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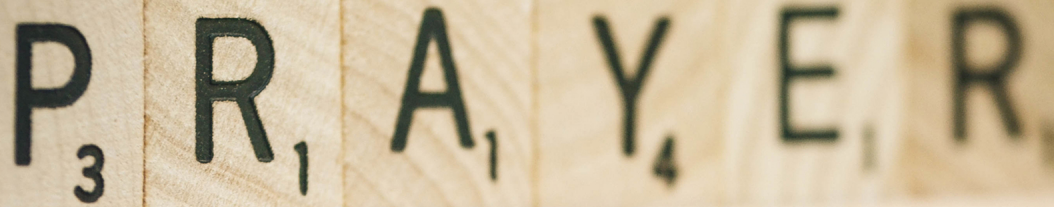
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A meaningless dialogue,
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about things that can't be changed.

A close-up photograph of six light-colored wooden blocks arranged in a row on a dark, textured wooden surface. Each block has a letter and a small number printed on it. From left to right, the blocks are: 'P' with a subscript '3', 'R' with a subscript '1', 'A' with a subscript '1', 'Y' with a subscript '4', 'E' with a subscript '1', and 'R' with a subscript '1'. The word 'PRAYER' is formed by these letters. The background is a dark, grainy wooden surface.


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...therefore...

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Greek: *kakopatheo*

- to be treated maliciously;
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- to endure affliction

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- to be of good cheer and high morale

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Greek: *astheneo*

- to be ill
- to be without strength
- to languish
- to be weak...(physically and then morally)...to be sick

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- to anoint out of honor and consecration.
- Olive oil applied to the body to supply a penetrating spiritual comfort to impart strength and healing.

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Should Christians use anointing oil today?

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There is nothing in Scripture that commands or even suggests that we should use similar oil today, but neither is there anything to forbid it.

Oil is often used as a symbol for the Holy Spirit in the Bible as in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). Christians have the Spirit who leads us into all truth and “anoints” us continually with His grace and comfort.

***“But you have an anointing from the Holy One,
and all of you know the truth”***

(1 John 2:20).

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- “spent”
- ready to collapse
- to be in danger of life/death

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- 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.
- 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

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to bear on the reality of our lives.