

Sermon Guide  
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**Daily Bible Reading:** 1/8 Gen 23-24, 1/9 Gen 25-26, 1/10 Gen 27:1-29:30,  
1/11 Gen 29:31-31:55 1/12 Gen 32-34, 1/13 Gen 35-36, 1/14 Gen 37-39

# Collierville church of CHRIST

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**Sunday:**

9:30 AM - Bible Study  
10:30 AM - AM Worship  
1:30 PM Service

**Wednesday:**

7:00 PM - Bible Study



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being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”*

*Colossians 4:2*

10 Consequences of Prayerlessness (Part 1)  
By: Aaron Cozort (with Source Material by Ed Johnson and Morne Stephanus)

As we read through the history of God’s interactions with men, the Scriptures inform us that God’s commands include consequences. When God commands people to do a thing, and they do it, they are blessed. When they fail to do it or act contrary to it, they are cursed (they bring negative consequences upon themselves or are actively opposed by God Himself).

This is true when we examine the benefits and promises in Scripture concerning prayer. We notice that a failure to pray as we ought will keep us from gaining the blessings found in prayer and bring significant consequences to our lives.

1. Matthew 26:41 - Become weak and tempted.

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Jesus warns His disciples in the garden not to sleep but to watch and pray lest they fall into temptation. He attributes this to the nature of humanity. We have a great desire to achieve, to be strong, and to overcome, but we often sabotage our own success by failing to guard against the dangers coming at us before their arrival.

2. Colossians 4:2 - Miss opportunities for spiritual growth and transformation.

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”

When we pray and continue earnestly in prayer, we will find and recognize the benefits of God’s many bountiful blessings. Vigilance is a military term for the watchfulness of a guard, looking out for danger and threats to those he protects. We are to set a guard in our lives against evil, and one of the ways to do that is through prayer. Yet, he also commands us to “continue earnestly.” If we do a thing repeatedly (and are circumspect about how and why we are doing it), we will gradually grow as a result of that practice. Prayer produces spiritual growth through the continued practice of prayer. A blessing of growth we miss out upon when we fail to pray,

3. Proverbs 29:18 - Losing Focus and Direction.

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.”

God’s revelation is the ultimate source of direction and instruction that produces a clear understanding of what God would have us to do in our lives. God wants us to listen to His instructions and revelation, but He also wants us to inquire of Him concerning those things. David’s as a King exemplifies this because he continually inquires about God concerning what He should do. James tells us to ask for Wisdom from God out of a heart of faith and God will give it to us. But he also tells us that a doubting man will receive nothing from the Lord.

4. James 4:7-8 - Failure to pray separates from God.

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

We already know from the previous points that part of our defense and resistance of the Devil and temptation is through prayer. In this text, God commands us to draw near to Him. How shall we expect to do that without prayer? There is no static position in relationship to God. We are either drawing closer to Him or moving further away from Him. If we fail to pray, we can rest assured that we are drifting away instead of drawing near to our God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY at 9:30 AM and AM WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

Live Stream: [www.colliervillecoc.org](http://www.colliervillecoc.org) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/colliervillecoc>

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DON’T FORGET to tune in daily to TRUTH.FM.  
POTTER C. H. PANTRY ITEM for January is Dish Soap (Dawn, Palmolive, etc.)  
NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING CALL – Thursday nights at 9 pm. Call 857-216-6700 code 328497 or 602-610-2077 code 219702  
MEN’S BUSINESS MTG/LADIES CARD SIGNING – January 14th  
GAME NIGHT- Friday 1/19 at 6 pm.

OUR SICK:  
Charlie Springer, Jerry Dilliard  
Sylvia Pass – address: Jordan River Health Campus, 10001 Crooked Creek Rd, Rm 120, Coll, TN 38017  
Bryan Noland – He is at home earlier than expected and doing some better.  
Shelly Stacks – Pneumonia  
Linda Guillot – Jenny Sanderson’s friend has been in and out of the hospital, fighting lung cancer.  
Steve Owens – Barbara Dilliard’s brother-in-law has cancer and liver disease.  
Dillon – Ava’s nephew lost his fingers and broke his arm in a gun accident. He had surgery this past Wednesday to put a rod in his arm. He is doing well but will have more surgery and rehab in the future.  
Amos Soli – One year old friend of the Cozorts, his spine tumor is not actively growing anymore and he is gaining strength. He no longer needs chemo but has a long way to go as he faces severe hearing loss and the inability to walk.

Homebound/Assisted

Living  
Celeste Moore,  
Brenda Bruce,  
Rudell Wilson

Hospice Care  
Jim Redden

Military  
Nate Rushmore  
Noah Davis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Those Battling Cancer

Leroy Fisher, Julee Adams,  
Michael Stack’s Uncle Ronnie,  
Amos Soli, Cheryl Hill, Amy Weddle, Rachel Strickland,  
Linda Guillot, Rick Stacks, Sonya Schulte

MISSIONARIES: Louis & Martha Rushmore  
Marlon & Jacky Retana

Physical Problems

Don Robertson, Eddie Grimes,  
Sasha & Natasha Maluga  
Kristi Springer, Monica Jordan,  
Denise Montgomery, Bryan Noland,  
Fred Nations, Christy Clausel,  
Larry Hunt, Shahid Iqbal,  
Chester Morgan, Judy Webster,  
Ron Halverson

WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Song Leader:</b>	<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>PM Worship</b>	<b>Wednesday Night</b>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Justin Evergarden	Zac Clemmons	<b>Song Leader:</b> Tommy Laster & Joe Cason
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Joe Cason	Eric Halverson	<b>Devo:</b> Justin Evergarden
	Phillip Gooch	Terry Whitley	<b>Closing Prayer:</b> Murry Springer