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THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS

(Eph. 6:10-19)

INTRODUCTION

(1 Sam. 12:23) "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you"

God wants to hear from us: (1 Thess. 5:17) "pray without ceasing"

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PRAYERLESSNESS?

1. THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS DESPISED

(Eph. 2:14) "... and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us"
(v18) "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father"

Prayerlessness ignores the price paid for access: (Heb. 10:19-20)

Prayerlessness ignores the path of access: (Matt. 6:6) "... pray to thy Father ... "
(v9) "Our Father which art in heaven ... "
(1 Tim. 2:5) "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"

2. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS DEPRIVED

(Luke 11:9-11) "Ask ... "

(James 4:2) "Ye have not because ye ask not ... "

(Phil. 4:6) "... in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known unto God ... "

3. THE CAUSE OF CHRIST IS DEFEATED

There's an access we are meant to enjoy, an answer we are meant to receive, and
an attack against us that we are meant to defeat.

Yes, "be strong in the Lord" and "put on the whole armor of God" and then
"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"

CLOSE - (2 Chron. 7:14) "If my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."