

Date: January 2, 2022

Text: II Thessalonians 1:11-12

Title: A New Year's Resolution Worth Keeping

Theme: Prayer

Proposition: At the heart of our prayer, it is that Jesus is glorified

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II Corinthians 4:16

**We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day**

Theme of II Thessalonians (slide) - Duty and Discernment

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Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Paul's emphasis on prayer in his letters to the Thessalonians:

- I Thessalonians 1:2 - **We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers**
- I Thessalonians 2:13 - **For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe**
- I Thessalonians 3:9-13 - **For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly**

**that we may see your face, and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints**

- **I Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing**
- **I Thessalonians 5:23 - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**
- **I Thessalonians 5:25 - Brethren, pray for us**
- **II Thessalonians 1:3 - We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other**
- **II Thessalonians 1:11-12 - Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **II Thessalonians 2:13 - But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth**
- **II Thessalonians 2:16-17 - Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work**

- **II Thessalonians 3:1-2 - Finally, brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith**
- **II Thessalonians 3:5 - Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ**
- **II Thessalonians 3:16 - Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all**

1. Paul's prayer report - v. 11

- **That our God can count you worthy of your calling**

Philippians 1:27

**Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**

Colossians 1:9-10

**For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**

I John 2:6

**He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked**

- **That He may fulfill every desire for goodness**

Ephesians 2:10

**We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them**

Greek word for **workmanship** is *poiema*, from which we get our English word “poem”

Titus 2:14

**Gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works**

- **And the work of faith with power**

Matthew 5:16

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven**

James 2:18 - The motto of practical Christianity

**Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works**

2. Paul's purpose for prayer - v. 12
  - **Christ is gloried in us** - v. 12a
  - **Believers are glorified in Him** - v. 12b

Jeremiah 33:3

**Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know**

*Commit this year to seeing a renewed and disciplined prayer life*