



Our Battleground

Ephesians 6:10-24

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Weapon #1: The Accomplishment of Jesus Christ

Weapon #2: The Armor of God

Weapon #3: The Atmosphere of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (NIV)

The Concept of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray...with all kinds of prayers and requests...” (NIV)

Prayer is communication with God that extracts victory from up there so we can exercise authority down here.

The Centrality of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray....on *all* occasions with *all* kinds of prayers and requests...*always* keep on praying for *all* the Lord’s people.” (NIV)

Prayer is important. Some spiritual deliverance only occurs through prayer.

Mark 9:28-29, “28 ...his disciples asked him privately, ‘Why couldn’t we drive it out?’ 29 He replied, ‘This kind can come out only by prayer.’” (NIV)

The Consistency of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray...on all occasions....be alert and always keep on praying...” (NIV)

1 Timothy 2:8, “I want everyone everywhere to lift innocent hands toward heaven and pray...” (CEV)

1 Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray continually.” (NIV)

Prayer is an orientation that says, “I live all my life with God in mind.”

Colossians 3:1, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” (NIV)

Matthew 26:41, “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” (NIV)

The Companion of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray in the Spirit...” (NIV)

I pray in the Spirit when my thoughts are informed by the Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:9-13)

Romans 8:26-28, “26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (NIV)

The Spirit of God helps me pray.

The Community of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18, “... keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (NIV)

I am to pray for others, not just my family and me.

Intercession is talking to God for others.

1 Samuel 12:23, “As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you...” (NIV)

Ephesians 6:19-24, “19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. 21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. 22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. 23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.” (NIV)

1 John 3:8, “...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.” (NIV)

Revelation 20:10, “And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur...” (NIV)

Our certain victory in the invisible war makes all the difference in how I live my life today.