

The Christian's Warfare: Warfare Prayer

Ephesians 6:18-20

Study Questions

1. The book of Ephesians begins with us in the heavenlies, and ends with us on our knees in constant, fervent, dependent, watchful prayer.
 - a. What does it mean to pray *at all times*?

 - b. Why does Paul say, “prayers *and* supplications” instead of just “prayers?”

 - c. For whom does Paul (say in this text) our prayers should be primarily concerned?

2. 6:18 includes 4 uses of the word *all*.
 - a. Identify and explain each use of the word “all.”

 - b. What do these uses tell us about the role of prayer in the life of a Christian?

 - c. What point does this text get across concerning the primacy of prayer in spiritual warfare?

3. 6:18 says the power of our prayer is the dependence we have on the Holy Spirit, Who, among other things, brings to mind the reconciled relationship we have with God.
 - a. What does it mean to pray *in the Holy Spirit* (see Rom 8:26-27)?

 - b. How is praying “in the Spirit” connected to praying aware of our relationship with the Father (See Rom 15:15-17; Gal 4:5-7)?

 - c. Is there a relationship between “praying in the Spirit” and “being filled with the Spirit?”

 - d. Why is it safe to conclude that “praying in the Spirit” does not mean praying in tongues or praying led by some kind of subjective supernatural experience?

4. In 6:19-20, Paul urges the Ephesian church to pray for him.
 - a. If you were a member of that church, how would the pattern set in 6:18 help you better pray for Paul?

 - b. What do Paul’s circumstances, and what he asks for in prayer, say about his priorities?

 - c. How can we better pray in a way that honors Christ and does not ignore real physical needs (see Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 6:9-15)?