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Joshua 7:10

"And the LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why do you lie on your face like this?" Joshua 7:10

Most assuredly, there is a time to pray! Prayer is our lifeline. Prayer sustains us through the difficulties and trials of life. Prayer refocuses our priorities and perspectives. Prayer is the avenue upon which our requests find their fulfillment.

Intuitively people know they don't pray as much as they should, so it would seem this to be an odd command to Joshua, "Get up! You've prayed enough!" However, you can pray too much! There is also a point that during your prayer you are in danger of moving from mountain moving faith to anxiety and worry. It is an all-together different thing to wait before the LORD in His word and fellowship until faith arises, but to allow worry and fear to drive your prayer life is to waste your time and it deepens the emotional pit of gloom and despair!

Joshua was in danger of this pit of depression and the Lord's goodness stopped his selfish introspection. "Get up, its time to stop "praying" – you are in danger of moving into unbelief – and instead it is time to arise and act in faith!"

"Faith without works is dead!" (James 2:17) Have you been praying when you should have been acting?

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