

The Armor of God Series #15

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18-20

As Christians we are spiritual beings living life in a physical world; we must ascend to the throne of God to breathe the air of prayer, only then can we successfully go back to living here below. Prayer is the spiritual air we breathe; it is to be woven into, over, and around everything! When a believer fails to pray, they are holding their breath spiritually.

I. WE ARE TO PRAY “ALWAYS” (v 18)

1. Prayer is the key to successful spiritual battle; it is the catalyst that implements God’s resources into our life.
2. There is no time in our life that we should **not** be praying. (Lk 21:36; Acts 6:4; Rm 12:12; Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17; Acts 12-16)

II. THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

- Communication with God.
- Fellowship with God. (1 John 1:3)

III. THE PERSISTENCE OF PRAYER (Col 4:2)

1. A life of prayer requires perseverance. (Rom 12:12)
2. Persistent, faithful prayers make a difference. (Luke 11 & 18)
3. A believer’s life should be a constant exercise of prayer.
4. Everything is an opportunity for prayer.
5. Prayer is not just something we do; it is a way of life.

IV. THE VARIETY OF PRAYER (v 18)

- Pray at all times with all kinds of prayers.
- Many different ways to pray!
- Pray at all times and in every situation.
- Because we are dependent upon the power of God, we must let everything become a prayer!
- Prayer is our spiritual breath.