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prayer, so often neglected and turned to only when all other options have been tried. how can one trust God for their eternal destiny and not even consult Him when it comes to temporal things. "look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. are you not of more value than they?" matt 6:26

too often we keep our eyes on the problem. fear is expecting the devil to move, faith is expecting God to move.

i think it's time for a little story.

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Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said: Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he

would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir" "O.K." he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries." Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement.

It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, you know my Needs and I am leaving this in your hands". The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it."

Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs.

So many of us do not take advantage of the power God

has given us. A prayer!

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"for this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters

they shall not come near him." psa 32:6 you have to build up a relationship with Him. that requires spending time with Him. if you do, He will be the first impulse you have and "when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." is 59:19 "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." 1 pet 5:7-8

but don't always come with a list of needs and wants. i fear that is what i did for far too long. come just to be in His presence. come to admire Him and know Him better. come with praise and thankfulness for all He has saved us from. the main thing is: just come! come "so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord". acts 3:19

"i was glad when they said to me, "let us go into the house of the Lord." psa 122:1 i invite you to come with me today. our Lord invites you. we invite you into that secret place where He dwells. the journey is not far. "for indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." luke 17:21

"in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:25