

Study Guide

Series: Prayer Call

Message: *The Power of Unceasing Prayer*

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18 (NKJV)



In Christ, you walk in the Spirit by: (1) **setting your mind** on things above, not on earth, (2) **walking by faith**, not by sight, and (3) **internalizing God's Word** to change the way you think (new mind).

Reflection: What is the evidence that you practice walking in the Spirit?

Servants of Christ are **set-apart**, as living **sacrifices**, wholly **devoted** to **servng** God in a way that is **acceptable worship** to Him. They **look forward** to the day when they will be **rewarded** for their **faithful** service and enter into the **joy** of the Lord, being **united** with Christ at the **Wedding Feast** - the ultimate celebration of salvation. References: Matthew 22.1-14, Revelation 19.6-9

Reflection: What are some signs that you are God's servant?

Three Essentials for Unceasing Prayer:

1. _____ of prayer – Matthew 6.9-10 (NIV):

v9a. 'Our **Father** in heaven' (**relationship**)

v9b. '**hallowed** be your **name**' (**reverence**)

v10. '**your kingdom come your will** be done on earth as it is in heaven' (**submission**)

Commentary: Our Father states God's accessibility to us as family members. His name makes Him worthy of worshipping. Asking for His kingdom to come is our commitment to obeying God's will and living in a way that our actions reflect His reign on earth, just as it is in heaven.

Posture of prayer *reflects* reverence for God as our Father, seeking His kingdom to come, and aligning our desire to obey His will on earth as it is in heaven.

Reflection: How can you reflect God's kingdom in your daily actions?

2. _____ of prayer – Proverbs 3.5-6 (ESV)

v5a. Trust in the Lord with **all** your heart (**faith**)

v5b. do not lean on your own **understanding**, **v6a.** in all your ways **acknowledge** him? (**humility**)

v6b. and he will make **straight your paths** (**promise**)

Commentary: You must put your complete trust in God, not relying on your own understanding, but trusting in His ability to lead and guide us according to His plan for our lives.

Principle of prayer is *wholeheartedly* placing our **trust** in God's decisions for our lives and **confident** in His promise to lead us in the right direction, even when it is **not clear to us**.

Reflection: How can you deepen your trust in God's perfect will and rely on His guidance, even when the path ahead seems unclear?

3. _____ in prayer - I Thessalonians 5.16-18 (NKJV)

v16. Rejoice always (hopeful)

v17. Pray without ceasing (ongoing dialogue)

v18. in everything **give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (grateful)

Commentary: The power of praying *without ceasing* involves making prayer an ongoing part of our daily lives. Our hearts stay open to transformation, keeping us aligned with God, while maintaining an attitude of constant rejoicing and thankfulness in all things.

Persistence in prayer is cultivating an attitude of rejoicing and thankfulness while keeping an ongoing dialogue with God.

Reflection: In what areas of your life can you be intentional about rejoicing and giving thanks, even during challenging times?
