

Praying with Godly Direction

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 160
Ephesians 6:18b-20

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¹⁸ by means of all prayer and supplication praying on every occasion¹ in the Spirit, and for this *purpose* being vigilant with all persistence and supplication concerning all the holy ones — ¹⁹ especially on behalf of me, that to me might be given the word, at the opening of my mouth, with boldness to make known the mystery of the good news, ²⁰ on behalf of which I am serving as ambassador...in chains!; that in it I might declare boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak. [Ephesians 6:18-20 DJP *ad hoc*]

Introduction

I. As to Prayer's _____ (v. 18b)

A. Its _____: *vigilant persistence*

1. *Vigilant* means...

a. What makes us *sleepy*?

i. Forgetting who we are _____ (1 Thessalonians ____:6-8)

ii. _____ly loss of perspective

Mark ____:32–37

Romans ____:11

b. What *wakes us up*?

i. _____ful _____ (Colossians ____:2)

ii. _____ (Galatians ____:13–14; ____:2)

iii. Remembering the _____ (1 Peter ____:8–9)

2. *Persistence* means...

a. The dire situation gives us determination (vv. 10-18)

b. God's word gives us _____ (Luke ____:1)

B. Its _____: *supplication*

1 Corinthians ____:24b–26

Hebrews ____:3

¹ Translated *time* in 5:16, where see note.

II. As to Prayer's _____ (vv. 18c-20)

A. For _____ (v. 18c)

1. _____: *the holy ones*

2. _____: *all the holy ones*

3. Implications
 - a. Requirement:

 - b. _____ of requirement:

 - c. What moves us to pay the price: _____

B. For _____ (vv. 19-20)

1. Paul's m_____
 - a. Title: *ambassador*
 - i. Meaning

 - ii. M_____ness: *...in chains!*

 - b. T_____:
 - i. Not

 - ii. But:

 - c. Tone:

2. Paul's m_____ity
 - 2 Corinthians ____:8-11

 - 2 Thessalonians ____:1

 - a. He was very transparent in his humanity (1 Corinthians ____:1-5)

 - b. Isn't that amazing, and revealing?