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## **Stability**

**Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026

**Text:** **1 Corinthians 15:58**

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable,  
always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that  
your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

**Declaration:**

I am walking in Divine stability so that I can:

- please my Savior,
- achieve my highest level of Sanity,
- be an asset to my Spiritual and Social connections, and
- defeat every satanic attack that seeks to shake my Faith.

Today's Text: **Acts 12:12-16**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thematic Question:**

Why didn't the Church expect Peter to be released from prison when they had prayed for him?

Prayer is more than just words lifted.

Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - the practice of training to follow rules, maintain order and exercise self-control to achieve goals. It involves consistency, challenging behavior that moves beyond short-term gratification to long-term sustainable growth.

The goal and growth of Spiritual Disciplines are to promote

\_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.

The Christian Faith has many Spiritual Disciplines:

How many do you know?

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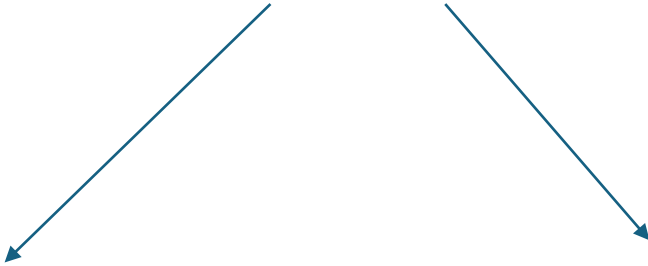
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Diagram

# The Discipline of Prayer



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The Discipline of Prayer creates a lens through which you pray through.

All of us have a lens in which we use to pray through.

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane was through the lens of pain.

**Matthew 26:36-45**

Jesus prayed:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for another alternative

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that manifested like blood.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Will of the Father.

Prayer doesn't always remove problems or pain.

When our view of prayer is always centered around changing things, changing circumstances, then we run the risk of operating out of

\_\_\_\_\_.

The most popular lenses that we pray through are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - past pains

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - uncertain future

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – confidence



**Why didn't the church believe their prayer?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Rhoda

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Crazy

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Peter's angel