

## Q 10a: What is EARNEST PRAYER? Prayer with DEEP and SINCERE FEELING

### **Two Aspects of Earnest Prayer**

First, earnest prayer comes from a heart that is engaged with God. To be earnest implies that we are not praying by rote or just going through the motions. Being earnest is the opposite of speaking our prayers mindlessly into the air. We are to focus our minds and attention toward the Lord when we pray.

Second, earnest prayer is prayer that is persistent. Hence, the translators said of Elijah that he “prayed earnestly.” We must not stop asking and thanking God for the answers until we see them with our eyes. We must not be casual about our prayer requests, but persistent and tenacious.

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