

## *“Kingdom Praying”*

# The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 4:2-4 • pt. 41

### INTRODUCTION

- the pernicious heresy of pragmatism

### 1. *That I should pray*

- “devote” yourselves to prayer

Acts 8:13; Mk. 3:9

Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; Rom. 12:12

Dan. 5:29-6:10

- “keep alert” in prayer

Mt. 26:40-41

1 Pet. 5:8

“Among the enemies to devotion none is so harmful as distractions. Whatever excites the curiosity, scatters the thoughts, disquiets the heart, absorbs the interests or shifts our life focus from the kingdom of God within us to the world around us—that is a distraction; and the world is full of them. Our science-based civilization has given us many benefits but it has multiplied our distractions and so taken away far more than it has given...The remedy for distractions is the same now as it was in earlier and simpler times, [i.e.,] prayer, meditation and the cultivation of the inner life. The psalmist said ‘Be still, and know,’ and Christ told us to enter into our closet, shut the door and pray unto the Father....Distractions must be conquered or they will conquer us.”

— A.W. Tozer

### 2. *How I should pray*

- a God-honoring attitude
- a necessary safeguard from selfish praying

### 3. *About what I should pray*

- from Paul’s prayer journal...

Col. 1:9-12

- from Paul’s prayer requests...

1 Cor. 16:9; Acts 14:27

Phil. 1:12-14