

Prayer is Your Life Anchor Colossians 4:2

He answered prayer—not in the way I sought
Nor in the way that I had thought He ought;
But in His own good way; and I could see
He answered in the fashion best for me

Colossians 4:2 – Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (NIV)

I. Continue **steadfast** in your prayers.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – ⁴We demolish arguments ⁵and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. (CSB)

A. It keeps me **focused** on Him.

Psalm 25:15 – My eyes are always on the Lord, for he will pull my feet out of the net. (CSB)

B. Waiting teaches me about **myself**.

Proverbs 17:3 – The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts. (NASB)

1 Peter 5:10 – The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. (CSB)

II. Always be **watchful** in your prayers.

1 Chronicles 16:11 – Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him. (NLT)

Luke 21:36 – But be alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man. (CSB)

III. Pray with **thanksgiving** in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:20 – giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (CSB)

When my prayer doesn't fit, **God says, no.**

When my life doesn't fit, **God says, grow.**

When the timing doesn't fit, **God says, slow.**

When it all fits, **God says, go.**

Thought for the Week:

When it is God's will, and your living your life for Him,
and it timing is right, God says **GO!**

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