

Praying Persistently
Prayer & Listening – Part 6
Life Church St. Louis – April 30, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) pray continually,

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) 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 Lord's people.

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

Luke 18:7-8 (NIV) And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

1. Decide to be _____

Luke 11:9 (NIV) "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

A. Don't become _____

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

B. Rely on God's _____

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

2. Accept God's _____

Psalm 126:5-6 (NIV) Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

A. Pray with _____

Romans 10:1 (NIV) Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

B. Witness _____

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV) We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

3. Pray for new _____ of God

John 1:12 (NIV) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

A. Ask for the _____ to work

Titus 3:5 (NIV) he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

B. Declare God's Word in _____

Ezekiel 37:4-5 (NIV) Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Praying Persistently Study Guide
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Intro. How can you pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

How does Ephesians 6:18 expand on what it means to pray continually?

What are the causes of people giving up on prayer (Luke 18:1)?

What is God's promise and warning concerning prayer in Luke 18:7-8?

How are faith and persistence in prayer related?

1A. How is persistent prayer like knocking on a door (Luke 11:5-10)?

1B. What kinds of things can cause you to grow weary in prayer (Galatians 6:9)?

1C. How can you rely on God's strength in prayer (Philippians 4:13)?

1D. What practical ways would help you be more persistent in praying for the lost?

2A. How is praying for the lost like sowing with tears (Psalm 126:5-6)?

2B. How can you grow in God's desire to see the lost saved (Romans 10:1)?

2C. Why is boldly witnessing to the people you are praying for important (2 Corinthians 5:20)?

2D. Who are you praying for to be saved?

3A. How does a lost person become born again as a child of God (John 1:12)?

3B. What are the different works of the Holy Spirit that lead a person to be saved (Titus 3:5)?

3C. Why are the words that you speak regarding the lost so important (Ezekiel 37:4-5)?

3D. What can you do differently to help fulfill the 2017 Plus One Challenge?