

# Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

*Lesson 13*

## Sustained C3I Praying Always

Ephesians 6:10-18

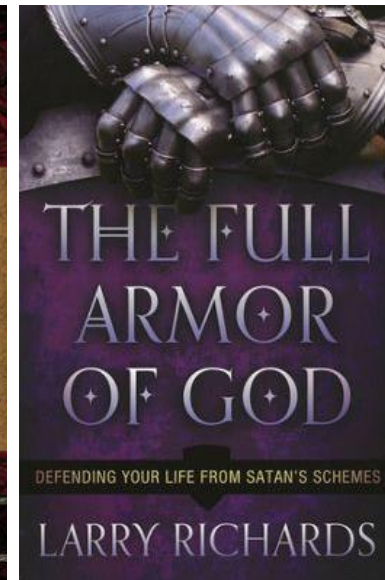
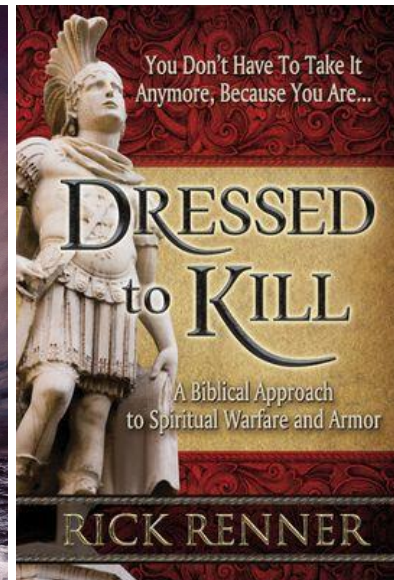
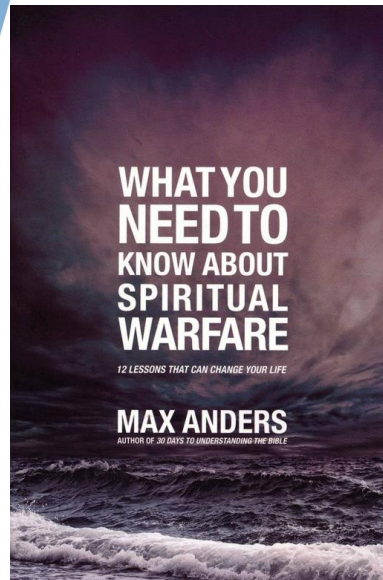
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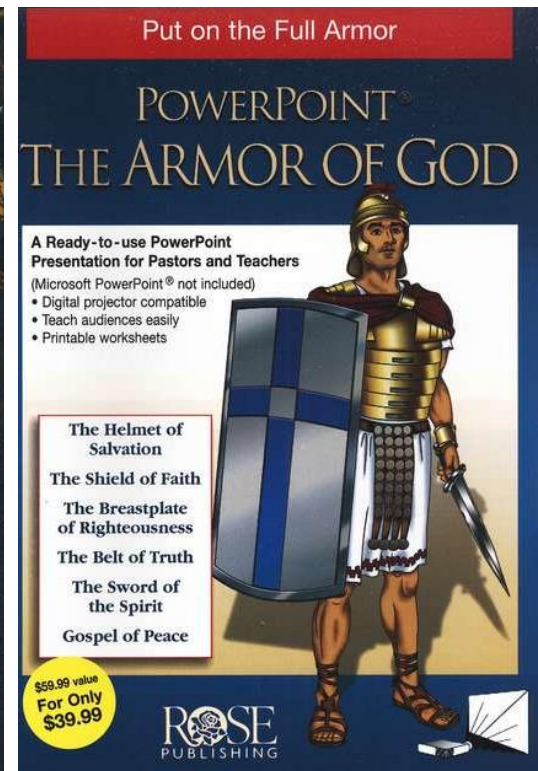
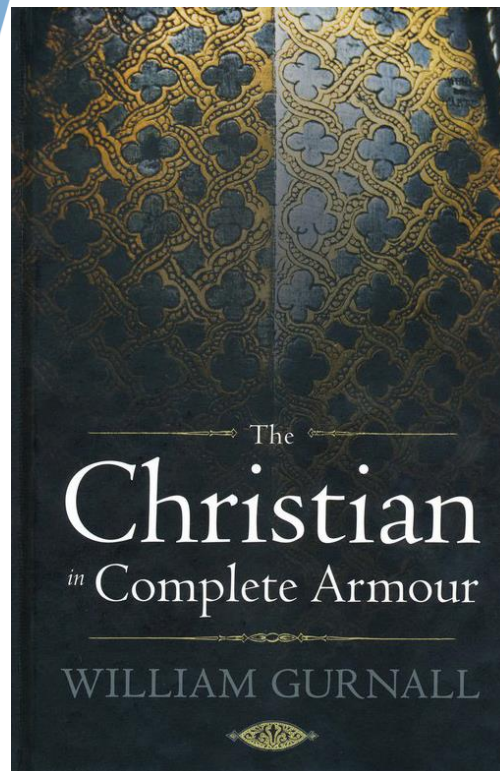


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"PUT ON THE  
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- EPHESIANS 6:11



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# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



# Course Outline

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# Sustained C3I: PRAYING ALWAYS

## *Scriptural Context*

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# Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV

# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

## • Our Strategic Plan: Be Strong in the Lord

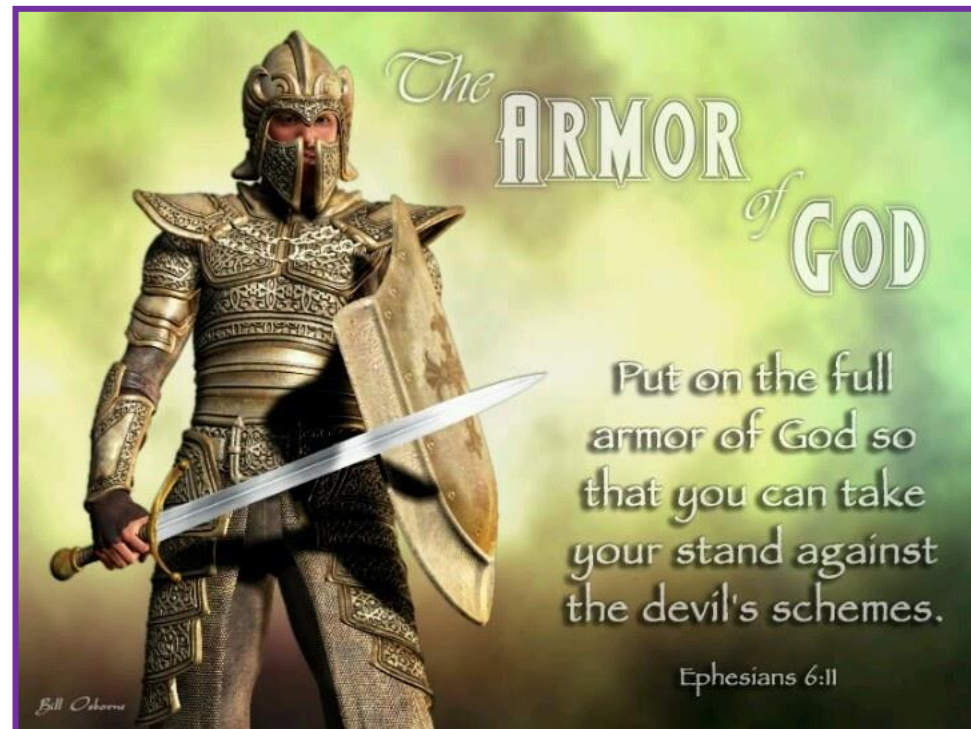
- Rely on the strength of the Lord  
✓ *Not our own strength*
- Rely on the power of the Lord  
✓ *Not our own power*
- Our victory is assured  
✓ *IF we rely on the Lord*
- “Put on” and “Take up”  
✓ The full armor of God

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in **the Lord** and in the power of **His might**.

--- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV

## ▪ Enemy Tactics:

- Deceit
- *“Be not deceived”*



Ephesians 6:11



# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

## Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT	RESOURCE	REVIEW
Belt	TRUTH	All body armor hinges to the Belt; Jesus is the Truth; Holy Spirit of Truth
Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	Breastplate protects the heart - the seat of affections; God's righteousness is imputed;
Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	Shoes protect the legs and feet; Shoes provide stability; Gospel of peace provides confidence in God's promises. Gospel of peace provides security in our reconciliation.
Shield	FAITH	Shield was the maneuverable part of the armor. Believer's Shield capable of quenching ALL the fiery darts. Shield can be used in unison.
Helmet	SALVATION	Helmet is fitted for the protection of the head and mind. Protection from the enemy's schemes ( <i>lies</i> ) is rooted in an understanding of Salvation itself. All three members of the Trinity contribute to your salvation.
Sword	THE SPIRIT	Sword may be used for both defensive and offensive purposes. The Sword is the Word of God. Effective sword handling require training and practice.
<i>Comms Gear</i>	PRAYING ALWAYS	COVERED IN THIS LESSON

A photograph of a closet interior. On a wire shelf at the top, a full plate helmet with a red plume sits next to some folded clothes. Below the shelf, a full suit of plate armor is hanging on a black hanger. The armor is highly reflective and covers the torso, arms, and legs. To the left and right of the armor, various modern clothes like jeans and shirts are hanging on hangers. The closet door, which is made of horizontal wooden slats, is partially visible on the right side of the frame.

# PUT IT ON

THE ENEMY'S AIMING AT YOU.  
PROTECT YOURSELF.  
(See Ephesians 6:11-18.)



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- After all the elements of Armor have been “put on” or “taken up”
  - The believer needs “marching orders”
- Prayer is the means of communications between the believing soldier and our High Commander - God Almighty
  - God is our commanding officer.
  - We receive our commands by...
    - Praying in the Spirit

**PRAY IN THE SPIRIT**  
**AT ALL TIMES AND**  
**ON EVERY OCCASION.**  
**STAY ALERT AND**  
**BE PERSISTENT IN**  
**YOUR PRAYERS FOR ALL**  
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- **Military Communications**

- The earliest military communications were delivered by humans on foot or horse.
- Communications progressed to visual and audible signals, and then advanced into the electronic age.

- **Signals**

- The first distinctive tactics of military communications were called "signals".
- Modern units specializing in these tactics are usually designated as "signal corps".

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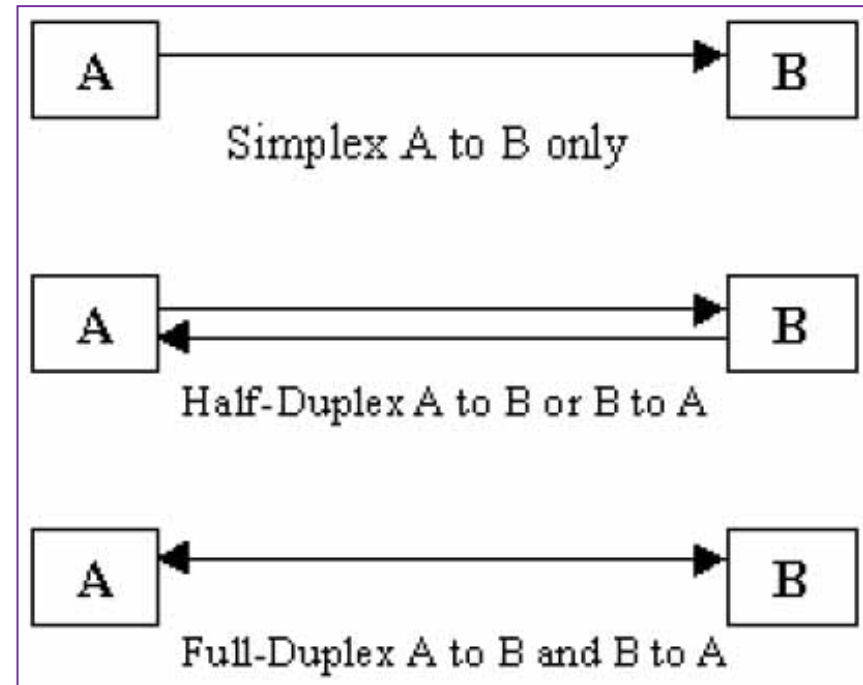
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### • Duplex

A **duplex** communication system is a point-to-point system composed of two connected parties or devices that can communicate with one another in **both directions**.

There are two types of duplex communication systems:

full-duplex and half-duplex.

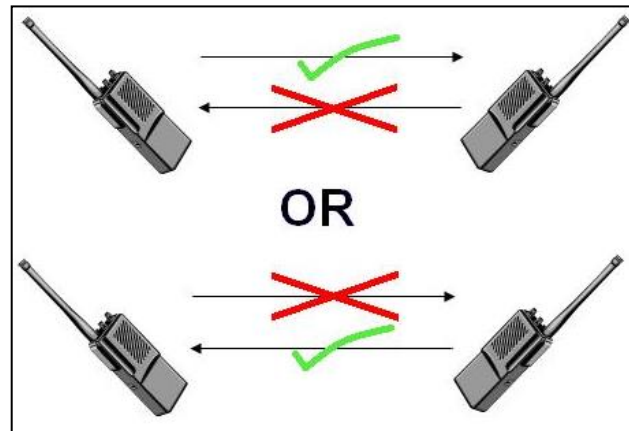


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- **Type of Communication ... Duplex**
  - **Half-Duplex**

In a **half-duplex** system, in contrast, each party can communicate to the other, but **not simultaneously**; the communication is one direction at a time. An example of a half-duplex device is a **walkie-talkie** two-way radio that has a "push-to-talk" button



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- **Full-Duplex**

In a **full duplex** system, both parties can communicate to the other **simultaneously**. An example of a full-duplex device is a **telephone**; the parties at both ends of a call can speak and be heard by the other party simultaneously.



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- **Type of Prayer Communication ... Duplex**
  - Spiritual Application

The two parties involved in the communication are...

- 1) God
- 2) The Believer

The actual communication is our Prayer

- 1) Our speaking to God
- 2) God Speaking to Us

**Is your prayer communication half-duplex or full-duplex?**

- Contemplate this question.
- Bring it before the Lord this week in your devotions.
- Listen for His insights.

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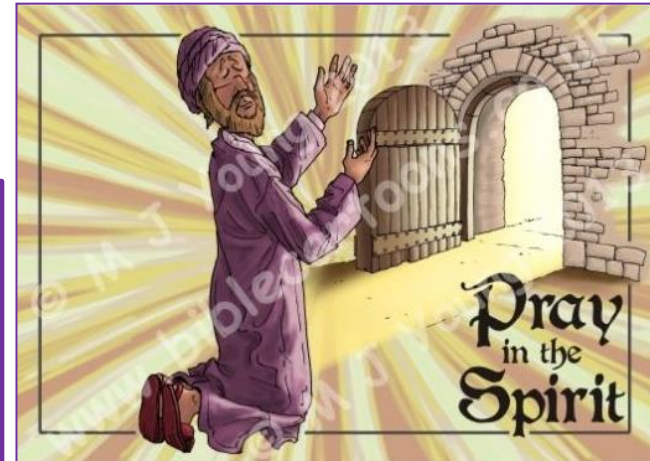
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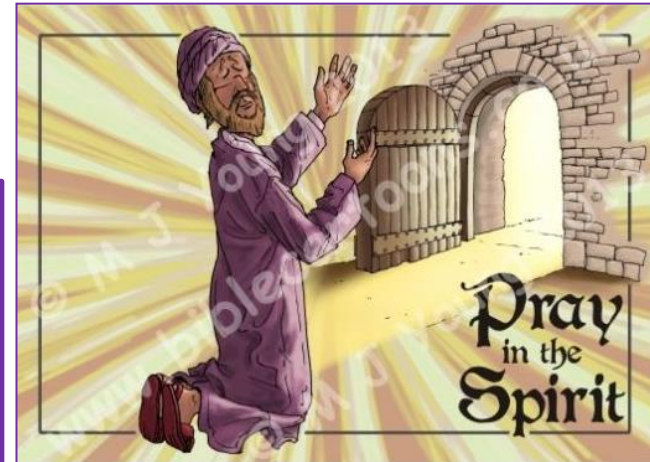
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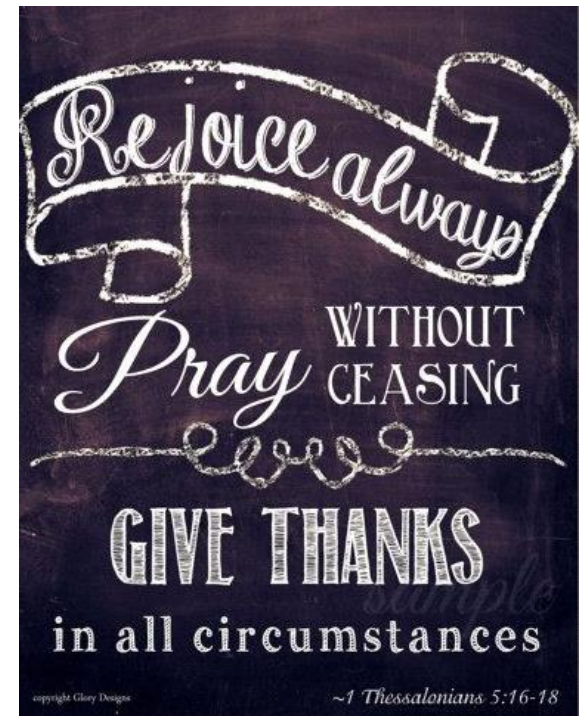
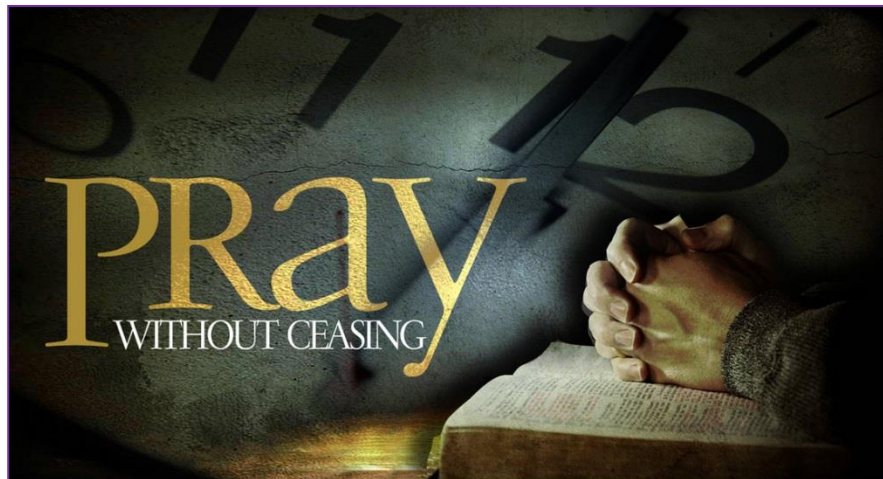
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- **The Attitude of Prayer ... praying **always****

- **Praying always** does **not** mean that we fold our hands and spend all our time on our knees.
- It means we should have an attitude of prayer throughout our day.

<sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing,  
-- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ... NKJV



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- **Praying in the Spirit** means ...
  - We do not recite meaningless prayers.
  - We depend on God' guidance for what we should pray for. ... Romans 5:26-27



<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. --- Romans 5:26-27 ... NKJV

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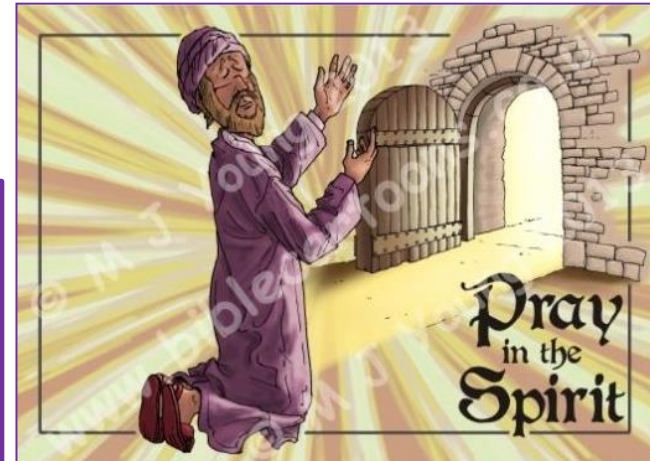
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- **The Scope of Prayer ... with **all** prayer and supplication**

- **Prayer**

- Refers to **general** requests

- **Supplication**

- Refers to **specific** requests

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication**, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;  
<sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.  
--- Philipians 4:6-7 ... NKJV

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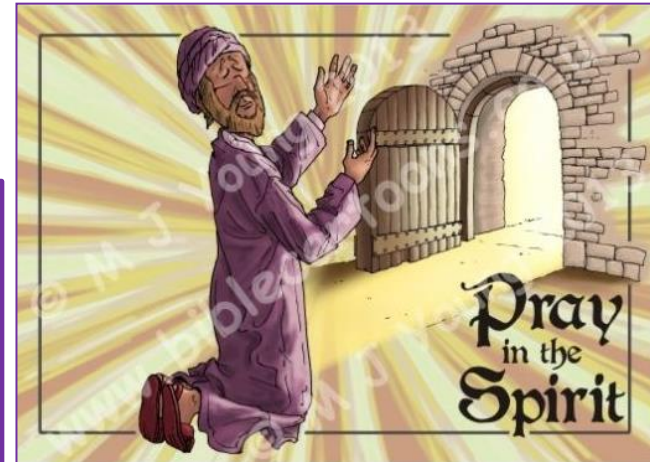
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## • The Fervency of Prayer ... with **all** perseverance and supplication

### • **Fervency**

- Does not mean that we have to work ourselves up to a fever pitch every time we pray.
- It refers to the principle of perseverance in our supplications.

### • Persistence ... Matthew 7:7-8

- Continually Ask
- Continually Seek
- Continually Knock

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who **asks** receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened.

--- Matthew 7:7-8 ... NKJV

The **present imperative** tense used for the verbs in these verses. This implies that the asking, seeking, and knocking are all described as **continuous actions**, and **this implies that prayer to be effective should also be a continual habit, rather than an occasional plea.**

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  - **Fervency** ... *An Example*

## Parable of the Persistent Widow

**18** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. <sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. <sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

--- Luke 18:1-8 ... NKJV

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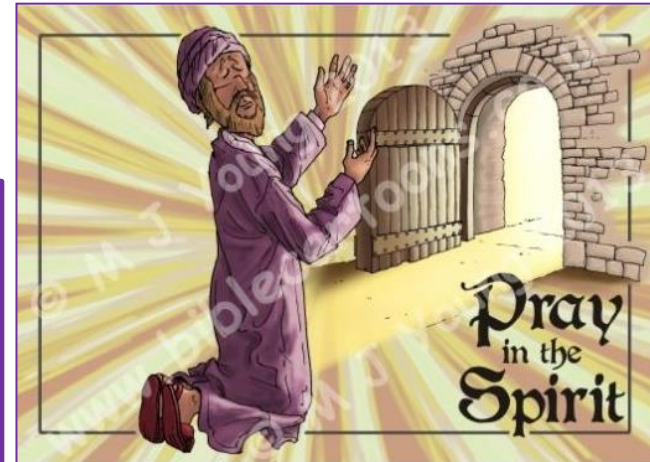
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- **The Target of Prayer ... for **all** the saints**

- We are to pray for all the saints
  - Not just believers in our Holy Huddle
  - Not just believers in our Church
  - Not just believers in our Denomination
- “Saints” are all believers

# COMMUNICATIONS

## -- Praying Always --

### SUMMARY

- As believers, we are to have an attitude of submission to, dependence on, and guidance from the Holy Spirit in our praying.
- Prayers refer to general requests.
- Supplications refer to specific requests.
- As believers, we are to persevere in our supplications.
- As believers, we are to pray for **all** saints.



*Jesus is Coming Soon!*



