

## *Study Guide*

**Series:** Prayer Call

**Message:** *The Power of Unceasing Prayer*

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**Text:** I Thessalonians 5.16-18 (NKJV)



**Objective:** We want to highlight the power and importance of ceaseless prayer in spiritual growth.

### **The Three Essentials of the Church:**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Three Aspects of Prayer:**

- a) Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_

### **Three Essentials for Unceasing Prayer:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer (**attitude**) – **Matthew 6.9.** ‘Our **Father** in **heaven**, **hallowed** be your **name**, **10.** your **kingdom** come, your **will** be **done** on earth as it is in **heaven**. (NIV)

**v.9a.** Our **Father** in **heaven** (**relationship**)

**v.9b.** **hallowed** be your **name** (**reverence**)

**v.10.** your **kingdom** come; your **will** be **done** on earth as it is in **heaven**. (**request**)

**Posture of prayer** reflects **reverence** for God as our Father, **longing** for His kingdom to come, and **participating** through our obedience to His will on earth as it is in heaven.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer – **Proverbs 3.5**. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. **6**. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (ESV)

**v.5a. Trust** in the Lord with **all your heart (faith)**

**v.5b. do not lean** on your own **understanding**. In all your ways **acknowledge** him (**humility**)

**v.6.** he will make **straight your paths (promise)**

**Principle of prayer** is placing your **complete trust** in God's decisions for your life, **confident** in His promise to guide you, even when the path is not clear.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer - **I Thessalonians 5.16. Rejoice** always, **17.** pray **without ceasing**, **18.** in everything **give thanks**; for this is the **will of God** in Christ Jesus for you.

**v.16. Rejoice** always (stay hopeful)

**v.17.** Pray **without ceasing** (constant dialogue)

**v.18.** in everything **give thanks**; for this is the **will of God** in Christ Jesus for you. (be grateful)

**Persistence in prayer** involves cultivating an **attitude of rejoicing** and **thankfulness** while **staying in constant dialogue** with God.

**Takeaway:** The **power of unceasing** prayer requires the right **posture**, adherence to the right **principles**, and **persistence** -- all accompanied by an attitude of **joy** and **thankfulness**. When integrated into our daily lives, **ongoing prayer transforms** our hearts, and **influences** every aspect of our lives according to God's will.

### **Reflective Questions:**

1. How consistent is your prayer life?
2. How has my prayer life transformed my life?
3. Do I remain persistent in my prayers, even when I don't see immediate results?
4. Am I open to listening during prayer, or do I focus more on speaking to God?
5. How can I make prayer a more integral part of my life?