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Colossians 4:2

Have you ever considered the fact that each one of us pays a price when we allow our prayer life to fall by the wayside? When there is such a lapse, we usually don't stop to think about what a toll it will take.

When we fail to make prayer a priority in our life—essentially forfeiting our time alone with the Father—we will begin to feel an emptiness in our heart, accompanied by a strange sense of unrest and uneasiness. In contrast, when our prayer life is active, the weight of these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders by the mighty hand of God.

With this in mind, why would anyone choose to cease praying? The sad truth is that many of us have become so accustomed to weariness and hardship that we feel lost or uncomfortable without it. Yet if we continue to nurture this style of living, we will begin to rely upon ourselves instead of upon the Lord, thereby becoming vulnerable and at risk of disaster.

To avoid these difficulties, then, the clear solution is to place high priority upon our fellowship and communication with the Lord. After all, we must be in contact with our heavenly Father in order to hear His voice and to understand and follow His will for our life.

If you have allowed distance to come between you and your heavenly Father, confess this to Him today. 1 John 1:9 promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us." When you renew your prayer life—the most important part of your Christian walk—you will once again be able to experience God's best.

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