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Alert And Praying

Are you alert to me? What does that mean? Are you watching? Are you waiting? Are you listening? Are you praying? Are you expecting me to guide you? Do you want me to direct you? Those are all very good questions. You are obviously trying to get my attention right now. **Yes, I am.** You wouldn't be asking me these questions if I were intently watching and waiting and listening. **No, I would not.**

What more do you want me to do? How do you want me to be more intently watching and waiting and listening to you? **I am glad that you are asking me that question. I want you pay attention. I want you to be fully alert. I want you to expect that I will speak to you in and through the circumstances of life that are going on all around you. Sharpen your eyes. Incline your ears. Watch and listen intently. Keep your eyes and ears on what is happening all around you as you keep your eyes and ears on me. Expect that I will speak to you. Plan on my guiding you. I will shut doors that I don't want you to go through. I will open doors of opportunity that I want you to seize with all the power and strength I will give to you. Do not think that you will be able to recognize an open or shut door with your own eyes and ears. You must rely on me. You must ask me to help you to see and hear what I want you to see and hear. You must keep on living in an intimate prayer filled relationship with me. Will you do that?** Yes Lord, I will.

How might I expect you to speak to me? What can I expect that you will show me? **Expect that I will give you opportunities to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. Expect that I will give you opportunities to share with others the reason for the hope that you have within you. Expect that I will guard and guide your life so you will be able to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plans. Expect that my hand will be on you. You will have my favor so you can go and do all that I ask of you.** Thank you, Lord.

Holy Spirit, I will be alert and listening to you. Guide and give me the prayers that you want me to pray as I and others go through spiritual battles. Open my mouth so that I will be able to fearlessly declare the gospel to a lost world. Amen

Spiritual Warfare *Keep On Praying*

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NIV Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Be Persistent In Your Prayers*

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

NLT Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Persevere In Supplication*

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

NRSV Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Interceding On Behalf Of The Saints*

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people). And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.

AMP Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Perseverance And Petition*

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

NASB Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Make Supplication*

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

ESV Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Perseverance And Supplication*

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

NKJV Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Pray Hard And Long*

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

MSG Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Keep Praying Earnestly*

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere. Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too. I am in chains now for preaching this message from God. But pray that I will keep on speaking out boldly for him even here in prison, as I should.

TLB Ephesians 6:18-20

Spiritual Warfare *Always Pray*

Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people. Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear. I have been sent to preach this Good News, and I am doing that now, here in prison. Pray that when I preach the Good News I will speak without fear, as I should.

NCV Ephesians 6:18-20

Keep On Praying

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:18-20

In Context: *Read Ephesians 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What it is your current practice of prayer and what would you like it to be in the future?

What would you be willing to pray for relentlessly without ever giving up?

How are you being alert to the Holy Spirit so that He can guide your prayers?

What needs are you regularly praying for among your fellow believers?

How is the Holy Spirit helping you to be fearless in declaring the good news of the gospel to a lost world?

How are you becoming an ambassador and witness for Jesus Christ to those around you?

When has the Holy Spirit opened your mouth and given you the gospel to share with others?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Be alert and listening to the Holy Spirit giving you prayers to pray as you and others go through spiritual battles.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide your prayers as you and fellow believers go through spiritual battles.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Holy Spirit is giving you prayers to pray for others.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be alert and keep on praying for opportunities to share the gospel with others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be alert and keep on praying for opportunities to share the gospel with others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how would you like me to be alert and pray today?
