

On The Road To Emmaus

I think that Christians see prayer as an obligation and that it is necessary to the Christian life. Most Christians give themselves to the practice of prayer. In fact their prayers are ample, inclusive, and sincere.

Christians profusely profess that they love God. They tell God their desires and what blessings they want. They also make strong promises to God.

The question is, do we as Christians live up to the standard of our prayers? Do we act in accordance with our prayers? Another way to ask this question is there a harmony and consistency between our lifestyle and our prayer life?

It is obvious that much of our prayers are just words. We either do not understand or have not thought through, or do not mean what we have prayed.

We pray for victory over the world, yet we are eager to amass wealth and to enjoy all the attractions of this world. We want to enjoy as much gratification and luxury as possible. How often we pray to be delivered from our tempers and touchy feelings and yet we indulge them at the drop of the hat and make no personal effort at self-control.

Oh how we need to pray that we may have the mind of Christ. As we are to have His mind, we also need to model our lives after Him. We need to copy His profound humility, meekness and dying to self. We need to model His indifference to worldly comforts and His devotion to God the Father.

The question for us is, are our prayers and actions consistent with each other?

A Fellow Traveler