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# **Prayer**

**act of petitioning, praising, giving thanks, or confessing to God. It is the biblical understanding of God as a personal being who hears the prayers of his people.**



***If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.***

***- Philip Yancy***



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**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.**



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12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"***



# James 4:22

***You do not have because you do not ask  
God.***



# **Active Present Verbs in Greek**

**Ask & Keep Asking**

**Seek & Keep Seeking**

**Knock & Keep Knocking**







**Jesus teaches to not just come to God only in the midnight emergencies, but keep in constant communion with your Father.**







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# **What Does Prayer Reveal In You?**

**Persistent prayer builds in us trust.**



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**Our persistence brings about a trust in God  
to answer our call.**

















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# **What Does Prayer Reveal About God?**

**Through prayer, we come to know and see that God is good.**



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**God knows us and loves us, so we never need to be afraid of the answers that He gives.**



# Matthew 7:9-11

***9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"***



**Our Good Father delights in giving the basics to his children, and this is not just our physical needs. He provides what we need spiritually as well.**



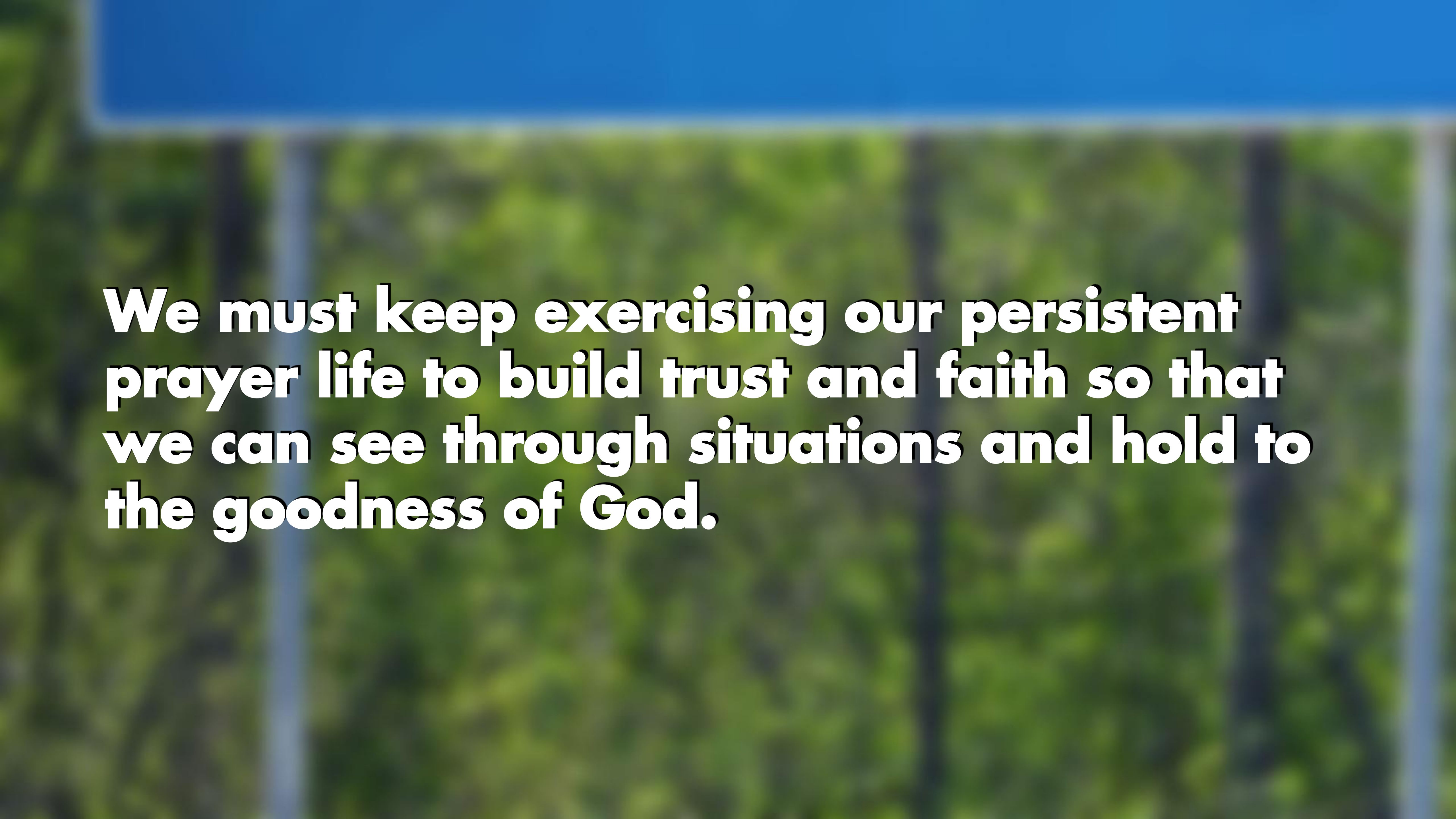
***I am taking my children with me, and I notice that it is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday, and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed, I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our Heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I.***

**- Hudson Taylor**



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**We must keep exercising our persistent prayer life to build trust and faith so that we can see through situations and hold to the goodness of God.**



# Hebrews 4:6

**Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**







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