

Colossians 4:2, 12 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ...[12] Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

James 5:15-16 ...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

***Devote yourself to prayer, wrestle in prayer, ...why? Because prayer is POWERFUL, it is EFFECTIVE. When we talk about prayer the we need to think through how do we see prayer. Do we see it as a way of telling God what we want? Are we seeking to grow in our walk with God through prayer? Do we see prayer as a battle against the powers of darkness all around us?

John Piper shares these thoughts on prayer: "...prayer is a wartime walkie-talkie, not a domestic intercom. God is more like a general in Command Central than a butler waiting to bring you another pillow in the den. Of course, he is also Father, Lover, Friend, Physician, Shepherd, Helper, King, Savior, Lord, Counselor. But in this fallen 'world with devils filled', prayer will function best when we keep the frequency tuned to Command Central in the fight of faith."

PRAYER: Lord God please help me to see You more and more as the point of my prayers. Please help me to remember that I live in the middle of a spiritual war zone. Help me to learn to pray with that thought in mind.

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