

Perseverance in Prayer Ephesians 6:18

I. Introduction

II. Do you understand the importance of prayer in the Christian life? v. 18a

- A. Prayer is fundamental to putting on each piece of the armor of God. (6:10-17, Ps.5 , Ps. 107:19-20)
- B. Engaging in spiritual battle without prayer is dangerous.

III. Practical instruction on the characteristics of prayer. v. 18

- A. Seek to pray varied prayers in various circumstances. (Eph. 1:3-14, Ps. 88:13, 1 Kings 8:54, 1 Tim. 2:8, Ps. 50, Eph. 1:16, Eph. 5:20, Eph. 3:16-19, Matth. 6)
- B. Pray at all times consistently. (Lk. 21:36, Acts 2:42, Acts 10:2, 1 Thess. 5:17, Matth. 6:7, Col. 3:2, Ps. 55:17, Phil. 4:6)
- C. Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:18, 5:18, Rom. 8:26-27, Rom. 8:15)
- D. Be alert in prayer with perseverance. (Matth. 26:41, Col. 4:2, Lk. 18:1-9, Lk. 11:5-9)
- E. Petition for all the saints. (Phil. 2:3-4, Heb. 3:12-13)

IV. Conclusion / Application (Matth. 6:6, Luke 18:38)

To attempt any work for God without prayer is as futile as trying to launch a space probe with a peashooter.

John Blanchard

The prime need of the church is not men of money nor men of brains, but men of prayer.

E. M. Bounds

If man is man and God is God, to live without prayer is not merely an awful thing, it is an infinitely foolish thing.

Phillips Brooks

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge for Satan.

John Bunyan

Prayer is the chief exercise of faith.

John Calvin

Prayer is the acid test of devotion.

Samuel Chadwick

Prayer does not enable us to do a greater work for God. Prayer is a greater work for God.

Thomas Chalmers

The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.

Samuel Chadwick

Restraining prayer we cease to fight;
Prayer makes the Christian's armour
bright; And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

William Cowper

Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven.

Christmas Evans