

## Ladies Prayer International Newsletter



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### Consistency...Do we have it?

By Jerolyn Kelley



Consistency! Consistency! Consistency! Why do we allow this to become such an "ouch" word? We are consistent in eating, sleeping, bathing, and working. Hopefully we are also consistent in church attendance, paying our tithes, witnessing, and other Christian disciplines.

Unfortunately, good intentions often fall by the wayside when it comes to teaching our children to pray and have daily devotions. Over and over we find ourselves in a state of regret and frustration because we don't seem to have the self-discipline we need.

How do we break through these barriers that hinder us? There are no quick or easy solutions. The enemy of our soul seeks to detour us from consistent times of prayer with our family. He constantly throws seemingly valid excuses across our everyday life to keep us from family prayer. It is a daily battle.

We found establishing a routine while our children were young was of utmost importance. I have observed that families who are always rushing and running late usually don't have much family devotion time. It alarms me to see parents send their children off to school without praying for them, or send them off to bed with no time of prayer. Why do we make time for so many activities during the day but fail to make time for prayer with our children? Failing to share the Word and have prayer with our children is as bad as failing to provide natural food for them.

When our children were in school, they knew that they had to be dressed and ready by

8:10 every morning. That's when we all gathered in the living room, read Scripture, and prayed together before they left for school. It became a routine that could have been crowded out by last minute things, but we made it a priority and a necessary item on the morning agenda-just as important as brushing their teeth, combing their hair, and having their school materials ready. The devotion wasn't long, but it was consistent! We used good children's devotionals and then prayed for someone in the church, someone in our family, and a missionary. We also made sure we prayed over our family. By 8.20 they were ready to leave for school.

It is also vitally important for our children to be involved in the prayer ministries of our church. This can be challenging for toddlers, but this is the time to begin teaching them that prayer ministry is not an option. As a family, we were always present and involved. I am thankful that both of our children have carried this attitude over into their adult lives.

Always remember, it is easier to train a child than repair an adult. Matthew 19:14 and Proverbs 22:6 should be our guide to bring our children to the Lord and train them. Let's train them young to be consistent.

Note: Jerolyn Kelley loves doing missionary work in Northern Europe. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland, and thanks God for her wonderful husband, children, and grandchildren.



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## The Milestones of Consistent Prayer

By Leah Seagraves



A mother came to me in tears. "I have prayed until I don't know if I can pray anymore," she said. "My daughter has turned away from God, and it seems the more I pray, the more trouble she gets into, and the further away from God she goes. I have carried this load so many years!" She looked at me with sad, weary eyes and asked, "Do you think there is still any hope for her?" I did my best to assure this praying mother there is hope! We discussed Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

A few weeks later she asked, "Why hasn't my daughter prayed back through yet? How long do I have to wait?" As we discussed it, she realized, in her frustration, she had missed some small, but very significant, steps of repentance her daughter had taken! While just a few months before, any mention of God or church would cause the daughter to turn away, she had begun to ask for prayer about specific issues in her life. The mother admitted, because she had a dramatic "run to the altar" plan in her mind for her daughter's spiritual restoration, she had not seen the milestones of repentance. We opened the Bible and read: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD... so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Frequently, there are new "victory reports." Her daughter asked for Bible study books. She is praying, and God is answering her prayers. She sent thanks to the church for praying for her. As of this writing, she has not fully come back to God. But every week, we see another victory, another small step, and, most important, there are no steps

backward! She continues to move forward, allowing God to work in her life.

If you have ever felt disappointment or frustration in praying for a lost loved one, keep praying and look for the milestones. Remember, if they are backslidden, they did not leave in just one step. It was a path they traveled down, and one they may have to travel back up to complete victory. The "path" may not be what you have planned for that loved one's salvation, but never doubt, since you are praying, God IS doing the work. Ask God to show you the "small" victories. They will be there. He has given us the promise in James 5:16: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Note: Raised a pastor's daughter, and now, as a pastor's wife in SeaTac, Washington, Leah Seagraves has watched through the years the many miracles of restoration God has performed when we pray, step out of the way, and let Him work.

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#### From the Editor



Debbie Akers

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

### Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).

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