

I. In spiritual warfare we are called to pray

A. In prayer we believe that God exists

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

B. In prayer we believe that God hears us

C. In prayer we believe that God will answer

II. In spiritual warfare we are called to pray in the Spirit

A. To pray in the Spirit is to acknowledge God’s presence

B. To pray in the Spirit is to pray in harmony with God’s word

C. To pray in the Spirit is to desire for God’s will to be done

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)

D. To pray in the Spirit is to want God to be glorified

E. To pray in the Spirit is to trust in the power of God

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” (1 Chronicles 16:11)

F. To pray in the Spirit is to depend on the Spirit’s help

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” (Romans 8:26)

III. In spiritual warfare we are called to make prayer our lifestyle

“Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

A. We are to pray consistently

“Pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

B. We are to pray specifically

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

C. We are to pray intensely

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith.” (1 Peter 5:8-9)

D. We are to pray persistently

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

IV. In spiritual warfare we are called to intercede for others

A. We are to pray for other followers of Christ

B. We are to pray for our spiritual leaders