

## **The Armor of God: Praying at all times**

**Text:** Ephesians 6:18-20

### **As you pray at all times...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ an alertness (vs. 18a)**

- A. Paul uses the greek word agrupneō “keep alert”, which means to keep oneself awake, be on the alert, to be vigilant. It is a rare word used in the New Testament by Jesus in the Gospels when he asked us to stay alert for His return. (Mark 13:33, Luke 21:36) In Hebrews 13:17, it refers to the exhausting work of pastors to keep a watch over your soul.
- B. Look for opportunities to pray every day, alone and with others. Receive the prompts of the Holy Spirit towards prayer and battle every challenge with sincere prayer.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ in constant prayer for others (vs. 18b)**

- A. Paul’s word for “perseverance” is the greek word kartereō. This is the only use of this greek word in the entire Bible. It means to persist in with patience.
- B. We are to endure in prayer for others. Never give up on praying for someone you are burdened for.

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ boldness in the Gospel (vs. 19-20)**

- A. Even Paul knew he needed prayer, asking the Ephesians to pray for him—not merely for his own sake but for the sake of the gospel. We too need boldness to proclaim faithfully the mystery of the gospel (6:19–20). Tony Evans.
- B. Who do you personally need boldness for today to share the Gospel as you ought?

**Prayer Prompt** - “God, help my Christian friends today with their needs and help me to yield to the work of the Holy Spirit as I pray. Give me boldness today to share the Gospel message with others.”