



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## WHEN I PRAY I CAN...

From the East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN

- Acknowledge that my help comes from above (**Psalm 121:1-2**).
- Acknowledge if God is for me, no one can be against me (**Romans 8:31**).
- See my unworthiness contrasted with the magnificence of God (**Nehemiah 1:5-7**).
- As a child, talk to my Father (**Matthew 7:11**).
- Pursue the will of God in my life (**Matthew 26:39**).
- Seek true wisdom (**James 1:5**).
- Seek the blessings of God on behalf of ones I love (**John 17:19-21**).
- Seek forgiveness – even for my secret sins (**Acts 8:22**).
- Ask whatever I want, according to His will (**I John 5:14**).
- Have confidence that my prayer will be heard (**I John 5:14-15**).
- Thank God for all He has done/is doing on my behalf (**Philippians 2:13; 4:6**).
- Thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ (**Philippians 1:3**).
- Draw close to God (**James 4:8**).
- Petition God on behalf of the sick (**James 5:13, 16**).
- Take advantage of the promises God has made (**Hebrews 13:5**).
- Tap into the vast resources of Heaven (**Ephesians 3:20**).
- Request help in resistance of the devil (**Ephesians 6:18**).
- Win a battle against the devil (**James 4:7**).
- Separate myself from the world – for a while (**Matthew 4:16**).
- Expect mercy and grace in time of trouble (**Hebrews 4:16**).
- Find peace (**Philippians 4:7**).

**I must not stop praying!**

## **DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE**

*“And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord”*  
**(Leviticus 10:1-2).**

Playing with fire poses a potentially hazardous situation. The end result of such careless abuse usually leads to destruction; forest fires, burnt down homes, even the loss of life. Millions of dollars are spent each year in promoting fire prevention and safety via television, radio, the printed page and seminars. Firemen and Forest Service personnel are readily used to help teach our children the dangers of playing with fire. Most of us understand the potential dangers that fire poses when used carelessly and we respect it and use it only as authorized.

I find it utterly amazing that the majority of the world understands the dangers of playing with fire, but they fail to see the dangers of playing with God; the disrespect and irreverent attitudes man has toward God and His Word. Doing that which is unauthorized by God is no different than playing with fire. Eventually, you're going to get burnt! The story of Nadab and Abihu illustrates this very fact. Specifically instructions had been given by God in regards to one's worship to Him **(Leviticus 8:1)**. However, Nadab and Abihu, like many in the religious world today, substituted God's will with their own. The fire that was used in their worship to God was unauthorized and it ultimately led to their demise.

There are many in the religious world today that see nothing wrong with using mechanical instruments, choirs, drama teams, etc. in their worship to God. But such acts are unauthorized by God, and like strange fire offered up by Nadab and Abihu, one who plays with fire will eventually get burnt **(Revelation 22:18-19)**. God through His Word has given us specific instructions in all matters pertaining to life and godliness: thus, it behooves each of us to do that which He has specifically authorized.

**Terry R. Townsend**