

Series: Topical

Scripture: James 5:13

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HOW PRAYER HELPS ME TO FACE LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Three things you should know about problems...

1. It's incorrect to think that once you become a Christian, all your problems will be _____. *John 16:33*
2. It is incorrect to believe that having problems is a sign of spiritual _____. *James 1:2-4*
3. It is incorrect to assume that exposure to biblical instruction alone will result in the _____ of your problems. *Matthew 7:24-27*

James 5:13 *Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.*

Six ways prayer can help when I'm facing problems...

1. Prayer can bring me _____!

Luke 6:12-13 *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles...*

Acts 1:20-25 *Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."*

2. Prayer can bring me _____!

Ephesians 3:16 *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being...*

Isaiah 40:28-31 *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

3. Prayer can bring me _____!

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4. Prayer can meet my _____!

Matthew 6:9-11 This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread."

Three keys in how to overcome worry...

1. _____ for God's assistance.
2. Remember God's _____.
3. Trust God's _____.

5. Prayer can bring me the right _____!

Matthew 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Colossians 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will.

6. Prayer can help _____!

Matthew 5:44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Two questions you need to ask...

1. Are you _____ about your problems? James 4:2
2. Do you have _____ that God will help you? Matt. 21:22

*A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord
delivers him from them all. Psalm 34:19*