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Ephesians 6:18
Prayer Meetings

Introduction: There are many pithy sayings regarding prayer, unfortunately most studies indicate prayer is not part of the average Christian's regular daily life. Paul says it is part of the armor of God and it is necessary for us as a body to be strong.

A. Types of Prayer, I Tim. 2:1-3

1. Confession, Dan. 9:5-6; Psa. 51:1-4; I Kgs. 8:47; Matt. 6:12-15
2. Adoration, I Kgs. 8:23-24; Dan. 9:4; Mat. 6:9
3. Praise, Psa. 150:2, 119:164
4. Thanksgiving, Phil. 4:6; Psa. 95:2, 100:4
5. Supplications, Phil. 4:6; Matt. 6:10-11
6. Petitions, I Tim. 2:1
7. Imprecatory, Psa. 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137, 139

B. How to pray

1. What it is not
 - a. Human effort
 - b. Eloquence
 - c. Length
2. Conditions for successful prayer
 - a. Unto God, Eph. 6:18; Acts 12:5
 - b. Obedience, I Jn. 3:22
 - c. Humbleness, II Chron. 7:14
 - d. In faith, Mk. 11:24
 - e. Righteous, Js. 5:16
 - f. Pure motives, Js. 4:3
 - g. In His will, Lk. 22:42
 - h. Pure relationship with spouse, I Pet. 3:7
 - i. In the Spirit, Eph. 6:18

C. Who to pray for

1. Prayer for those in the local body, Eph. 6:18
2. Prayer for all men, I Tim. 2:1-3

D. Attitude of prayer

1. Be alert, Gk., NT, 69, "keep awake, sleepless"
2. Perseverance, Gk., NT, 4343 "persistency"
3. Petition, Gk., NT 1162 "petition"

E. When to pray

1. Always

2. At all times, Gk., NT 2540 “every occasion”

Conclusion: Individual prayer is important and commanded. We have several opportunities for us to pray as a body. I would encourage you to take the opportunity.