

“Man always ought to pray and not lose heart” Luke 18:1

When you close your room to pray god opens the doors of heaven to hear you

When we go into our rooms a believer can enjoy living with the Almighty for some moments at which the soul can taste the Holy fellowship

The Christian man should stand as a piece of stone before the Divine Sculptor and say humbly to Him: “Print your image in me.”

ANALOGY OF SCHOOL AND STUDENTS WE LISTEN NOT TALK ALL THE TIME

STORY OF HANNAH SAMUELS MOTHER

She kept on praying silently.....but her lips moved.....so Eli the priest saw her and thought she was drunk.....stop drinking wine put it away.....but Hannah said I have poured my soul into your handsdon't consider me a wicked women.....then Eli the priest told her to go her way and god will grant her what she wanted which was SAMUEL.

SO PRAYER IS POWERFUL

SO WHAT STOPS US FROM PRAYING IN OUR ROOM

Firstly, the devil hates seeing us praying with concentration as this means that we are free from his bondage.

Man may say to himself, I am tired now or he may lean against the wall and may feel that his body is heavy and not active.

IT IS HARD BUT

One of the saints said, “The good thing you do now with sadness and toil will be done one day with joy.”

But some stand up to pray and mind goes everywhere.....assignments....exams...etc

But u need to control your thoughts and concentrate your mind on prayer only so that you may not think of any other thing.

HOW DO WE CONTROL

SCENARIO

When I open the agpia and read silently.....my mind can fly into never never land

But if I read with a low voice.....I use my tongue, my ear, my eye and if try to learn what your reading.....you will also control your thoughts.

So as u can c it can be easily done.

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The late coming of the Lord's answer

Some people connect prayer to their personal interests. It is true that we should pray to the Lord to give us what we need but must not forget that He said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well".

The Lord's answer may come late as He tests our love for Him.

He may postpone His answer to teach us to be earnest in our prayer.

The free gifts of God are precious, not cheap so we have to seek them with toil.

We should have the spirit of faith within us as God is our Father and He will not be late.

"For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end. It will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2.3).

So when you stand to pray, do not say, "I gained nothing" as God is always at work, in secret, in the heart.

GODS PLAN MIGHT BE DIFFERENT TO OURS

STORY OF MAN IN FLOOD

BUT WE ARE BUSY

Nothing is more important than God so prioritise

Set a certain time to pray

Before u begin to study etc

How wonderful prayer is.

It is the gate of heaven.

It is the key to the treasures of God.

It is the mother of virtues.

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SELF TEST

If you are meek, pure, smiling, calm like the angels it means u are praying. If you suffer from haughtiness, anxiety, boredom or ill treatment of friends.....means prayer is not the most important thing in your life so If that the case sit with Christ.

If you want to learn and taste the Lord's love sit with Him and live with Him,

The Lord will give you more than what you want.

But remember His commandment: *"Man ought always to pray, and not lose heart"*

Story of St Augustine and His mother Monica