



LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“Praying for the Right Things”

II THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

- a. Prayer that might result in us missing out on sanctification (Jas 1:2-3)
- b. Selfish prayers
- c. Sinful requests
- d. The prayer of the one living in sin (Ps 66:18)
- e. When we want Him to
- f. When husbands don't live with our wives in an understanding way (I Pet 3:7)

When God Doesn't Answer Prayer

KEY POINT:

**Praying the right things means we must
pray as *Scripture guides* us to pray.**

I. Knowing the Right Resource (vs. 11a)

1. For the Colossians (1:3, 9)

2. For the Romans (1:9)

3. For the Ephesians (1:16)

4. For the Thessalonians

Paul's Incessant Praying

*Pray then like this:
“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

Matthew 6:9

We must be “disposed in mind and heart as befits those who enter conversation with God... The only persons who duly and properly gird themselves to pray are those who are so moved by God’s majesty that, freed from earthly cares and affections, they come to it.”



John Calvin

*For you did not receive the spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear, but you have received
the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we
cry, “**Abba! Father!**”*

Romans 8:15

*This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, **but he was even calling God his own Father,** making himself equal with God.*

John 5:18

“A prayerless Christian is like a bus driver trying alone to push his bus out of a rut because he doesn’t know Clark Kent is on board.”



John Piper

I. Knowing the Right Resource (vs. 11a)

II. Having the Right Requests (vs. 11b)

A. To be Faithful

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

I Peter 1:6-9

I. Knowing the Right Resource (vs. 11a)

II. Having the Right Requests (vs. 11b)

A. To be Faithful

B. To Do Good

*Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

*You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on **your** passions.*

James 4:3

*If you then, who are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father who is in
heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

Matthew 7:11

*“Fear not, little flock,
Zfor it is your Father’s good pleasure to
give you the kingdom.*

Luke 12:32

I. Knowing the Right Resource (vs. 11a)

II. Having the Right Requests (vs. 11b)

A. To be Faithful

B. To Do Good

C. For Enabling

*¹² Therefore, my beloved,
as you have always obeyed, so now,
not only as in my presence but much more in
my absence, work out your own salvation with
fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in
you, both to will and to work for his
good pleasure.*

Philippians 2:12-13

I. Knowing the Right Resource (vs. 11a)

II. Having the Right Requests (vs. 11b)

A. To be Faithful

B. To Do Good

C. For Enabling

III. Doing It for the Right Reasons (vs. 12)