



## DON'T TAKE A BREAK FROM PRAYING!

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**LUKE 18:1 NKJV – (1)** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

Spiritual work is taxing work. Praying requires attention and time, in which flesh and blood do not enjoy. Few people devote their time to prayer when earthly duty calls. We sometimes become lax in our praying and do not realize the peril until the damage is done. Hasty devotions make weak faith, feeble convictions and questionable piety.

To be little with God is to be little for God. To cut the praying short makes the whole Christian character short, miserable and careless. Our devotional time is not measured by the clock, but time is of the essence. The ability to stay and wait essentially belongs to our fellowship with God.

Haste is often a part of the great business of communion with God. Short devotional time is the ruin of deep reverence. Calmness and strength are never the companions of haste. Short devotional time drains spiritual vigor and the root and bloom of the spiritual life.

Short devotional time is the number one reason for backsliding. It is a sure indication of superficial reverence.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALM 116:2**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Obstacles are what we see when we take our eyes off the goal.