

## **Does My Life Reflect God's Glory?**

Today we are going to talk about prayer. Prayer is much more than just communication with God. It is one way of drawing closer to God. We will never get close enough to God, but we must continually try. In fact we need to get so close that we begin to reflect His glory. I mean that when other people see us, they need to see a reflection of what God is like.

I need answers to my prayers, but I need God more than I need that. I am a desperate person. I have needs, and at times I feel very desperate because those needs overwhelm me. When this happens I am driven to my knees in search of God. I feel the need to be as close to Him as possible.

What I have learned is this. God in a round-about way has said to me, "Roy, if you were totally content in life, then it is likely you would not come running to me, seeking my comfort, and wanting to draw closer to me." And do you know what? He's right, because on the days I feel good about life, I don't pray and seek a closer walk with God as much as I should. I feel good about myself, and I just want to say "thank you" instead of saying "God I need to draw closer to You." One person said, "Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue."

Why does a runaway child decide to come home? Is it because they are hungry, and they know they can find food at home? Is it because they are cold, and they know it is warm and cozy at home? Why did the prodigal son run home? Was it because he was eating pig slop? These things may drive a person in the right direction to come home, but deep down inside they know they need the protection, love and care of their parents. What does a child need more, food or a mom? What do you and I need more, answered prayer or God?

Herb Caen in the San Francisco Chronicle wrote, "Every morning in Africa when a gazelle wakes up, it knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up, it knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter when you are a lion or a gazelle, when the sun comes up you'd better be running." You and I need to start out our days running to our Father. I don't care if it is going to be a day when big challenges in your life face you, or whether it is a day when you plan to do nothing but relax. We better go running to God first.

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