

# **CHAPTER THREE**

## **CAUSES OF PRAYERLESSNESS**

When you deal with the root of a problem, the problem is automatically eliminated.

We will find out about the causes of prayerlessness in this chapter so that dealing with it will be easier and more efficient.

### **Suppressing Environment**

It is no secret that there are certain places that

**make you pray and other places that take away the desire for prayer from you.**

**There are certain seeds that cannot grow in certain environments. These same seeds will grow very well in other environments.**

**In the same way, there are certain environments that always hinder a prayer life.**

**In places where there is powerful worship, you are already primed to pray.**

**In places where the whole place is gloomy and heavy, there is no desire to pray.**

**In a clumsy room, there is a lot of difficulty in prayer.**

**On the bed, prayer is difficult.**

**This goes to show you that your environment is a very important factor that causes prayerlessness.**

**Before God could speak creation into being,**

the spirit of God had to move. That is environment right there:

***Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.***

***Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.***

***Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.***

## **Genesis 1:1-3**

**A bad environment will lead to prayerlessness.**

Note it and you will would have solved your prayerlessness problem halfway. Is your environment conducive for prayer?

### **Wrong Association**

If the wrong association corrupts good character, then the right association will promote it.

**Wrong association can take away your prayer life and make you prayerless.**

**When I was in the university, I prayed every day for 4 years.**

**On Fridays I had an all-night prayer session.**

**The reason was simple, my roommates all loved to pray and so we decided on that path and stuck to it.**

**When I didn't feel like praying, another would**



**encourage me and pull me along.**

**When others didn't want to pray, I also encouraged them and took them along to pray.**

**Something as simple as the right association can keep your prayer life alive or make you prayerless.**

***1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.***

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

***Pro 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.***

## **Proverbs 13:20**

As long as you are walking with prayerless people, you will be prayerless.

Your associations can lead to prayerlessness.

Look at your associations carefully.

**No Prayer Habit**

**Prayer is a habit that can be developed.**

**Many people do not see it that way so they just take prayer as something that they do when they feel like.**

**If prayer is not your habit, prayerlessness will become your habit.**

**That is a major cause of prayerlessness in many lives.**

**They do not take prayer as a habit and suffer as**

a result of that singular decision.

Jesus himself had a habit. He knew the importance of developing habits. One of his habits was going to church:

***Luk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.***

**Luke 4:16**

**Jesus had a custom of going to church and reading the word.**

**The lack of a prayer custom is a major cause of prayerlessness.**

### **Lack of vision**

**In my own life, I realise that whenever I do not have anything of great importance to get done or to achieve, I relax in prayer.**

**The only thing that keeps me praying is my**

**intercession for others and my relationship with God.**

**When I was going to have a book launch, I spent weeks in prayer non-stop.**

**When I wanted a bigger house, I spent time in prayer for weeks non-stop.**

**When I wanted the healing of certain special cases, I spent weeks in prayer non-stop.**

**Immediately I received these answers, I always**

**saw a decrease in fervour and desire to pray.**

**The lack of vision or a challenge leads to prayerlessness.**

**When things are rosy, people hardly pray.**

**When people have great things to accomplish, they pray easily.**

**Of visions, the Bible says:**

***Pro 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.***

## ***Proverbs 29:18***

**One reason people are failing in their prayer lives is that they do not have visions that require God on a daily basis.**

**Start looking ahead and seeing where you want to be, it is a necessity to overcome prayerlessness.**

**The next chapters deal with curing prayerlessness.**