

"Timeless Prayer"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Central Idea: Continual prayer is to be a way of life for believers.

I. What does "pray without ceasing" mean?

- _____
- This command is _____
 - true word order is " _____, _____"
- This command is given to _____ believers at Thessalonica
- This command is a _____ we must make
 - to not pray is a _____
- "Pray"
 - _____ word for prayer
- "without ceasing" _____, _____ (not ____ - ____)
 - an uninterrupted _____
 - Your _____ action is to pray.
 - Praying as a way of life _____ the day
 - Analogy: _____ & _____, but no _____

II. Paul's examples - his prayers for others & commands to pray

- Romans 1:9 & 12:12
- Ephesians 1:16 & 6:18
- Philippians 1:4 & 4:6
- Colossians 1:3 & 4:2
- 1 Thessalonians 3:10 & 5:17
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- 2 Timothy 1:3

III. Motivation to pray without ceasing.

1. God commands us to pray - simple _____.

2. Prayer _____ our relationship with God.

- If we are going to deepen a relationship with Him we must be in _____ with Him.

3. Prayer brings _____ (Hebrews 4:14-16)

- We always need God's help sometimes it is just more _____ than others.

Application:

1. Ask the _____ to help you pray.

- God wants you to _____ in your spiritual life,
- God has given you all _____ needed to succeed spiritually,
- so _____ them to help you succeed in your spiritual life.

2. _____ prayer to be the most _____ activity you will engage in throughout your day.

3. When we "pray without ceasing" we view everything in life in _____ to God.

- If we meet someone, we immediately pray concerning their _____ with God.
- If we hear bad news, we immediately pray for God to act in the situation because we know He _____.
- If we hear good news, we immediately praise to God for it because we know He is _____.