

MARCHING ON YOUR KNEES

Ephesians 6:18-20

For the Christian soldier to be successful, he or she must communicate with
The Commander and that communication happens only when
they commit to marching on their knees!

Today let's look at three simple principles of prayer from this passage.

I. PRAY FOR YOURSELF (18a)

A. THE TYPE OF PRAYER:

- "With all prayer ... pray."

1. All prayer forms, positions, places and situations
2. Variety and variations should characterize our prayer life

B. THE TERMS OF PRAYER

- With "petition" pray.

1. Urgent petitions - See Neh. 2:4
2. Specific requests - See Judges 6:36-40
3. Particular benefits - Specific requests get specific answers

C. THE TIME OF PRAYER

- "Pray at all times."

1. Ready and qualified to pray at all times
2. Praying without ceasing - I Thess. 5:17
3. Fulfilling God's instruction for men - See I Tim. 2:8
4. Developing a constant and conscious dependence on God

D. THE TRAIT FOR PRAYER

- "In the Spirit."

1. Holy Spirit prompted and energized prayer - Rom. 8:26-27
2. Fervency does not guarantee answers, it may be a fleshly prayer - cf. James 4:3
3. There is danger in "unspiritual" prayer - Ps. 106:15

II. PRAY FOR THE SAINTS (18b)

A. BE PERCEPTIVE

- "With this in view ..."

1. Remember all the saints
2. The greatest gift we can give to another is prayer support

B. BE PREPARED

- "Be on the alert."

1. Be engaged - I Sam. 12:23a
2. Be Informed
3. Be Interceding - Luke 23:31-32

C. BE PERSEVERING

- "With all perseverance"

1. Remaining faithful and fervent in prayer -
- See Acts 1:14, 2:42 and 6:4
2. Praying even though delays may come

D. BE PARTICULAR

- "With all perseverance and petition."

1. Be specific: The stress here is on the need for particular prayer
2. Do for others as you should be doing for yourself and pray specifically

III. PRAY FOR GOD'S SERVANTS (19-20)

A. PRAY FOR THEIR MESSAGE

1. The content or words of the message
2. The character of the message - Acts 26:18
3. The communication of the message
- That it might be powerful and proper

B. PRAY FOR THEIR MINISTRY (20)

1. The Problem: Paul is an ambassador in chains
2. The Priority: Paul is concerned that his assigned duty be successful

CONCLUSION:

Are you marching on your knees?

**Do you prayerfully and faithfully communicate with the Commander for yourself,
the saints and God's servants?**

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