Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE FATE OF A SLOPPY CHRISTIAN

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of God	and the	authority				•	,	are not	a

praying Christian, they are not only a foolish Christian, but a sloppy one too! Unless you bind the strong man, you cannot spoil him! Matthew 12:22-30; Luke 11:21-22

☐ Binding the strong man is done through prayer. Prayer is communication with God! If we do not communicate with God, we are on our own!

■ We must come to understand that without Jesus, we are not going any place soon. John 15:1-5

PRAYER IS COMMUNICATION

NO POWER WITHOUT PRAYER

- □ Once Hezekiah received his miracle, he tried to go at it without God. It did not work. Il Chronicles 32:10-33
- ☐ The man of God will pray up a storm when he is out of options in the flesh. Il Kings 20:1-11
- □ Communication (prayer) with God is an act of discipline. **Daniel 6:1-27**

NO PRAYER - NO POWER - NO AUTHORITY

- ☐ When we are in constant communication with God, we are inviting God to share in every moment of our lives, and he will interact with us, guide us, help us, and make it possible to achieve goals we can never reach in the flesh! I Thessalonians 5:14-28
- ☐ We are not only to talk to our heavenly Father when there is a crisis or a need, but to commune with him at all times. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

INTEGRATION OF PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE

Remember to pray when you wake up in the morning; don't ignore God, say
good morning to Him. Talk to Him about the plans for the new day, He might
have some input for you!

- ☐ Do not be rushed by the Devil, take time for daily devotions.
- ☐ Discuss the food you are eating with God!
- ☐ Discuss your attitude with God; ask Him to make you sweet.
- ☐ When you get into a heated argument, rather than reaching for your phone to dial 911, call out to God, He has the correct solution!
- ☐ When you have a "lousy" attitude, talk to God, don't scream at people.
- ☐ Discuss all your future business with God, including travel plans, purchases, and everything in your life.
- ☐ Bind the strong man over every place you will visit that day!
- ☐ If you are eating a snack or having something to drink, discuss it with God.

□ Before you go to sleep at night, be sure to thank God for a great day and don't forget to say good night to your heavenly Father. **Luke 11:1-4**

Do you have an ear to hear with?