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WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

So many times, people have said that they would pray as a last resort because nothing else has worked in their lives. I find it interesting that prayer is the last thing they turn to “when all else fails.”

Perhaps if we went to prayer daily, we wouldn't find ourselves in the messes that we often end up in. I have neglected this from time to time, and the results are always the same, failure.

In Ephesians 6 we learn of the armor of God, and prayer is one of the things that we are to wear. In 6:18 it says, ***“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”***

We are to always be praying. This is simply communication with God. In essence communication takes place and keeps us from going the wrong direction.

One of the biggest problems in relationships is communication. We often “think” the other person knows what we want, but without letting them know, it is highly probably that they don't have a clue. Communication isn't just speaking. It is listening to what someone else has to say. Likewise, with prayer, we speak and then wait for God to speak to us. He will do it through that “inner witness” that something is the right thing to do.

Recently I made a decision to try something new. It involved a monthly payment. I wasn't sure if it was the right thing to do, but I decided to do it anyway. Almost immediately I felt the frustration of being unable to do what was necessary to accomplish this new task. The peace of God was definitely not with me. I hadn't truly gotten the go-ahead from God in making my decision and I ended up cancelling what I thought was okay.

Perhaps if I had spent more time in prayer inquiring about this decision, I could have avoided this mistake. Fortunately, I will be refunded the money that I put out. Once I made the choice to cancel this new endeavor, the peace of God came back.

Don't wait “until all else fails” before you talk to God. You may not be as fortunate as I was. It might cost you something that you could have avoided by taking it to God in prayer.