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## Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

### Challenge #3 Pray Continually

The challenge for this week is “Pray Continually”.

This is part of a yearly series “Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God”. There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You concentrate on 1 thing for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

We should pray continually. Not just in the bad times, but in the good as well. God wants to hear our sorrows and our joys.

Every decision we make should go through Jesus. Big or Small. Important or insignificant. Sometimes we strongly believe we are doing the right thing. But God knows much more than we do. He knows the future. And he knows people’s hearts and hangups. If you take everything to the Lord in prayer, you will find he changes your path quite often.

We need to pray continually to stay closer to God. Even if your life is currently boring, God wants to hear the boring stuff too. And he will never be bored with you.

So really give it a try. Pray about everything (your thoughts, sorrows, strongholds, joys, and decisions) continually for one week and see what happens. See how much closer you get to the Lord.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

*Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

*Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

*Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.*

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