

# TREASURES FROM THESSALONIANS

## BE PRAYERFUL



Three commands of the inner most recess of redeemed heart.

1. 1Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore.
2. 1Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.
3. 1Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks:

## **I. The Revelation of Prayer**

A. Taught by both John the Baptist and Jesus.

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

## 1. The prayer model:

- (1) Desire for God's name (nature) to be hallowed, magnified and exalted.
- (2) Desire for the kingdom and its godly rule unlike what we see today in USA.
- (3) Desire for God's will to be done on earth with the enthusiasm it is done now in Heaven.
- (4) Acknowledgment of need of God's daily supply.
- (5) Acknowledgment of need of forgiveness of others.
- (6) Acknowledgment of living in an evil world.

2. The parable teachings: Both teachings in contrast.

(1) Luke 11:1 Persistence with the reluctant friend.

(2) Luke 18:1 Persistence with the unjust judge.  
And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, **and not to faint**; *Ekkakeō*: to be utterly spiritless, to be wearied out, exhausted.

“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.” John Bunyan

B. Practiced by Paul.

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing** I make mention of you always in my **prayers**.

Ephesians 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,<sup>16</sup> Cease not to give thanks for you, **making mention of you in my prayers;**

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,<sup>4</sup> **Always in every prayer** of mine for you all making request with joy

Colossians 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;

1Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God **always** for you all, making mention of you in our **prayers.**

1Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God **without ceasing**, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe

1Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and **I pray** God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thessalonians 5:17 **Pray without ceasing**. *Adialeiptōs*: without intermission, incessantly, without ceasing. (A constant awareness and conversation with God)

Philemom 1:4 I thank my God, making mention of thee **always in my prayers,**

## II. The Revelation of No Prayer.

- A. Can't be giving thanks if you're not praying.
- B. Can't be confessing sin if you're not praying.
- C. Can't be depending on God if you're not praying.
- D. Can't really be in the battle if you're not praying.
- E. Can't be praising God if you're not praying.
- F. Can't be seeking wisdom if you're not praying.
- G. Can't have an honest burden for other's salvation if you're not praying.
- H. Can't be praying without ceasing if you once prayed.
- I. Can't have those things you desire if you're not praying.
- J. Can't ever experience the euphoria of answered prayer.