

# COMPLACENCY IS THE ENEMY OF DEVOTION

*Devoted*  
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## KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Acts 2:37-43](#)
- [Colossians 4:2](#)
- [2 Timothy 1:6-14](#)
- [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)
- [Revelation 2:4-5](#)

## KEY POINTS

- Prayer draws us closer to God.
- Being devoted means being steadfast and committed.
- The Greek word for devoted, *proskartereo* (προσκατερέω), means to be steadfast to, toward, or with regard to something.
- Complacency is rooted in pride. When we become complacent, we lack devotion.
- “You can do more than pray *after* you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray *until* you have prayed.” – S.D. Gordon
- John Piper’s three reasons we should pray: God commands us to pray, the needs are great, and God moves when we pray.
- To be devoted to prayer is to have a pattern of prayer.
- When husbands and wives pray, they get closer to God and closer to each other.

## DISCUSSION

1. How can we maintain a balance between being content with what God has given us and avoiding complacency in our spiritual growth?
2. Describe your current prayer life. Are devoted or more casual about it?
3. What does Samuel Gordon's quote mean to you practically?
4. How have you seen God move in response to prayer in your own life or the lives of others?
5. What are some signs of complacency in our spiritual lives?

## APPLICATION

1. Commit to a daily prayer time this week, even if it's just for 5-10 minutes.
2. Find a partner to pray with regularly for accountability and encouragement.
3. Read through 1 and 2 Timothy this week, noting Paul's advice for staying devoted to God.
4. Identify one area in your life where you may have become complacent spiritually. Share with the group and pray for each other in these areas.
5. Try using a prayer guide or praying Scripture this week to grow your prayer life.