

***“Staying Awake in Prayer
with Unremitting
Persistence”***

Eph 6:10-20

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Lessons Learned so Far...

- “Praying in the Spirit” is praying in communion with God.
- The Word is our only weapon in spiritual warfare.
- The Word must be wielded through communion with God, that is, prayer.

The Four “Alls” of Eph 6:18

- “Praying in the Spirit at *all* times”
- “With *all* prayer and supplication”
- “Keep alert with *all* perseverance”
- “Making intercession for *all* the saints”

“Keep Alert with all Perseverance”

- “Keep alert” literally means “stay awake”
 - See Math 24:38-42; 26:38-41; Luke 21:34-36; Acts 20:29-32; Col 4:2; 1 Peter 5:6-11; Rev 3:1-6.
- “Perseverance” literally means “to continue doing something with intense effort despite difficulties” and can be translated “unremitting persistence.”

Concluding Exhortations

- We cannot pursue a life of prayer on our own strength but our Father only calls us to do what he's willing to help us do.
- Our Father is merciful, oh so merciful!
- Take one step at a time, build momentum, and then take another step.
- The Lord is on your side so **NEVER GIVE UP!!!**