

**Life Principle Day Twenty-Seven:**  
***Prayer is life's greatest time saver.***

**Today's Reading**  
**James 4:1-12**

It has happened to me...all too many times. I have been in difficult situations: experiencing trials, needing wisdom, maybe looking for something. The frustration or sense of anxiety is rising rapidly... or maybe it has already reached a dangerous level. Then comes that humbling, sometimes-embarrassing realization. I haven't prayed. I failed to invite God to help, to provide, to answer. At that moment, the nagging truth of James 4:2 echo through my mind: "Steve, you do not have, because you do not ask God."



Prayer is life's greatest saver of time and frustration. When the cargo bay of life is packed to the gills with activity and responsibility,

prayer dare not be the thing that is jettisoned. When Jesus prayed, loaves and fish were multiplied for hungry people (Matt. 15). When the early church prayed, Peter was miraculously released from

prison (Acts 12). When Daniel prayed, an angel was sent in response (Dan. 9). When Elijah prayed, rain stopped and started (J.s. 5:17, 18).

Although God knows your needs, somehow He still invites you to ask. He wants to save you time, frustration, and anxiety. Now, that doesn't mean that prayer is a magic rabbit's foot that assures you of a desired outcome. Sometimes the will of God may be different from yours. At times, His answer may indeed be "wait," even though you may want something now. Nevertheless, God orchestrates His will in His time... but somehow your prayers impact all of that.

For what have you failed to pray? Something related to work? Family? A relationship? Finances? Ministry? Taking time to invite the Savior's involvement will be the best time you will ever spend!