

FOR TEENS AND PRE-TEENS

THE FINAL PRAYER EXAM

Your kids should take something like it before they leave your home.

WHEN YOU PRAY DO YOU COMPLETELY BELIEVE GOD IS REAL? Nothing is more important. Pray about your doubts. Do you doubt creation. Do you doubt invisible things like the Holy Spirit? Do you doubt God loves you? Pray and pray and pray...until you KNOW. *“Please father I have to KNOW if you are real...keep me searching till I find YOU..”* James 1:5

WHEN YOU ARE NOT PRAYING DO YOU IGNORE GOD? Probably you do. Probably you tend to make up your own mind...or even worse go along with the crowd. Most of us learn early in life to ignore the Holy Spirit. Asking God to help us hear him better is one of the greatest prayers there is. PRAY IT. Learning to yield to his quiet leading will keep you safe, encourage your heart and comfort your soul. *“Please Father teach me to really listen to your voice...from waking until sleep.* Luke 11:13.

COULD PRAYER SAVE YOUR LIFE?...only if you take it seriously. Most of us die a little at a time, a little sin here and a little sin there. Pray about your sins...even the ones you are not aware of: *“Father show me if I have sinned today. Cleanse me by Jesus blood and lead me by your Holy Spirit so I do not sin the same sin all over again.”* *This prayer should be like brushing your teeth...something you do EVERY day.* Acts 2:21

DO YOU PRAY WHEN YOU ARE ANGRY? AFRAID, LONELY OR CONFUSED? These things can block our sensitivity to God and make it very very hard to pray. Fortunately Jesus came to earth so he could understand temptation, understand emotion and lead us safely away from sin. *Pray about your emotions. Pray in the morning BEFORE you sin.* Luke 22:40

DID YOU EVER ASK GOD TO EXPLAIN A BIBLE VERSE? It's like a puzzle. You can't pray without reading scripture and you can't understand those scriptures without praying. *“Father could you PERSONALLY make just one Bible verse real to me, then I will try to believe ALL of them...one at a time.”* Isaiah 30:21

DO YOU PRAY ABOUT THE FUTURE, WHAT YOU WILL DO... today... for the rest of your life? Many of us DRIFT through life. Drifting is not Christian. Real Christians have two legs, praying and doing. Don't hop around on one leg. PRAY first...then DO. PRAY in the morning, PRAY about your doubts, PRAY to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit...PRAY about your sins, PRAY about scripture, PRAY ALWAYS with all your heart. Then you will be blessed. Could you pray NOW? Would it be wiser to FORGET about this exam or to make a copy and keep it in a safe place...maybe your Bible...maybe your wallet or purse. MAYBE you could make a list of THREE people willing to pray with you once a week. THAT is the only way I know of to pass this exam... PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. THEN you will change the world...the world near you...and the world far away. The alternative is to fail yourself and God.