

Praying Always with All Prayer (Ephesians 6:18-20)

I. Standing Firm in the Lord by Praying with "All" Kinds of prayer.

- Strictly speaking this isn't a command but two participles "*praying*" and "*staying alert*" which are dependent on the command "*stand firm*"(14)

II. Standing Firm in the Lord by Praying on "All" Occasions.

- When are we to pray? At all times, on every occasion with all prayer
- 1 Thess 5: 17 "pray without ceasing" "at every opportunity"

III. Standing Firm in the Lord by Praying "in the Spirit"

- a) What praying in the Spirit is not.
- b) Praying in the Spirit: Spirit dependent, according to God's Word
 - i. *I cannot pray in the Spirit if I am living in unconfessed sin*
 - ii. *It means to pray according to God's will as revealed in His Word*
 - iii. *To live in dependence of the Holy Spirit's direction & power*

IV. Standing Firm in the Lord by praying Alertly with all Perseverance.

- a. Pray Alertly
- b. Pray Perseveringly

V. Standing Firm in the Lord by Praying for all the Saints.

- a. Pray for all the saints because they are your fellow soldiers
- b. Pray especially for those on the front lines of ministry.
- c. Pray for yourself, to be bold and clear in your witness for Christ

Conclusion