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Prior to this, I resented these problems for several months. I was aggravated by the situations and I complained about the issues. I would sigh in disgust or roll my eyes in unbelief. My mistake was that I never spoke to God about my everyday frustrations because I felt He had no interest in them. Boy, Satan had pulled the wool over my eyes. I suffered in anguish for so many months not realizing that my prayer silence was wrong! Once I presented each issue to God in prayer he gave me the perfect words and the perfect time to speak.

Prayerlessness hinders God from working in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask". Thinking, wishing, hoping, or complaining is not prayer. In order to have your prayers answered, you have to speak them forth to God. The enemy, Satan, makes us believe that our conversations with God are futile and a waste of time. Satan wants to deceive us. He wants to convince us that through our own strength, we can resolve difficulties and he wants us to believe that

through our own wisdom we can heal relationships. This Individualistic philosophy and attitude contradicts our Christian beliefs. In everything, we are to go to God in prayer. Satan wants to silence your PRAYER LIFE so he can devastate your relationships. Some destructive symptoms you will experience due to a silent prayer life may include:

- You will experience doubt and unbelief.
- You will worry about tomorrow and fear today.
- You will lack gratitude and complain.
- You will fail to focus on heaven.
- You will no longer care for people in need.
- You will be rebellious to authority.
- You will hold on to unforgiveness.
- You will keep pride in your pocket

Satan knows there is power in the spoken word. He knows that the word is like a double edged sword. It can give life or it can take it away. You may have many excuses or hindrances for not having a prayer life, but you can't afford NOT to pray. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it ." The scripture tells us that we will have what we say, so speak it into fruition through prayer. Matthew 12:34 "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". God is ready to act for us if we will only pray.

Your fellow day-dreamer,

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