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To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
to Jesus Christ

Keep alert and pray at all times. Ephesians 6:16

"Our relationship with God, our spiritual walk, our Christian experience, will never rise higher than our prayer life. Prayer is of the utmost urgency for every believer!"

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 saints.*

1. We lack alertness when we focus on the big sins and overlook the little sins - *the little foxes that spoil the vine Song of Sol 2:1*. Give some examples of these.
2. We lack alertness when we look at other people and say *"that's their problem – that relates to them. I hope they're listening"* Have you been guilty of this?
3. We lack alertness when we become complacent; satisfied with something that is less than what God requires. What sort of things cause complacency?
4. We lack alertness when we become proud - if we think too highly of ourselves then we have little consideration for others, not even of God. Have you been guilty of this?
5. We live in a day of radical individualism where people are so absorbed in themselves that they see everything in terms of how it satisfies their personal needs or desires. In what ways is this attitude invading the Church?
6. EM Bounds says *"Praying people are the only people in which the Holy Spirit dwells, for the Holy Spirit and prayer go hand-in-hand. The Holy Spirit never descends upon prayerless people. He never fills them, he never empowers them. There is nothing whatever in common between the Spirit of God and men who do not pray. The Spirit dwells only in an atmosphere of prayer."* Do you agree?
7. It is important that we remember that the Spirit is present when we pray and that He wants to make our time significant. Our spiritual eyes can be opened to see what's happening in the heavenly realm. Too often we rush through our own agenda without finding out what the Lord's agenda is. Discuss

8. Sometimes when we're not sure of what to do in a situation we may send off "flash" prayers or prayers in tongues. Examples?
9. George Muller said, "*I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk and when I lie down and when I arise. And the answers are always coming.*" How can we develop this sort of a relationship with the Lord and get serious about this battle we're in?
- 10 Pray for each other and as the Holy Spirit directs you.