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WHEN TO PRAY!

Robert Murray McCheyne said: "I ought to pray before seeing anyone else. Often when I sleep long, or meet with others early, it is eleven or twelve o'clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system. It is unscriptural. Christ rose before day and went into a solitary place. David says: "Early will I seek thee." "Thou shalt early hear my voice." Family prayer loses much of its power and sweetness, and I can do no good to those who come to seek from me. The conscience feels guilty, the soul unfed, the lamp not trimmed. Then when in secret prayer the soul is often out of tune. I feel it is far better to begin with God - to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another.

ATHEISM: WHAT GOOD IS IT?

Someone has said: "Did you ever hear anyone say, 'I was wretched and miserable but I got hold of Voltaire's writings and I found peace'? Did you ever hear anyone say, 'I was in agony because of my sin, but I found a copy of Tom Paine and immediately found joy and liberty'? Did you ever hear anyone say that he was delivered from the slavery of alcohol through atheism"? I never did, but I have heard of many who have been delivered from every kind of sin and vice by coming to the Lord Jesus Christ. (I remember reading a little while back that one complete set of Voltaire's writings, 92 books, sold for \$2.00).

"I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad."

THE KEY TO FRUITFUL LIVING

A young man home on leave from boot camp was detailing all the problems he had early in his training. Then, he grinned and said, "You know, after I decided to let the Navy have its own way about everything, I didn't have a bit of trouble." Some Christians have a lot of trouble with the way the Church is run, but the problem is they are not truly surrendered to the Lord. The Bible says we are to **"endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."** The greatest quality in a soldier is obedience! You can't run a successful army with every man doing his own thing. You can't run a Scriptural that way either. Jesus said, **"If ye love me, keep my commandments."**

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

George Matheson was engaged to a Christian young lady. He came down with a disease and the doctor said you will go blind. Matheson wrote to his fiancée and told her saying, I will release you from our engagement if you wish. She replied that she could not marry a blind man. Shortly afterward he wrote the song: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."