

day of prayer is perhaps the immediate blessings we hope ~~for~~ from it, certainly an equally great purpose of ~~of~~ prayer is ~~to~~ to discover the hindrances to prayer that are keeping our constant daily prayer from having the effect <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>needs</sup> has, and raising the level of our life of prayer to where it ought to be.

Well, now, as you read this passage I read in Luke here, you might get the impression that all that is necessary in prayer is putting in time. Importunity. You..... $3\frac{1}{2}$ ....., and the man doesn't want to get up. He is comfortable, and he doesn't want to bother to help you, but you keep talking and talking, and he will answer you ~~for~~ your importunity. And it might suggest all we need to do is pray, pray, pray, put in hours and hours and hours of prayer. That's all that.... $3\frac{3}{4}$ ..... But it so happens that in the economy of God, though the quantity of prayer is important, the quality of prayer is far more important than the quantity. And a ~~little~~ little real prayer means ~~for~~ more than any amount of pseudo-prayers.

It is interesting that we have this statement in Luke in connection with the giving of the Lord's prayer which seems to lay stress on importunity, and the stress should be there. We shouldn't let hold of God. We should cling to God. We should pray through until we get the blessing, but that in the parallel passage in ~~Mathew~~ Matthew, where you have Matthew giving the Lord's prayer, there it is introduced with the words, "But when ye pray ~~do not~~ use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." Let us not think that that we will be heard for our much speaking. It is not the time that is put in in prayer that matters. It is not the number of words you say that matters. It is the quality of prayer that is vital.

Well, now, what is there in the quality of prayer that is vital. The first thing is certainly obvious, but yet never can be thought of too much. Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." How much we find this stressed in the Bible. You can go ~~through~~ through the motions of prayer, you can repeat phrases, you can show great vehemence,