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ARE WE "STEADFAST" IN OUR PRAYING? But you say, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...BEING "STEADFAST"? Jesus told of a man in Luke 11:6-13 who went to a friend's house in the middle of the night to ask provisions for a traveler who had come. When refused help, he kept on until the neighbor gave him what he requested. How much more will our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

When Peter was in prison, we read that the early church prayed "WITHOUT CEASING" for his release! (Acts 12:5) This must have involved the denial of food and sleep and even business, in order to prevail with God! Let us remember that "earnestness" means seriousness in prayer!

When Jacob was returning home only to be met by Esau, his brother, who had four hundred men, he remembered that Esau had vowed to kill him! (Genesis 32:6) All night Jacob wrestled with the Heavenly Being in prayer for His blessing saying, 'I WILL NOT LET YOU GO, UNLESS YOU BLESS ME!" (Genesis 32:26) Because of Jacob's steadfastness in prayer, God did bless him and gave him a new name..."Israel", which means "STRIVER WITH AND PREVAILS, A PRINCE" OF God!

Have you learned to "Prevail" in prayer through steadfastness...claiming God's promises, and holding on until the answer comes? God says, "I will answer you and show you great and mighty things of which you know not!" (Jeremiah 33:3) <u>Try It! FOR GOD IS REAL AND WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH US!</u>

<u>Prayer is not about getting what "we" want, but getting what "God" wants...a relationship with Him!</u> As the song, "In The Garden", says:

"AND HE WALKS WITH ME AND HE TALKS WITH ME,
AND HE TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN!
AND THE JOY WE SHARE AS WE TARRY THERE,
NONE OTHER HAS EVER KNOWN!"

BUT YOU SAY, "HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE THIS? FOLLOW THE WAY JESUS LIVED HIS LIFE AS LISTED BELOW AND EXPERIENCE CHRIST LIVING HIS LIFE IN AND THROUGH YOU!!!

## 5 STEPS FOR DAILY "VICTORY" IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- 1. DIE TO "SELF"! (Luke 9:23) (Galatians 2:20)
- 2. <u>ENTHRONE JESUS AS LORD</u>! (Romans 10:9) (Luke 18:18-30)
- 3. PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER AS A LITTLE CHILD! (Proverbs 3:5-6) (Matthew 18:3) (John 4:34)
- 4. <u>READ YOUR BIBLE</u> (Psalm 119:9-11)(Jeremiah 15:16) (2 Timothy 2:15) (John 5:39)
- 5. <u>LISTEN TO HIM AND OBEY!</u> (John 14:21) (1 Kings 19:13. 19)(1 Samuel 15:22)