

Pray the Armor On

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[Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;](#)

- I. Prayer must buckle on all the other parts of the armor of God.
 - A. Prayer must be joined to each of these other parts of the armor.
 - B. Praying always is the first command given in this verse.
 - C. Praying always does not mean that we are to do nothing but pray, but that prayer must accompany all that these duties and graces.
 - D. It also shows us that there are different kinds of prayer.
 - 1. There is private prayer and there is public prayer.
 - 2. There is secret prayer and open, out-loud prayer.
 - 3. There is solitary prayer and there is social prayer.
 - 4. There is solemn prayer and sudden prayer.
 - 5. There is prayer that is confession of sin.
 - 6. There is prayer that is petition for mercy.
 - 7. There is prayer of thanksgiving and praise.
 - 8. There is intercessory prayer for others.

- II. So the command and instruction here is that we are to pray always in the Spirit with ALL prayer.
 - A. No matter the kind of prayer or the subject of the prayer we are to pray in the Spirit.
 - B. If we were to be honest and examine our prayers we would have to admit that most of our praying is basically complaining to God, trying to reason with God out of our own mind, trying to persuade God to do something we want to see done, or just vain repetitions which we have heard others pray and so we recite them to God just like the Catholics do their rosary.
 - C. Praying in the Spirit is none of that, but a oneness and communion with God's Spirit.

[Romans 8:26 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.](#)

- D. Praying in the Spirit is to be led by the Spirit of God in prayer itself.
 - 1. According to the Scripture we know not what we should pray for as we ought.
 - 2. We should not take it unto ourselves to do anything in the name of God without God's leading and guidance, and this includes praying, also.

- III. Watching thereunto with all perseverance...
 - A. To pray in the Spirit requires a constant walking with God.
 - 1. Our mind must be stayed on God.

[Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.](#)

- B. Watching thereunto means that we are striving to keep our mind and heart in close communion with God, practicing his presence always.
 - 1. If we are walking with God in our mind, then our heart is always in a disposition to pray.
 - 2. We do not have to work on our mind, our mood, or our thoughts, to get into a disposition where we can pray.

Psalm 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

IV. And supplication for all saints...

- A. Part of the armor of God is praying always in the Spirit, and with all the different kinds of prayer, in all the different situations and circumstances, for all the saints.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- B. It is most important and most effective in the edifying of the saints and their being able to withstand the enemy's attacks and overcome the world that their fellow brethren are praying always for them in the Spirit.
- C. If we prayed for one another like this it would create such a bond and such love for one another that there would be very little to quarrel about or be offended by.
- D. If we prayed for one another as we ought we would all be much more effective as ambassadors for Christ.

Ephesians 6:19-20 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- E. Paul asked specifically for them to pray for him and he told them what to pray for.
 - 1. That utterance would be given unto him – that he would have the opportunity to speak to people and to communicate the truth of Christ, and make known the mystery of the gospel of Christ.
 - 2. He asked them to pray for him, "...that I might speak boldly, as I ought to speak."
 - 3. Even Paul had the same tendency as we do to not speak when we should and to not speak boldly as we should, and he desired the prayers of the saints on his behalf in this matter.
 - 4. Surely their prayers for him had a part in the doors that were opened for him, the opportunities given him, and the many souls that came to know the Lord because of it all.
- F. So pray is an essential part of the armor of God and it is the common armor of the church of God.