

PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING

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Philippians 4:6 NLT Don't worry about anything; instead, *pray about everything*.

Romans 12:12 NIV Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, *faithful in prayer*.

Acts 1:14 NIV

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

1

THE BEST THING TO DO WHILE _____
ON GOD IS TO _____

The word of prayer in Acts is PROSEUCHE — drawing near to Father God and telling Him everything in our heart with the motive of surrendering to His sovereignty.

2

WHEN YOU _____ THE ANSWER, _____

Because of Jesus and His fulfillment of the law, women could now worship and be a public part of God's family.

Acts 2:1 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:36-39 NIV

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

3

GOD DOESN'T DEFINE US BY OUR _____ — HE DEFINES US BY _____

Acts 2:42 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Fellowship is KOINONIA — it means being on the same page, pulling in the same direction, joint participation.

References:

Acts 1:4-8
Galatians 3:26-28
James 1:5-8
Acts 3:1-8, 11-26
Acts 4:4, 8-12
Luke 12:12
Acts 4: 19-20

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SPEAKING GOD’S TRUTH BOLDLY ONLY COMES THROUGH THE POWER OF THE

Luke 24:48 NIV

You are witnesses of these things.

The first persecution of the infant church came from religious leaders.

Acts 4:24 NIV

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 4:29 NIV

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your...p servants to speak your word with great boldness.

When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.
Psalm 138:3

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WHEN WE ARE AFRAID, _____

Acts 4:31 NIV

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

References:

Luke 21:12-15
Acts 4:23-30
Acts 4:32-35
Luke 24:46-49

There is no substitution for believers praying together. It is our mightiest weapon against the enemy and our hotline to God’s throne.