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. . . A pleasant greeting to all who are in tune with The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are thankful to be back with you again and to come into your home or automobile by this wonderful means of radio over this great station XEG from Monterrey, Mexico.

We hope and trust that each of you are well and happy in the service of the Lord. If you are troubled or have a need in body or soul, we gladly offer to join our prayers with yours that God may bring sure and quick deliverance from the problems which you face. This power rests in His hands and He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us". Ephosians 3:20. If you desire to write to us, you may do so by simply addressing The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now, let me remind you that beginning next week this broadcast will be heard 30 minutes earlier each Friday night over XEG. That new time will be 11:00 p.m. CST. Be sure to tune us in at this earlier time and tell others about this change.

Now, I would like for us to consider the very important subject of "prayer". We understand the definition of prayer to be: the sincere desire of the heart, uttered or unexpressed. Jesus taught in Luke 18:1 "That men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

The apostle Paul in writing to Timothy said: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." See I Timothy 2:8.

Then again notice in I Thessalonians 5:17. "Pray without ceasing."

So we see that we are taught to pray continually not only for our own needs, but also for others. Look again at I Timothy, chapter 2 and verses 1 and 2. "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Now in the light of all these scriptures which teach us to pray, does it not seem strange that some should come along and say: "No praying in the schools. It might be exerting the wrong influence over some who have objections to such prayers!"

Listen, friends, Satan is ever seeking to destroy the spiritual life of every child of God and one of his best ways is to cause one to become careless and unconcerned about his life of prayer.

It has now been many years since the days of my childhood, but one of the things which has remained with me down through the journey of life is the recollection of how our family would gather in one room of the house after supper in the evenings. There we would talk awhile or busy ourselves with our school work for the next day as we warmed by the fireplace, or perhaps, some discussion would be made concerning the happenings of the day, but as the minutes began to drag slowly by and the old clock began to strike out the hours telling us it was time to begin

