

I. We must pray boldly (v. 5-6)

A. God is available

B. God is approachable

“Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

C. God is willing to help us

D. God is generous in giving

II. We must pray persistently (v. 7-8)

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

A. Persistence in prayer helps us to know God’s will

B. Persistence in prayer helps us to purify our motives

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” (James 4:3)

C. Persistence in prayer helps us to overcome our apathy

III. We must pray passionately (v. 9-10)

A. We ask: bringing our requests to God

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

B. We seek: praying with sustained effort

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

C. We knock: praying with continuing resolve

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)

“Pray continually.” (I Thessalonians 5:17)

IV. We must pray expectantly (v. 11-13)

A. We trust our Heavenly Father

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

B. We believe God will answer us

“We have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.” (1 John 3:22)

C. We know God gives good gifts

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” (James 1:17)

D. We receive the great gift of his Holy Spirit