

Romans # 166

“The Invisible Power of Prayer”

Romans 12:12 Philippians 3:12-17 2nd Corinthians 12:7b-10

For the believer living in the plan of God under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit with momentum from applying the Word, all suffering is designed for blessing.

While we are in fellowship with God, any suffering that comes to us is designed for our blessing and our wisdom for the function of our common sense in the correct application of biblical truth to a situation.

Outside the plan of God, suffering is designed for blessing to bring us back to reality to the point of recovery, to show us that our scale of values is wrong and we must change our priorities.

Punishment suffering comes from the believer’s negative attitude toward God’s Word along with his accumulated bad decisions related to sin and evil.

All suffering left over after recovery is designed for blessing, so this is why God adjusts the suffering after recovery to reflect a change in the believer’s status.

The believer in a position of weakness through bad decisions brings more suffering on himself than he can bear.

But God never gives us more suffering than we can handle through His power.

So, what God doesn’t remove, He intends for us to endure and solve with His Word, so only the believer who rejects or reacts to biblical truth puts himself under the law of sowing and reaping to the point where he cannot bear his suffering.

Since there’s no suffering for us in eternity, God can only bless us through suffering in time.

Understanding God’s provision of invisible assets is far greater than any suffering, pressure or disaster in life.

Prayer is not a problem-solving device for us in suffering, it’s a weapon for the strong to use on behalf of others who are suffering.

We do not pray for strength in our suffering because intercessory prayer is a problem-solving device and petitionary prayer is not.

It’s a wrong solution to pray for removal of suffering, especially when it’s designed for blessing, as in God’s preventative suffering.

Nothing is greater than suffering for blessing because it determines our greatness in life.

Once we understand that the plan of God teaches us how to die, we can learn how to live.

So, there’s no fear of death because death is not our problem; it’s simply a matter of how the sovereignty of God decides that we will die and God gives every believer enough time in life to learn how to die!

There comes a point in spiritual adulthood when we understand that even though we sin and fail, we will not be disgraced at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

No one can live our life for us and no one can die for us!

We must suffer on our own, feel our own pain, think our own thoughts, make our own decisions, set our own priorities and do our own dying and this requires spiritual adulthood.

Knowing how to live and die requires understanding our invisible assets and the mechanics of the plan of God; everything God provided for us to have a wonderful life, *exceedingly abundantly above all we could ever ask or think!*

If you're a member of the royal family of God, He has a plan for you which includes taking you through tough times and He knows and wants you to know that you have the resources in Him to make it through.

Prayer is the function of the royal priesthood where the Church Age believer has access and privilege to present two categories of requests to God the Father; intercessory prayers for others and petitions for himself.

As part of our equal privilege of election as royal priests, never before in history has there been such an emphasis on every believer entering into prayer.

You have the right to represent yourself before God the Father in the name of the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit and you also have the right to spiritual privacy.

Prayer for self is never to be used when the provision is specified by other means.

God knew and answered all our prayers in eternity past!

Prayer is an invisible power directed toward invisible God in relation to our invisible assets.

The more we grow in grace, the greater our spiritual growth and the greater our effectiveness in our prayer life and effectiveness is not measured by our eloquence when praying in public but on the basis of our spiritual growth when praying in private.

Prayer must recognize who and what God is, not who and what we are and prayer is not designed to get us out of trouble but to express our helplessness, humility, total dependence on God and our recognition of and orientation to His grace and mercy toward us rather than on human ability and power.

Prayer was never designed to fulfill our desires but to fulfill the will, plan and purpose of God for our lives in giving us access to Heaven while still living on earth.

The principle of prayer is based on our spiritual life in intimate fellowship with God and the integrity of God is the source of all answers to prayer and the explanation of why other prayers are not answered.

Prayer must be compatible with the plan of God for the Church Age.

When carnality persists, we get into serious discipline and many problems, so we start praying to God for help and our prayers do not get to the throne of grace.

Spiritual skills must precede production skills for an effective prayer life.

Production skills minus spiritual skills equal performance of human good dead works in prayer.