

Spiritual Warfare: *Pray in the Spirit at All Times*

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Eph. 6:18)

You Don't Always Know

- *"In the Spirit..."*

1 Cor. 14:14-15

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

Romans 8:26-27

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

- *"At All Time...Every Occasion...Alert...Persistent...For All Believers Everywhere"*

Revelation 8:3-5

Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer (bowl); and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incense ascended from the angel's hand with the prayers of the saints before God. ⁵Then the angel took the censer (bowl) and filled it with the fire of the altar, and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

- Faithful, Persistent Prayers Have Reinforcement Power in Spiritual Warfare

Prayer as Listening

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Guard your steps as you go to the house of God, and approach to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know that they are doing evil. Do not be quick with your mouth or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

- Not theologically articulate or emotionally eloquent words...**(Matthew 6:5-7)**
 - Private & Persistent

Joining God in What He is Doing

John 5:17-20

My Father is always working, and so am I...I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.

- God is always at work all around you.
- God invites you to become involved in His work.
- God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
- You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
- You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

-- Henry Blackaby
Experiencing God