

1 **GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE AND PRAYER CHANGES THINGS**

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

2 **1 Thessalonians 3:6-7**

• ⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you— ⁷ therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith.

3 **1 Thessalonians 3:8-11**

• ⁸ For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

4 **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

• ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

5 **Daddy's Wind Charger**

6 **Southwest Radio Church – Dr. E. F. Webber**

7 **Dr. Elmer Towns - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES**

• Lord, Paul was encouraged because Timothy had just returned to bring the good news that the Thessalonians were standing firm. Paul also learned the Thessalonians wanted to see him. This news gave Paul a lot of confidence in his present trials, and that his ministry of planting new churches would succeed, even when trials hit new churches. Now Paul was ready to really throw himself in ministry because of the positive news that the Thessalonians were standing true

8 **EFFECTIVE PRAYER DESCRIBED**

- Thankful, v. 9: ⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God.”
- Continual, v. 10: “night and day praying
- Serious, v. 10: “praying exceedingly”
 - Ephesians 3:20: “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”
 - Prayer is serious business.

9 **Hezekiah's prayer**

• ¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. ¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying: ¹⁶ “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

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11 **EFFECTIVE PRAYER DESCRIBED - 2**

- Hopeful, v. 10: *"that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?"*
- Submitting to God's will, v. 11: ¹¹ *Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you."*
 - Agabus warned Paul about going to Jerusalem.
 - Acts 21:13-14

12 **THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

- Abounding Love, v. 12: ¹² *And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you."*
- Establish your heart in holiness, v. 13: ¹³ *so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints."*

13 **THE PATH TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

- Have a Plan
- Have a Prayer List
- Find a Partner
- Become a Prayer Warrior
- Visit the War Room
- Start Early
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