

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION
PART 5i-THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR AND ARSENAL
"PRAYING ALWAYS"
EPHESIANS 6:18

INTRODUCTION

One of the most important parts of being in a battle is to be in contact with the Commander-In-Chief.

I. WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?– “. . .praying always. . .”

*Luke 18:1–“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought **always** to pray, and not to faint;”*

*Psalms 86:3–“Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee **daily**.”*

*Psalms 55:17–“**Evening, and morning, and at noon**, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”*

*Romans 12:12–“. . .**continuing instant in prayer**;”*

*Colossians 4:2–“**Continue in prayer**, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;”*

*Philippians 4:6–“Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:17–“Pray without ceasing.”

II. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?– “with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit”

A. PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE!

*Romans 1:8-9–“First, **I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all**, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. {9} For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers**;”*

*Ephesians 1:16–“**Cease not to give thanks for you**, making mention of you in my prayers;”*

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*Hebrews 13:15–“By him therefore let us **offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually**, that is, **the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name**.”*

*Ephesians 5:20–“**Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”*

B. PRAY WITH CONFESSION OF SIN! (1 John 1:9)

Psalms 32:5–“I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.”

C. PRAY WITH SUPPLICATION FOR ONESELF!

1. Deliverance From the Power of Sin. (Psalm 3)

2. Wisdom.

James 1:5–“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

Whether it be **deliverance from temptations, sickness, trials, afflictions**, or whether it be simply a **need of wisdom** because of sin's effect on our ability to make decisions, **it is all deliverance from the power that sin has on our daily lives!**

D. PRAY WITH INTERCESSION FOR OTHERS!
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

1. Those That Are Lost!

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Romans 10:1—"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

2. Those That Are Saved.

*Colossians 4:12—"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**"*

Acts 12:5—"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

E. PRAY IN COMMUNION WITH GOD!
(EXAMPLE-ENOCHE)

Psalm 4:4—"Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah."

Communion can be defined as you talking to God and God talking to you.

F. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT!

*Jude 1:20—"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Ghost,**"*

Praying in the Spirit is praying out of a heart and soul that is indwelt, illuminated, and filled with the Holy Spirit!

It is praying in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Galatians 4:6—"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

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Romans 8:15—"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Romans 8:26-27—"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

1. PRAYER IS **TO** THE FATHER.
2. PRAYER IS **THROUGH** THE SON. (IN HIS NAME)
3. PRAYER IS **BY** THE SPIRIT.

G. WATCHING WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE!
(i.e. Keep on guard!)

Conclusion

When Are We To Pray? Always!

How Are We To Pray? In All Prayer And Supplication!

- A. Thanksgiving and Praise!
- B. Confession Of Sin!
- C. Supplication For One's Self!
- D. Intercession For Others!
- E. In Communion With God!
- F. In The Spirit!
- G. Watching With All Perseverance!