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Prayer is the heartbeat of the believer's walk with God, and He commands us to pray about everything ([Philippians 4:6](#)). But we sometimes wonder what kind of influence our conversations with the Lord really have, and we find ourselves asking the following two questions:

If God controls all things, why does He want us to pray? He's self-sufficient and needs no help to accomplish His purposes, so what could any of us possibly contribute?

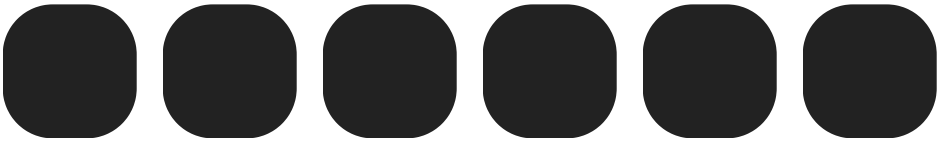
Would God's plans fail if we chose not to pray? The Lord isn't subservient to us. His plans are contingent only upon Himself. He works all things according to the counsel of His will, not necessarily on the basis of our prayers.

These truths reveal the Lord's grace toward believers. He doesn't need us, yet He's chosen to include us in His eternal purposes by letting us participate in His work through prayer. Though we may not understand the influence our prayers have, we know God *chooses* to use them in achieving His purposes.

So keep praying. Being consistent in prayer helps maintain a sense of humble dependence upon the Lord. And answered prayer produces increasing trust in Him, along with greater gratitude for His sovereign care and protection.

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