

James 4:2,3 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Eph.6:11,12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

# Stand against Satan's Schemes in God's Power in His Protective Armor and in Effective Prayer



## A believer stands against Satan's schemes by Prayer

> Eph.6:18 (Stand, therefore...) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

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> Ephesians 6:19-20 and (pray) also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A believer stands against Satan's schemes with effective prayer. So, how can we pray effectively?

#### 1. Effective Prayer is Complete

- ➤ Eph. 6:18 praying...with all prayer and supplication
- ➤ Matthew 6:5-7 When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites; for they love..to be seen by men...But you, when you pray, go into your inner room...do not use meaningless repetition...
- > A.C.T.S.

#### 1. Effective Prayer is Complete

- ➤ Matthew 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- ➤ Matt. 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- ➤ Matt. 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

- ➤ Matt. 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- ➤ Matt. 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

- 2. Effective Prayer is Constant
  - ➤ Eph. 6:18 ..praying at all times
  - ➤ 1 Thess.5:16-18 Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
  - > Repeatedly

- 3. Effective Prayer is according to His Word & The Spirit
- Eph. 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit
- Rom. 8:26-27 ... We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us... the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

- 3. Effective Prayer is according to His Word & His Spirit
- John 14:14 if you ask me anything in my name, I will do it
- John 15:7 if you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you

#### 4. Effective Prayer is Alert

- ➤ Eph. 6:18 To that end keep alert
- Matt. 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- > Acts 20:29-30

≥ 1 Thess. 5:6-8 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be selfcontrolled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

#### 4. Effective Prayer is Alert

➤ 1 Pet. 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

#### 5. Effective Prayer Perseveres

- ➤ Eph. 6:18 ...with all perseverance
- Luke 11:9-10 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

#### 5. Effective Prayer Perseveres

Luke 18:1-8 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him...

#### 5. Effective Prayer Perseveres

> P.U.S.H. (Pray, Until, Something, Happens)



### 6. Effective Prayer intercedes for other believers

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for all the saints

- > Protection
- **Provision**
- ➤ Obedience
- >Success
- Boldness



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Effective prayer is complete, constant, correct, alert, persevering, and cares about others

