

A close-up photograph of a glowing lantern. The lantern has a glass globe and a metal frame. The light inside is a warm, golden-yellow color, creating a soft glow. The background is a dark, textured red surface.

Carry the Light

“The Power of Prayer”

Eph. 6:18

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Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.” We must “carry the light” while engaged in spiritual warfare.

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

As I believe, therefore I live.



We need to believe that spiritual warfare is real, face it, fight it, & live victoriously!

I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUALWARFARE

III. THE RUSE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

IV. THE RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A. A Word of Encouragement, 6:10

B. A Word of Enlightenment, 6:11

C. A Word of Enablement, 6:12-17

1. The Arena, 6:12

a. The Opportunity – 12a “For we
wrestle...”

b. The Opposition – 12b-e “...against
principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of
this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.”



2. The Armor, 6:13-17

a. The Demand, 6:13

b. The Description, 6:14-17

(1) What we sow, 6:14a “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...”

(2) What we show, 6:14b “...having on the breastplate of righteousness; “

(3) Where we go, 6:15 “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”

(4) What we do, 6:16 “ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

(5) What we know, 6:17a “And take the helmet of salvation...”



3. The Attack, 6:17b "...and **the sword of the Spirit**, which is **the word of God**:"

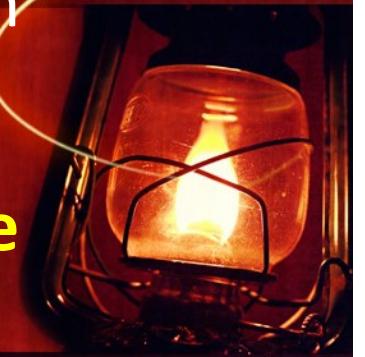
- a. The Identification of Spirituality
- b. The Indispensability for the Soldier

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Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

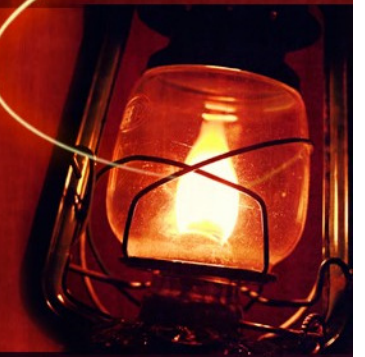
15 And **if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions** that we desired of him.



4. The Assurance, 6:18

a. The Warring, 6:18a “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”

- The Persistence of the Warrior’s Prayer – “Praying always...”



Original Word: πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν

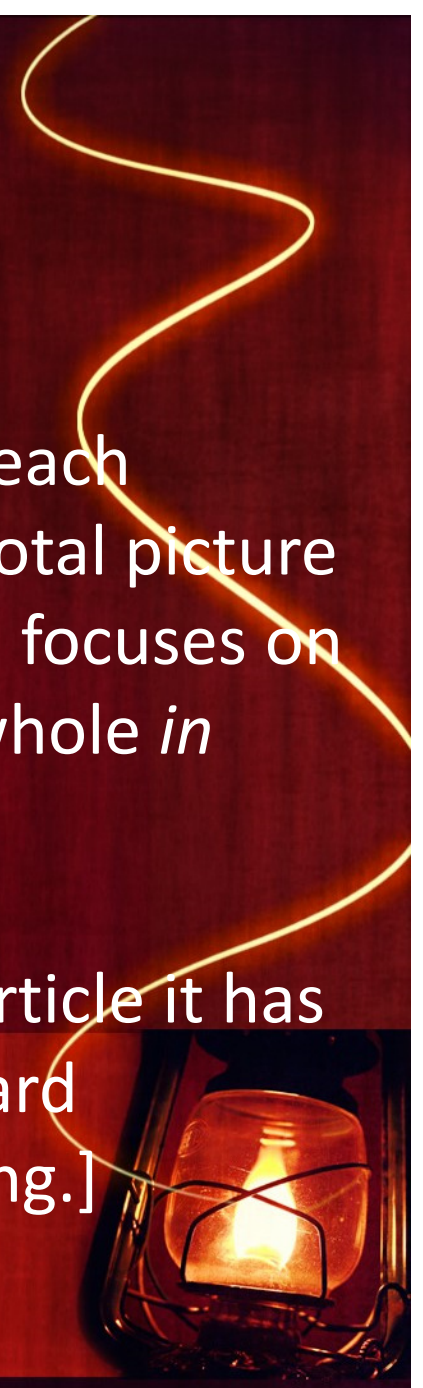
Transliteration: pas

Definition: all, the whole, every kind of.

pás ("each, every") means "all" in the sense of "each (every) part that applies." The emphasis of the total picture then is on "one piece at a time." (*ananeóō*) then focuses on the *part(s)* making up the whole – viewing the whole *in terms of the individual parts*.

[When (*pás*) modifies a word with the definite article it has "*extensive-intensive*" force – and is straightforward *intensive* when the Greek definite article is lacking.]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3956.htm>



- A comprehensive view of prayer = always praying for all things.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men **ought always to pray**, and not to faint;

1 Thess. 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

Col. 4:2 **Continue in prayer**, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1 Tim. 2:8 I will therefore that **men pray every where**, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.



- The Possibility of the Warrior's Prayer – “...with all prayer...”

- Pray on all occasions – during church services, social occasions
- Pray in all places – in the closet, at the table, in personal devotional time
- At all times – prosperity, adversity, sickness, health, morning, noon, night
- For all things – personal things, home things, work things



Original Word: προσεύχομαι

Transliteration: proseuchomai

Definition: I pray, pray for, offer prayer.

Proseúchomai = **literally, to interact with the Lord by switching human wishes (ideas) for His wishes as He imparts faith ("divine persuasion").**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4336.htm>

Our prayer life should be all day long, for a lifetime!

- The Petition of the Warrior's Prayer – "...and supplication..."



Original Word: δέησις

Transliteration: deésis

Definition: supplication, prayer, entreaty.

déēsis (*deō*, "to be in want, lack"; see the cognate *déomai*, "**praying for a specific, felt need**") – **heart-felt petition, arising out of deep personal need (sense of lack, want).**

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Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, **first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;**

Jas. 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

1 Pet. 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their **prayers**: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.



- The Power for the Warrior's Prayer – "...in the Spirit..."

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for **we know not what we should pray for as we ought:** but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that **searcheth the hearts** knoweth what is **the mind of the Spirit**, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Ghost,**



1 Cor. 14:15 What is it then? **I will pray with the spirit**, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

b. The Watching, 6:18b “...and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

- The Precision of the Warrior’s Prayer – “...watching thereunto...”

Original Word: ἀγρυπνέω

Transliteration: agrupneó

Definition: I am not asleep, am awake; especially: I am watchful, careful.

agrypnéō (from A, "not" and *hýpnos*, "sleep") – **properly, no sleeping**; (figuratively) staying vigilant (alert, attentive), i.e. **without any unnecessary "time off."**

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Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray**: for ye know not when the time is.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and **pray always**, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Mark 14:38 **Watch ye and pray**, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

Mt. 26:41 **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for **they watch for your souls, as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.



- The Perseverance of the Warrior's Prayer – “...with all perseverance...”

Original Word: προσκαρτέρησις

Transliteration: proskarterésis

Definition: perseverance.

proskartērēsis – strong perseverance that *prevails* **by interacting with God** (used only in Eph 6:18). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4343.htm>

Acts 1:14 These **all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 2:42 And **they continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and **in prayers**.



Acts 6:4 But **we will give ourselves continually to prayer**, and to the ministry of the word.

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; **continuing instant in prayer;**

Pray in spite of all obstacles (the world, flesh, devil)

Psa. 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

- The Purpose of the Warrior's Prayer – “...for all saints;”

Eph. 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.



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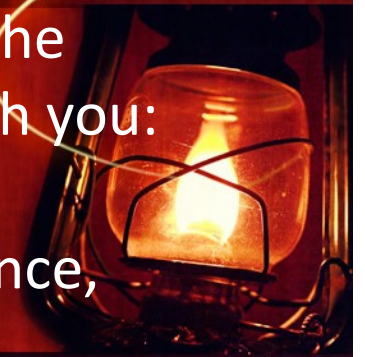
Luke 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and **pray for them which despitefully use you.**

Col. 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, **do not cease to pray for you**, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

1 Thess. 5:25 **Brethren, pray for us.**

2 Thess. 3:1 Finally, **brethren, pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

Heb. 13:18 **Pray for us**: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.



Conclusion

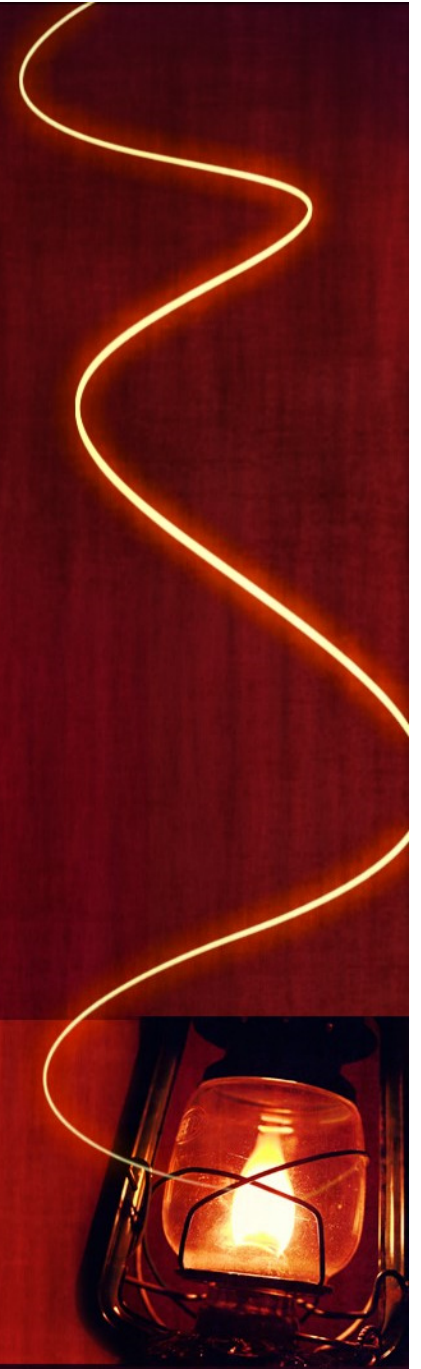
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Rom. 12:9 *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*

10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

11 *Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*

12 *Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; **continuing instant in prayer;***



THANKSGIVING is a wonderful to begin, or strengthen our prayer life. As a Warrior for Christ, we need this powerful implementation in our lives in order to be victorious, for His glory.

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

