

## **“Prayer The Power For Victory” – Ephesians 6:18-24**

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### **Introduction**

1. As Christians we possess the armor of God to fight against the devil and his powers. But without prayer the armor and sword are useless. For prayer is the energy that enables us to wear the armor and wield the sword!

### **I. The Energy (6:18-20)**

- a. Pray Always
  - i. The battle cannot be won by our own power but only by God’s power
  - ii. Exodus 17:8-16 Moses had to hold his hands and staff toward heaven and pray for Joshua to be victorious
  - iii. Prayer is the power of victory for the battle is either won or lost in it
  - iv. Praying like this does not mean we pray every minute of the day but that we are in constant communication with the Father. In other words we never leave God behind for He is with us always
- b. Pray With All Prayer
  - i. There is more than one kind of prayer...
    1. Supplication, Intercession, thanksgiving, praise etc.
- c. Pray In The Spirit
  - i. Romans 8:26-27 – We pray in the will of God by the Spirit
- d. Pray With Your Eyes Open
  - i. “Watch and Pray” occurs often in the bible (Neh 4:9 is a good example of this)
- e. Keep On Praying
  - i. Perseverance means to stick it out and to never quit (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4 Rom 12:12)
  - ii. We pray until we find God’s answer whether it is yes, no, later, something better etc. (Acts 12:1-19)
- f. Pray For All The Saints
  - i. He is “Our Father” and we pray as a great family that loves talking to God

### **II. The Encouragement (6:21-24)**

- a. We Are Not Alone
  - i. We are fighting the battle for our souls together and therefore should encourage one another as Paul did with the Ephesians
  - ii. What an encouragement to be part of the family of God! There is nowhere in the bible an isolated believer. Christians are like sheep they flock together.

### **III. Conclusion**

- a. We must arm ourselves with whole armor of God to resist and stand firm against Satan
  - i. We must arm ourselves with truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, the hope of salvation, the Word of God and with prayer.
  - ii. Only then we will be “strong in the Lord and the power of His might”