



2 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 08

PAUL'S SIX-FOLD PRESCRIPTION FOR PRAYER – Pt 1

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

INTRODUCTION

PAUL'S SIX-FOLD PRESCRIPTION FOR PRAYER

Precept - Plan - Pleasure - Power - Purpose - Provision

1. God's PRECEPT - "pray" - 11b

"To this end we always pray for you"

IF GOD SOVEREIGN OVER EVERYTHING, WHY PRAY?

- The Bible strongly affirms God's absolute sovereignty.
1 Tim. 6:15; Psa. 22:28; 47:2, 7; 95:3; Dan. 7:13–14; Mal. 1:14; Matt. 28:18; Rev. 17:14; 19:16
- But the Bible also teaches that God's sovereignty does not negate human responsibility.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. God's PLAN - "calling" - 11a

"that our God may make you worthy of His calling"

2 Timothy 1:9-10; 2 Thess. 2:14

"worthy" - *axioō* – to make worthy

"calling" - *klēsis* - irresistible call that infallibly results in salvation

COMPONENTS OF THE WORTHY WALK

- Walk in the Holy Spirit - Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 25
- Walk in humility - Eph. 4:2
- Walk in purity - Rom. 13:13; Eph. 5:3
- Walk in contentment - 1 Cor. 7:17
- Walk in faith - 2 Cor. 5:7
- Walk in righteousness - Eph. 2:10
- Walk in unity - Eph. 4:3; Phil. 1:27
- Walk in gentleness - Eph. 4:2
- Walk in patience - Col. 1:11
- Walk in love - Eph. 5:2
- Walk in joy - Col. 1:11
- Walk in thankfulness - Col. 1:12
- Walk in light - Eph. 5:8–9
- Walk in knowledge - Col. 1:10
- Walk in wisdom - Eph. 5:15
- Walk in truth - 3 John 3, 4
- Walk in fruitfulness Col. 1:10

1 John 2:5-6

By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.