

**THE STUDY OF EPHESIANS**  
**LESSON 24**  
**EPHESIANS 6:18-24**  
**QUESTIONS**  
**PRAY AT ALL TIMES**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

**Read Ephesians 6:10-24 and then again- read verses 18-24.**

Prayer is the energy that enables the Christian soldier to wear the armor and wield the sword. We cannot fight the battle in our own power, no matter how strong or talented we think we are. Prayer in the Holy Spirit is the power for victory.

1. In instructing the believer on warfare prayer in verse 18, Paul repeats “all” four times. What does each “all” say about the priority prayer should have in the life of the believer? (NASB)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **all** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. pray \_\_\_\_\_ **all** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. be on the \_\_\_\_\_ **all** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ for **all** \_\_\_\_\_.

**ALL PRAYER AND PETITION**

We can pray in many different ways, in every circumstance, as varied as the need of the moment. One way we can learn about prayer is by looking at the prayer life of Jesus. What does He teach us about prayer in these verses?

Mark 1:35 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 18:20 \_\_\_\_\_

John 11:41-42 \_\_\_\_\_

John 17:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 11:25 \_\_\_\_\_

John 12:28 \_\_\_\_\_

Take time to reflect, and consider:

- How have your prayers changed over the years?
- How would the Lord describe your prayers?
- Do you think He would like you to add or subtract anything from your prayers?

Be specific.

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### **PRAY AT ALL TIMES**

We are to pray at all times. As MacArthur has stated: "It is not merely the action of a moment, it is a lifestyle, the focusing on a person-to-person relationship with God. Living our life in God consciousness by being in perpetual communion and communication with Him." How do these verses help in understanding what it means to *pray at all times*?

Col. 3:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Ps. 19:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 13:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:42 \_\_\_\_\_

Ps. 119:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 12:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 5:18b \_\_\_\_\_

All of this occurs "*in the Spirit*" (v.18). What does it mean to pray *in the Spirit*?

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### **BE ON THE ALERT WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE**

How does the call to "*be on the alert with all perseverance*" give greater understanding to the

war strategy of the devil? (I Pet. 5:8; Job 1:7; John 10:10; John 8:44)

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**PETITION FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

Just as a military soldier is not in a battle alone but has many comrades engaged in the same warfare. The Christian soldier battles alongside other believers in spiritual warfare and must pray as intensely for his fellow soldiers as himself. In the verses below, what does Jesus teach us about prayer and action during warfare?

John 17:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 22:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 18:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 4:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does Paul face in this war that would make prayer necessary for him to declare the gospel “*boldly*” (6:19-20)? How does this prayer request help the believer understand the danger of prayerlessness in the lives of individual believers and local churches? (1 Sam. 12:23)

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3. Would you say that you proclaim the gospel with boldness? Do you struggle with being bold for Christ? In what situations have you been bold or not been bold? What do these verses teach, when boldness is needed? (Acts 4:28-29; Ps. 138:3; Heb. 13:6; Josh. 1:9)

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4. Throughout the Apostle Paul's epistles we see that he is a beautiful prayer warrior for his family of believers. What is his wish for the believers in verses 23-24? (NASB)

\_\_\_\_\_ be to the brethren, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
From God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who love the Lord Jesus Christ with \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Considering the example Paul has shown of the importance of praying for our sisters and brothers in Christ, take a quick survey of your past week. How often have you prayed for the spiritual welfare of those in our body? Can you improve? How will you improve? How can you incorporate question #1 into your plan?

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**\*\*\*EXTRA CREDIT\*\*\***

Paul concludes his letter to the Ephesians with the mention of Tychicus (v. 21-22). What does Paul reveal to us about the heart of Tychicus? What more do you learn about Tychicus through these verses: Acts 20:3-4; Col. 4:7-8. Can you find any more information about Tychicus?

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Does Paul's willingness to send some of his best friends and most trusted colleagues to help other churches have anything to teach us in the church today?

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