



Living Beyond Yourself

A Study Through Ephesians

Part 36 – Prayer – Our Secret Weapon

The Weapon of Prayer

Prayer puts us in close _____ with our leader. The weapon of prayer will make the difference between victory and defeat.

"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but _____ when we pray."

Samuel Chadwick

Prayer fueled the _____

Acts 1:14 -

Acts 2:42 -

Acts 4:29,30 -

Ephesians 6:18-20

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 saints.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, 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.

Prayer is to be Spirit-guided

Paul says to _____ in the _____. That means to pray _____ by or _____ by or _____ by the Spirit.

Romans 8:26-27 - The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express...

The Four "Alls"

1. On all _____ (at all times)

2. With all _____ of prayers and requests

James 5:13 - Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

I saw more clearly than ever, that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord. The first thing to be concerned about was not, how I might serve the Lord, how I might glorify the Lord; but how I might get my soul into a happy state, and how my inner man may be nourished....

George Mueller

With this in mind, be alert

If the weapon of prayer is to be used _____, it must be used _____. The battle rages on!

What happens when we don't pray?

- _____ leads to _____ bearing
- _____ bearing leads to _____
- _____ leads to _____

Charles Stanley "When the Enemy Strikes"

3 & 4. Always keep on _____ for all the _____

Ephesians 1:15-19 -

Ephesians 3:14-19

Paul's Example

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had _____ else to go.

Abraham Lincoln