

Six Brief Lessons in Prayer

Ephesians 6:18-20

“When a man is speaking to God he is at his very acme. It is the highest activity of the human soul, and therefore it is at the same time the ultimate test of a man’s true spiritual condition. There is nothing that tells the truth about us as Christian people so much as our prayer life. Everything we do in the Christian life is easier than prayer.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Lesson One:
Always Be Creative
in Your Prayer Life—
“with all prayer and petition.”

“We may pray publicly or privately; in loud cries, in soft whispers, or silently; deliberately and planned or spontaneously; while sitting, standing, kneeling, or even lying down; at home or in church; while working or while traveling;

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with hands folded or raised; with eyes open or closed; with head bowed or erect. The New Testament, like the Old, mentions many forms, circumstances, and postures for prayer but prescribes none."

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Don't Fall into a Prayer Rut

Lesson Two:
Always Be in a Spirit of Prayer—
“pray at all times”

- Luke 21:36 “Keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escapes all these things...”
- Acts 2:42 “They were continually devoting themselves...to prayer.”
- 1 Thess. 5:17 “pray without ceasing”
- Romans 12:12 “constant in prayer”

1. Give thanks for all things
2. Confess sin
3. Seek wisdom for all daily decisions
4. Intercede for others
5. Be aware that God is with you;
Do nothing without prayer

Lesson Three:
Always Be Praying in the Power
of the Spirit—*“in the Spirit”*

“Always respond to every impulse to pray. The impulse to pray may come when you are reading or when you are battling with a text... Where does it come from? It is the work of the Holy Spirit... So never resist, never postpone it, never push it aside because you are busy. Give yourself to it, yield to it.”

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Lesson Four:

Always Be Watching and

**Praying—*“Be on the alert with all
perseverance and petition.”***

“The apostle wants them to realize that a life of dependance on God in prayer is essential if they are to engage successfully in their warfare with the powers of darkness.”

Peter O'Brian

Lesson Five:
Always Be Praying for Others—
“for all the saints.”

- Intercessory prayer and praying for others is one of our highest privileges
- 1 Sam. 12:23: "far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you."
- "For all the saints."

Lesson Six:
Always Be Praying for
Missionaries and the Gospel

- Pray for clarity in the gospel
- Prayer for courage and boldness in spreading the gospel

“There is nothing which more betrays the state of people than their prayers.”

William Kelly