

**Ephesians 6: 10-20**

**6:12** "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,,,," Making an attack on the *instrument* of evil will not stop the *hand* on the instrument.

**II Corinthians 10: 3-5**

The Word of God and Prayer are the offensive weapons in this war.

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**Main Text today:** EPHESIANS 6: 18-20 \*\*\*\*\*

**v. 18** "pray at all times" Kairos- All incidents in life are to be prayed about.

Not the word **chronos**- days, hours, minutes/ as if to do nothing else but focused prayer

Ex. Nehemiah 2:4 Prayed "while" talking to a king (On the fly, we might say)

Ex. I Thessalonians 5:17/ Romans 12:12/ Luke 18:1

**v. 18 (continued)** "pray at all times IN THE SPIRIT" - ( Jude 20 " ,,, praying in the Holy Spirit")

This is quite different than just the **first step** to discipline yourself to show up for prayer. It is the **second step**: It is to allow the Holy Spirit to "hold you up" as you pray.

This is such a great help once you start by following the truth and having a willness to obey the Lord in what He said about persistence in prayer.

**Romans 8: 26-27**

It is not hypocritical to pray when you do not feel like it. It is hypocritical to go against the truth.

Pray in good times and bad

Pray when it feels awkward

Pray when you feel it will do no good

Pray when you feel like God is not listening

Pray when you feel God does not care

**v. 18 ( continued) "petition for all the saints"** Remember to pray for others in their battle, even when you are about to break yourself. When you do you cannot be broken; ironic!

We need to cover each other in prayer like the Roman soldiers would cover each other by the Phalanx.

**Don't get lost just in your own needs.**

**v. 19-20** We are all tempted to be fearful of what men may say or do. Worried about what people might say. Many Christians are frozen by fear today! All the "What If" questions make our lives stop!

**Don't get isolated; be more of an open book before other believers!**

Paul needed boldness and so do we. That will come when we are held up to do the word by the Holy Spirit because we surrender to do God will.