

# **Power**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 6:10-20.

B. Jesus will work through us to accomplish His will when we pray constantly. (John 14:12-14; Nehemiah)

C. In Ephesians 6, we see the attitude of the Christian soldier, the necessary armor, and God's work through him. Today we will be focusing on the role of prayer in spiritual warfare.

II. Pray at all times. Prayer should be the attitude of our daily lives, as natural as anxiety or worry in our days. (Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

III. Pray in the Spirit, which means to pray directed by the Spirit and pray in the power of the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

A. Pray with a pure heart. (Psalm 66:18)

B. Pray in the name of Jesus.

C. Pray according to the will of God. (1 John 5:14)

IV. Pray with all prayers and supplications. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

A. There are four aspects of prayer.

1. Adoration is the worship of God. (Revelation 4:8- end of chapter 5)

2. Confession is calling sin what God calls it without excuses or justifications. (Matthew 5; Psalm 32:5)

3. Thanksgiving is pausing to thank God for answers to prayers and blessings. (Luke 17)

4. Supplication is a specific request from our daily lives. (Ephesians 1, 3; Philippians 1; Colossians 1)

V. Keep alert. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

A. We have an enemy in the devil and the old fleshly nature. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

B. We can fight back against the devil through prayer. (James 4:7)

C. Be alert to the needs of others and opportunities around us to pray.

VI. Keep at prayer with perseverance. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

VII. Pray for all the saints around the world. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

- A. We cannot pray for all the saints around the world by name, but we can by geography.
- B. Pray for the specific people that God gives you responsibility to pray for.
- C. God's glory is the goal of prayer. (John 14:13)

Application questions:

1. When you pray for others, what do you pray for them? Do you pray specifically or generally? How can you be more aware of the specific needs of the people that you have a responsibility to pray for?

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2. What are some of the signs that you might be experiencing an attack from the devil? How can you "resist the devil"?

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3. What things tend to discourage you when it comes to prayer?

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