

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Invisible War:

Praying in the Spirit

Text: Ephesians 6:18-20

Topic: Spiritual Warfare; Prayer

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Praying in the Spirit are prayers that are...

CONSISTENT. *“Pray in the Spirit at all times”.* (18) *“very specific prayers”.*

- A **adoration**
- C **confession**
- T **thanksgiving**
- S **supplication**

CONTINUAL. *“at all times”* (18) *On all occasions.*

At set times. *In the morning and at noon and at evening, I will pray unto you.* The Psalmist

Spontaneous. *“With all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit”* (ASV).

COMMUNION. *in the Spirit*

Praying in communion with, and directed by the Holy Spirit.

COMMITTED. *“Be on the alert, be persistent”*

Alert. Focused. Intense. Sacrificial. Persevering.
Pleading with God.

You will never experience more distraction and opposition than when you engage in **this kind of praying**.

“The demonic forces come to attention when people get into God’s word, but demons are fearful and they shudder when God’s people begin to pray.” - Anonymous

Breaking Through = **Persevering** in prayer until you get that second wind.

There is a kind of prayer that makes a difference as you put on the whole armor of God. It’s not little fluttery prayers. It’s not prayers of convenience. It’s prayers that are consistent. It’s prayers that are intense.” Elisabeth Elliot. **Notes on Prayer**

CONFIDENT. Pray for *all the saints*, (20) *That we will be bold, and that utterance may be given in such a way that God’s message will be clear and have opportunity.”*

Too often we pray **too small**.

“Prayer is the energy that allows the soldier to wear the armor and to wield the sword with confidence.” - Warren Wiersbe.

“The great people in God’s economy are people who pray. I do not mean people who talk about prayer nor those who say they believe in prayer nor those who can explain about prayer. I mean those people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. That something else is important and it’s pressing, but that something else is still less important and still less pressing than prayer.” -S.D. Gordon