

Abounding In Hope - Part 3

Praying with Hope

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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.

—Ephesians 6:18-20 (NASB)

The immediate context of this passage is spiritual warfare and the surrounding context is relationships.

Can it be that the primary arena in which spiritual warfare is played out is the treatment of our fellow human beings?

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 15:13 (NASB)

PRAY ALL TYPES OF PRAYERS!

- There are at least nine different types of pray found in the Bible.

- Christ followers are brought into relationship with our Heavenly Father who desires affectionate communion with

US.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

—Romans 8:15 (NASB)

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PRAY ALL THE TIME.

- There are multiple examples throughout the Bible that prayer is to be more of a lifestyle than an activity.

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

—Psalm 34:1 (NASB)

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

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PRAY ALL TOGETHER!

The majority of exhortations to pray are in the plural.

Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.'

—Matthew 6:9 (NASB)

When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, 'O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,'

—Acts 4:23-24 (NASB)

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God

with boldness.

—Acts 4:31 (NASB)

We never know what God may do in answer to prayer.

We will never know what we miss out on when we don't.

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly
beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power
that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.
Amen!*

—Ephesians 3:20-21 (NASB)

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