

Secretly, Suddenly, Openly

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Deuteronomy 29:29 (King James Version)

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

There is a place for corporate prayer, but there is a power available to us that come from the secret place of prayer. We need to have these times of seeking the Lord in our prayer closets to experience the Lord's presence and answer to our prayers. Our prayer time must be sincere, and not for show or to impress others. Our prayers are for the audience of One.

Matthew 6:5-6 (King James Version)

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

When we seek Him secretly, He answers suddenly, and rewards us openly.

The "openly" referred to in Matthew 5:6 is translated *in the streets* (Strong's Concordance). Begin to call out to the Lord in the secret place.

Your responsibility is to seek Him "secretly"; God takes care of the "suddenly" answers and the "openly" evidence of answered prayer. You can develop the tenacity to have the "secretly" kind of prayer life when you dig in by setting the time aside to pray.

Don't just *toss one up to the Lord* by praying on the run and while doing other things! Take the time to enter in to your prayer closet for the "secretly" kind of prayer. While there, leave it all on the field as they say

in sports terminology. Give the “secretly” prayer time everything you’ve got, and don’t miss out by selling yourself short of the things God has prepared for you, that He desires to bless you with as a result of your prayer time with Him.

James 5:16 (King James Version)

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Consider how powerfully this scripture is translated in the Amplified Bible:

James 5:16 (Amplified Bible)

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

Lord, help us to enter into the sincere and heartfelt, continual kind of prayer that You desire for us to have with You in our prayer closets. Thank you that this kind of prayer makes tremendous power available to us; dynamic in its working!