

The Person God Expects

Lesson 8: Prayer

Ephesians 6:18-20 NKJV

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Paul's Instruction:

1. Who should Christians pray for?
2. How should Christians pray?
3. What is Paul's specific prayer request?

Paul's Example:

1. What had he been doing? For how long? How often? (1:15-16)
2. What was his prayer? (1:17-19)

Ephesians 6:21-24 NKJV

21 But that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may comfort your hearts. 23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

1. Why is Paul sending Tychicus?
 - a. Cf Ephesians 3:13
2. Who is Tychicus?
 - a. He is from Asia and accompanied Paul to _____ (Acts 20:4ff)
 - b. He is a _____ brother and _____ minister and fellow _____ of the Lord. Colossians 4:7
 - i. What we he going to do for the Colossians? (4:7)
 - c. At the end of Paul's life, he had been sent to _____ (2 Timothy 4:12)

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

1. What are aspects of my prayer life that need to be improved?
2. Do I pray with perseverance? (Luke 18:1)
3. Am I a Tychicus?