

THE HARDEST JOB IN THE WORLD

ACTS 12:1-17

Without prayer religion is cold theory
Without prayer Christians hinder God's work
Without prayer the pew is a powerless one
Without prayer the pulpit is a powerless one
Without prayer our hearts tie God's hands

1. THREE ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR PRAYER.

- A. The right relationship with God is the first one.
Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; Matt. 28:18-20.
- B. A person must keep free from sin. Ps. 66:18; Isa. 57:15.
- C. The prayer must be of faith. Heb. 11:6; Ps. 9:10; James 1:6-7

2. FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PRAYER. (VERSE 5)

- A. It must be *persistent*.
- B. It must be *prevailing*.
- C. It must be *pointed*.
- D. It must be *personal*.

3. THREE SURPRISING THINGS ABOUT PRAYER.

- A. It is better late than never. (verse 6)
- B. Be cool, take your time. (verse 8)
- C. The answer may be limited. (verse 13)