

Grace Notes

Keep on Praying

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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.
Ephesians 6:18



Written on a card and taped to the wall above my desk at home is the following quote: *"The only way to fail in prayer is not to show up."*

And I fail so often.

Chuck Smith is the pastor of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA. He once said, *"I suggest to you that of all the weapons at your disposal (listed in Ephesians 6), prayer is the most vital. It must be, for Satan tries everything he can to keep us from praying. He doesn't want you inviting God into the battle. He would like to keep it just between the two of you."*

"[Satan] doesn't want you inviting God into the battle." I'd never thought of it that way.

Mary, Queen of Scots, once said this of the Reformer, John Knox: *"I fear the prayers of John Knox more than an army of 10,000 men."*

I submit to you that Satan fears our prayers all the more—because he has a better perspective of the power our prayers unleash. (See *James 5:16b*)

I attended Chuck Smith's church a few years back. I can promise you that this man practices what he preaches. *"Prayer is the deciding weapon,"* he once wrote.

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Soli Deo Gloria, Nick

