



Prayer Focus - March 6th-12th

Perseverance in Prayer

Something I struggle with is persevering in prayer. I know we all do. We know we will never have nothing to pray for. We could be like Anna the prophetess in scripture (Luke 2) and dedicate our entire life to prayer. Our world system would not accommodate that well, although it is possible. Work and distractions, the needs of others and ministry will never end so we have to make time to pray so our prayer life won't suffer. Making a schedule to pray is effective in that we set aside time to pray and spend time with the Lord.

Our desires to persevere in prayer isn't about our performing some religious requirement of man but of actually bringing the burdens of our family, others, ourselves and the state of our world before the Lord. I sought the scriptures and commentaries and prayed about learning to persevere in prayer and the Lord assured and comforted me through His Word. I am hoping to encourage you as well regarding your heart's desire to press through in prayer.

Our prayer life increases as our relationship with the Lord deepens. We know that the more we get to know the Lord and spend time with Him the Holy Spirit will give us the specific burdens He is asking us to pray for. Our prayer life is a ministry to the Lord. It is us answering His invitation to partner with Him through intercession- to agree that someone is healed, a nation or city turns to the Lord, our loved ones come to know Christ, remain protected, our marriage healed, etc.

Since our ministry is our life; then our prayer life isn't a task or an appointment on the calendar-

It is our life if we be in Christ. The Word says we our lives are being poured out as a drink offering on the altar (before the Lord). That is in 2 Timothy 4. What a privilege and something that humbles us because our life, our prayer time is truly not of our own but a result of all He has poured into us. This is what the Lord shared with me. He assured me that if I did my very small part, I would persevere in my prayer life because He already went before me and did ALL that makes my prayer life effective. It is the Holy Spirit praying through us, all we have to do is obey and trust the One who hears us. Keep persevering in Christ and your prayer life will endure and increase as will your discernment, and the revelation the Holy Spirit gives you.

Scriptures

Romans 8:26 - Likewise, the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ephesians 6:18 - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

John 15:7 - If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Ephesians 6:10-18 - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

John 16:23-24 - And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Song: When we pray

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