

# A Good Prayer Life

## Consistent and Persistent

Points to Consider

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**Acts 2:40-43**

From the very beginning of the church the disciples continued \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.

**Col 4:2-4** *Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.* NKJV

The word translated “continue earnestly” means to be “\_\_\_\_\_ diligent” in prayer.

We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our thanksgiving.

We should be diligent in praying for opportunities for the word to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Eph 6:17-20** *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.* NKJV

While putting on the armor of God we should pray \_\_\_\_\_. The phrase “prayer always” is the word prayer attached with the word stand. We should \_\_\_\_\_ strong in prayer.

Paul instructs us to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ the saints and to pray for boldness to speak up for Christ.

**1 Thess 5:16-18** *Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* NKJV

We are to pray without \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rom 1:9-12** *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established — 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.* NKJV

Paul said that he prayed without ceasing and mentioned them \_\_\_\_\_ in his prayers to God.

**Phil 4:6-7** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* NKJV

We should pray about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ps 55:16-17** *As for me, I will call upon God, And the Lord shall save me. 17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.* NKJV

David prayed in the evening, the \_\_\_\_\_, and at noon.

**Luke 6:12-16** *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.* NKJV

Jesus spent \_\_\_\_\_ night in prayer before he chose His twelve apostles.

**Dan 6:1-10** Daniel had a \_\_\_\_\_ of praying consistently.

## A Good Prayer Life is Persistent

**Luke 18:1-8** - Jesus taught that we should pray always without \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

Jesus' parable focused on asking the same thing \_\_\_\_\_ times.

Persistent faith requires great \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 15:21-28** - This little girl was released from the demon that possessed her \_\_\_\_\_ her mom was persistent in her request of Jesus.

**Matt 26:36-46** Jesus made the same request of God \_\_\_\_\_ times in the same evening.

**2 Cor 12:7-10** *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* NKJV

Both Jesus and Paul prayed until they got their \_\_\_\_\_.

## Practical Suggestions

1. Schedule prayer time.
2. Keep a prayer list ready and use it. Include the following:
  - a. The News and Notes.
  - b. That doors be open for the spreading of the gospel in Columbus and where we are supporting men to preach the gospel.
  - c. Things for which we are thankful. Again, a list is very helpful.
  - d. Spend more time praying than you spend on social media.