

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.

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*?

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)

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)

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)

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?

*****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?

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?
