has! God’s Word is more available and obeyed less in the USA than anywhere in the world! God’s Word is His Blessing! The sooner we realize that, the sooner we will find on that Path our needed Provision. I can honestly say, my needs are met daily, even when I sometimes stray! The Good Shepherd Loves me and He is my Friend, although, many times I am not His!

“This is My Commandment: That ye love one another, as I have Loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My Friends, IF ye do whatsoever I Command you.”
John 15:12-14 KJV