

# Do You Send God ‘Junk Mail’?

The envelope was printed with a large “*Important message for you.*”

It was addressed to “*The Occupier*” and there was a note on the back to the Post Office telling them to **not** return the letter in case of non-delivery.

This correspondence did **not** seem to be that important to whoever sent it.

They did not know my name and were **not** interested if I had received this “*important message.*”

I put this envelope unopened into the paper recycle bin along with all the other “*important messages*” or “*special offers,*” “*supersavers,*” and “*free coupons*” that we receive so often that we hardly notice them in our household.

But conversely, a hand-addressed envelope from someone we know always gets immediate and serious attention.

Have you ever considered our prayers using these two types of correspondence?

**James 5:16** [New King James] “... *the effective, fervent prayers of the righteous man avails much.*”

**Such prayers from people to the Eternal Creator God obtain results, for they stand out among the millions of prayers God receives every day, that are unfervent prayers, that do not “*avail much*” from God.**

**Prayers may lose their impact –**

**The Christian Church is made up of praying people. Most pray at least once a day, and have built up the prayer habit.**

**But therein lies a danger. Habits become routine and routine prayers can become filled with repetition and clichés.**

**Junk mail is full of clichés –**

*“Especially for you,” “Once in a lifetime opportunity,” “Unrepeatable offer,” etc.*

**After we have been told such things a few dozen times, the phrases lose their impact.**

**And so must our prayers lose their impact in heaven if we mumble the same things in the same way day after day.**

**Matthew 6:7** [New King James] “*And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.*”

**Jesus Christ warned us against “*vain repetitions*” but is there really much difference between our prayers and the monotonous incantations of the same “*prayer book*” prayers uttered in some church assemblies?**

**Have you noticed that you can continue “*praying*” such prayers while your mind wanders to something entirely different?**

Even asking “*in Jesus Christ’s name*” can become a cliché unless we deeply think about what we are saying.

**Communication is becoming more and more routine in our modern world.**

**There are already computer-generated letters. You feed in a problem or question, the computer selects the appropriate answer from a suitable opening and closing, and there you have it, a personal letter, untouched by human hand.**

**Avoid depersonalised prayers –**

Think about what you are about to say.

Plan your prayers carefully.

**Have you really thought through what you want to say to God?**

**Is what you are asking logical?**

**By all means have a prayer list, but do not let the list become a ball and chain, keep it updated and specific.**

**Think about where your words of prayer are ending –**

God's throne is the centre of power of this whole universe, this is where our prayers end.

**The Eternal God wants us to think of Him as a loving Father but we should show the proper respect towards His high office.**

As begotten potential created children of God, we should **never**, now or in the future, abuse the privilege of being able to have the undivided attention of the Supreme Ruler of the universe whenever we ask for it.

**God is not short of time for He exists outside time, and wants us to consider Him as a loving Father rather than as a busy executive.**

He will give us all the time we need.

But we must make the time we spend in God's presence in prayer count.

**Ask God for help –**

Prayer is difficult at times, words just do **not** seem to come to express the thoughts we have, but help is at hand.

**Romans 8:26** [New King James] *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*

The Holy Spirit, Who is one Person of the Eternal Triune God, will help us form the words, as long as our way of life has **not** grieved Him, [**Ephesians 4:30**] and we have **not** quenched the work He is seeking to do in and through us, [**1 Thessalonians 5:19**]. Also we have to ask for His active presence in our lives, [**Luke 11:13**] and be constantly following in His footsteps, so that the “*fruits*” of His Godly character may develop in us, [**Galatians 5:22-25**].

**As we see, our prayers and the way we conduct our lives are very closely linked –**

**Romans 8:27** [New King James] *“Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

Jesus Christ our Intercessor, who knows what it is like to be a human being, [Hebrews 4:15-16] will **understand what is on our minds and help us to get our prayerful messages across to God the Eternal Father.**

**Hosea 7:14** [Amplified Bible] *“They do not cry to Me from their hearts, but they wail upon their beds ... they rebel against Me.”*

Such an approach to God makes Him angry.

**Psalms 34:15** [New King James] *“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.”*

**It is not that God is hard of hearing, He wants to help us, and He delights in the prayers of people who are seeking to live His way of life, [Proverbs 15:8].**

**The Eternal Creator God enjoys receiving important messages from us, especially those that are connected to what He is doing for all of humanity.**

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How disappointing it must be for God when the only messages He receives from us turn out to be ‘*Junk mail*’!

**Too often we have a form of Christianity in our head instead of true Christianity which has to be from our heart, the heart being the driving force of our lives.**

**From the head to the heart can be a difficult journey for many to make, effective, fervent prayer gives us the fuel to make that journey.**