

Spiritual War is a Reality
Lesson 3

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Introduction

1. In the last two messages, I dealt with the fact that we are in a War, and, as Warriors, we need to understand

a. That our General, King Jesus, has already passed through this War, and He won.

i. Scriptures

1) John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

2) Hebrews 4:14-16

a) Since Jesus is our high priest, Let us hold fast our profession (faith, what we believe)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

b) Our High priest, Who is in heaven, can empathize with weaknesses

Kjv...For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Note that the double negative, have not and cannot, becomes a positive to read:

“We do have an high priest which can be touched...”

Niv and Nlt...Empathize, understand our weakness, for He was tempted, tested like as we are

Note v15 in the Amp

For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

Note that the double negative, do not and unable, becomes a positive to read

We do have a High Priest Who is able to understand...

c) Verses 14 and 15 sets the stage for the positive comment of verse 16

Kjv...Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Niv...Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Amp...Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

3) Hebrews 2:18

Kjv...For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Nlt...Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Amp...For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].

ii. Let me make some observations from these Scriptures

1st. Jesus came to this earth in the robe of humanity,

2nd. While He was here, He was tempted, tested, and tried, but He did not sin

3rd. The purpose of His humanity was to deliver us, so He helps those who turn to Him for help, and He has the ability to help us, for He was and is forever Victorious

iii. King Jesus was and is a Winner of this War, and since, we are His subjects through faith in Christ, we are Winners through our Association with King Jesus

b. In 1 Timothy 1:18, we find the Way of the Warfare is our Admonition or Exhortation to War a Good Warfare

c. Also in v18, we find that the Word of Prophecy, God's Word is our Authority in this Warfare

d. Then in v19, we come to understand that to walk effectively, we need to walk with two feet, thus Faith and a Good Conscience work together which is reflected in our Attitude (Faith) and Action (Obedience)

- e. Finally, we see the warning concerning this warfare in verses 19-20, where we observe the danger of not Believing and Behaving right, for if we do not Believe right, we cannot Behave right.
2. We closed last week with the understanding that two things are involved with accepting Christ as our Savior, and they are
 - a. Confession where we acknowledge and declare that we are sinners and need a Savior, and
 - b. Repentance is where we change, do a U-turn, go in a different direction.
 3. When we truly give our hearts to Jesus, there will be change in our lives
 - a. We want to have fellowship with God, so we
 - i. Pray
 - ii. Read His Word
 - iii. Worship
 - b. We want to have fellowship with God and His people, who are our new family, so
 - i. We become actively involved with a local church
 - ii. We attend classes where we learn about God, Christ, the Holy Ghost, and we learn how to live, relate to Him and others in the church and the community outside the church
 - c. We want to grow in God, so we become obedient to His Word in all areas of our lives including our finances and time
 4. When we give our hearts to Jesus,
 - a. Then, let us understand that we have just enlisted in God's army, and
 - b. The devil has drawn a bead on you, for you are now a target of his displeasure, but
 - c. Remember, Our General, King Jesus is a winner, and
 - d. He will never allow you to be placed in a position so that you can be totally overwhelmed.
 - e. Remember, You are a winner also through the aid and assistance of King Jesus.
 5. Let us note some things about this "Spiritual War," or perhaps, I could say "Spiritual Walk," in which we are involved, for I see these two statements as being the same, for those who are involved in the "Spiritual Walk" with God are involved in a "Spiritual War" with the devil.

- a. Let me declare that regardless of age, a person can live the Christian life
 - i. The person who is old enough to be saved is old enough to live like he is saved
 - ii. The person who is old enough to understand the concept of salvation and redemption through Jesus should be old enough to submit his life to the authority of God on a daily basis.
- b. To be victorious in this “Spiritual War”(Spiritual Walk), we must put on the whole armour of God.
 - i. First we are told in Ephesians 6:10, which is our text
 - 1) Kjv... Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
 - 2) Nlt...Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong.
 - 3) Amp...

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

- ii. Second, we are told in Ephesians 6:11 to

- 1) Kjv...

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil

- 2) Amp...

Put on God’s whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies]

- iii. Third, Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:11b- why we are to clothe ourselves with this armour

- 1) In v11b,we see that the armour gives us the ability to stand

Kjv...That ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Amp...That you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

- 2) In v12, we find that we need a special armour for a Special War

Kjv... For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Nlt...For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

- 3) Therefore, in v13, take the “Whole” armour that you can withstand in the evil day, then when you can do nothing else, “Stand”

Kjv...Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Amp... Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

Note: Stand in your place with your weapons and shields at ready for battle

- 4) Then in verses 14-18, we are given a description of the armour and weapons to be used in this “Spiritual War” (Spiritual Walk)

Note: The following uses both Kjv and Amp

First, We are told to Stand, or Hold our Ground

Secondly,

As we hold our ground, we girt, or tighten the belt of truth around our loins

Thirdly, As we hold our ground,

We put on the breastplate of righteousness, the breastplate of integrity and of morality and right standing with God

Fourthly, As we hold our Ground,

We keep our feet shod in preparation to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news of the Gospel of peace

Fifthly, As we hold our Ground,

We take the shield of saving faith which covers all, and we lift it up to quench the fiery darts and flaming missiles of the wicked one who tries to destroy us

Sixthly, As we hold our Ground, We put on the helmet of Salvation (deliverance)

Seventhly, As we hold our Ground,

We take hold of the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God

Eighthly, As we hold our Ground,

We Pray always in the Spirit with all manner prayer and supplication, at all times, on every occasion, in every season.

Ninthly, As we hold our Ground,

We watch, keep alert, with strong purpose and perseverance while interceding in behalf of all the saints, which are God's consecrated people

- c. Since we are fighting a real war with a real enemy, we need the proper weapons as outlined in Ephesians to victoriously fight and win this war.
 - i. The devil and his army is real
 - ii. This Spiritual warfare and battle is real
 - iii. There is an unseen world full of unseen beings which are very organized, opposing you and I as we serve God, but also in this unseen world full of unseen beings are the Well Organized Army of God With the Spirit of God guiding us as we fight this War, as well as teaching how to fight this war, so we can be Victorious in this life

I. Spiritual Things are real

A. The Unseen is no less real then the seen

- 1. Some think that Spiritual things only exist in their mind, but let it be understood, that Spiritual things do exist outside of the realm of our mind
- 2. We embrace thoughts and ideas as intellectual truths, but Spiritual things are more than thoughts and ideas
- 3. Spiritual things are just as real as animals and objects which we can see and touch
- 4. We live in two realities, Physical and Spiritual
- 5. We have no problem with the Physical because we live in that dimension, but our constant exposure to the Physical causes us to have difficulty grasping the reality of the Spiritual, so
 - a. We struggle with illnesses,
 - i. For we know how we feel,
 - ii. For we know what the doctors say,

- iii. For we know all the information which we have googled concerning our situation,
- iv. For we know all the (healthy) information that we have received from Facebook,
- b. We struggle with finances
 - i. For we have heard what the unemployment rate is
 - ii. For we have heard how our investments have lost money with the downturn of stocks
 - iii. For we have heard the rumors consider our job being outsourced, or perhaps closed down altogether
 - iv. For we know that we need new tires, or an oil change, or that we have 175,000 plus mileage on this worn out piece of junk
 - v. For we know that if we pay tithes, and especially if we tithe and give offerings, that we will not financially make it, because common sense from a physical world tells us that we need a nest egg for a rainy day
- c. We will in fear, in depression, intimidated by everything around, locking ourselves away behind closed doors fearful of what might happen

Note: We can see the reality of the Spiritual World,

- i. When we begin to take up the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and
- ii. Through God's Word as directed by His Spirit, we bring into reality the unseen blessings and promises of God, which with God's Word become real
- iii. So instead of living in fear and under intimidation, we rise up knowing that
 - 1) "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens," Philippians 4:13, and that
 - 2) "God will supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

B. Reality of Spiritual things from Ephesians

- 1. Very briefly, here are some things we learn from Ephesians
 - a. There is a "Spiritual Dimension" or "Sphere of Activity"
 - b. There is an actual "Spirit World," based on the authority of God's Word

- c. For us to be victorious, we must have a firm conviction, a working knowledge and a practical grasp of “Spiritual Reality.”

2. Now, let us look at some Scriptures

- a. Let us look at Ephesians 1:1, where we see that these Christians are operating in two different spheres (realms, areas, departments)

1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

- i. First, Paul called them saints at Ephesus which refers to where they were physically
- ii. Second, Paul calls them “the faithful in Christ Jesus,” which refers to their Spiritual Habitation

Note: How about that!!! We have a Physical place such as “Bald Knob, Judsonia, etc,” and being the faithful, we have a “Spiritual Habitation” which is “In Christ Jesus”

Note: This phrase “In Christ” is seen as a theological phrase, and not really observed as being a “Real Spiritual Habitation”

- i. We understand being “In Ephesus”
- ii. It is difficult for us to understand being “In Christ” as a “real location”
- iii. Let us understand that this is not just Words, but this is reality, and those who can grasp this are able to live with Christ in a greater way, finder higher heights and deep depths then what we can imagine

- b. Now, let us look at Ephesians 1:3

3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- i. In the King James Version, you will find “Places” in “italics”
- ii. Versions
 - 1) Niv says “Heavenly Realms”
 - 2) Nlt says “Heavenly Realms”
- iii. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the “heavenlies,” which is reference to a place in the “Spiritual Realm” that is just as real a 199 Stewart Loop, Bald Knob, Arkansas

Note: This is not a place that is “heavenly,” but it is a place called the “Heavenlies”

- iv. Paul is telling us that we are now operating in the physical dimension, but there is in this same “space habitation” a Spiritual sphere
 - 1) There are spiritual entities functioning within this physical dimension
 - 2) These spiritual entities inhabit the same space factor that we inhabit physically
- v. In this heavenly place which we can inhabit,
 - We are blessed with “All Spiritual Blessing”
 - 1) If Paul had said “all physical blessing,” then everyone would be trying to appropriate the “physical blessings,”
 - 2) Most people have very little appreciation of the fact that they have “All Spiritual Blessings,” because they do not understand
 - 3) People understand a new car, or a house, because they can relate to that, but they do not understand “All Spiritual Blessing”
- vi. Notice, that the Word of God says “All Spiritual Blessings”
 - 1) This means that we are blessed with “Everything” “God’s Got”
 - 2) This means that “Everything” “God Is,”
 - He has given to us in the person of His Son Jesus.
 - 3) This means that all of the “Resources” of God are available to you and I because we have God in us and we are in Him

Note John 15:5, 7

i. v5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

ii. v7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Note: In the Spiritual Dimension, we are blessed with All Spiritual blessing in Christ, and folks, that will carry over into our physical dimension if we can move and operate in faith

c. Now, let us see how Paul puts this in Ephesians 2:6-7 (Kjv)

6) God... hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
 7) That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

- 1) God has saved us
- 2) God has puts us in Christ (In, not with)
- 3) God has raised us up in the Spiritual dimension (aspect, element)
- 4) God has made us one with His Son Jesus, which makes us one with God
- 5) God has done all this so He can show us how abundant are His riches by His grace through His kindness toward us.

Note: It will take forever to find out how Good God is, but tragically, many will die and go to hell never knowing how wonderful God is.

- 6) In this we see that God is awesome, but even for us, His people, it will take forever for us to experience it.
- 7) God has saved us, so starting from that moment and going on for “ages to come (forever),” He can show us how good He is.

Note: If people really knew you as you know you, do you think they would like you. Listen, God knows you better then you know yourself, and

- i. God still offers us an opportunity to be one with His Son.
- ii. God still makes us acceptable in His Son Jesus
- iii. God still express His goodness freely to you and I, even know He knows us
- d. Now, let us move to Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- i. Paul calls this Spiritual War a wrestling match
- ii. Here in this world, we are in a conflict, we are involved in a war
- iii. We wrestle against “spiritual wicked in high places”

- 1) “High” in this verse is the same Greek word for Heavenly in Ephesians 1:3; 2:6

2) Therefore, we are wrestling against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies, in the Spiritual realm.

3) In other words, we are wrestling with wicked spirits in a spiritual dimension

iv. We wrestle not against flesh and blood

1) If we could only remember that we are not wrestling with our neighbor, but a spiritual being is behind the conflict, and that is the one we are wrestling

2) As Christians, our conflict is not coming from the one over us, but it is coming from the one behind the scenes in another dimension, unseen, but ever so real

3) We are not wrestling with a disease, but we are wrestling with a spiritual being

a) Who desires To afflict us,

b) Who desires To intimidate us,

c) Who desires To cause us to live with and in fear,

d) Who desires To keep us in bondage

e) Who is only overcome by blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony

f) Who we must resist utilizing the Word of God and our faith

g) Which is behind the cancer is more real than the cancer

h) Where the ultimate victory is victory in the Spiritual Realm through Christ who has Blessed us with All Heavenlies Blessings.

Note: Do not become “flesh conscious” or “people centered” as we fight this Spiritual War, for the enemy will have us fighting one another, instead of fighting him, for our real enemy is not flesh and blood.

Note: Let us not be lulled to sleep by the enemy, or by life, as someone said, “We wrestle not.” Some are already defeated by the enemy, and they do not even know it.

Note: After Paul discusses the armour, gives us this admonition as a way of fighting this Spiritual Warfare in Ephesians 6:18, shows us how to Practicing Spiritual Warfare

i. KJV...

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

ii. Amp...

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Note: According to this verse, the reality of spiritual warfare is Prayer, and if we are going to war or fight the good fight, the we must learn how to pray. There is no better way to fight the good fight than by effective praying.

II. Practice Spiritual Warfare

A. Praying always is the practice of Warfare

1. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- a. KJV...Pray without ceasing
- b. Amp... Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly];

2. Jesus tells us in Luke 18:1

- a. KJV...Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Note: Ought is from the Greek "dai," and it has these meaning

- i. It is necessary,
- ii. There is need of
- iii. It is right and proper
- iv. It is a necessity that we pray
 - 1) A necessity that is brought by circumstances or by the conduct of others
 - 2) A necessity in reference to what is required to attain some goal
 - 3) A necessity of duty, established by the counsel and decree of God, especially since God needs men to "stand in the gap and make of the hedge" to intercede for those who are lost
- b. With this definition in mind, let us consider these versions
 - i. Nlt...They should always pray and never give up
 - ii. Amp...

They ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).

B. Let us pray with all kinds of prayers

Note: Proper prayers come from the heart. If you are reading a prayer that has been written, we need to let it be a form, and from the heart follow the form allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we pray.

1. Pray prayers of Praise, which are prayers of victory
2. Pray prayers of Petition, or supplication where we learn to ask God for what we want or need,
 - a. Remembering the Words of Jesus in John 14:14
If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
 - b. Remembering the words of James in James 4:2...Ye have not, because ye ask not.
3. Pray prayers of Confession, where we ask God to forgive us of sin.
4. Pray of Proclamation, which is a “key prayer,” for learning how to pray without ceasing.
 - a. Here, we Affirm our faith
 - b. Here, we Declare the end result, even when we have not physically seen it, but spiritually, we have seen it, therefore, it is real, so Proclaim what is happening, followed by Praise for the end result.

Note: There are times we need to Proclaim, or declare “Jesus is Lord”

- i. You need to hear that Proclamation
- ii. The devil needs to hear that Proclamation from you
- iii. Your wife or husband needs to hear you make that Proclamation
- iv. Your children need to hear you Proclaim “Jesus is Lord”

Note: Remember, we are practicing “War” through “Prayer” without ceasing

C. Understand your Position of Prayer as you practice War

1. Our position has to do with authority
2. We have a right to pray because of our Position in Christ

3. Ephesians 1 shows us that we are “In Christ,” and this is our Position, and since we are in Christ, we have authority and a right, because we are heirs, joint-heirs with Christ
4. Because of our position,
 - a. We are entitled to many things
 - b. I think the one of greatest honor is that we have the authority to act as if we were Jesus
 - c. We have the authority to act in Christ’s place
 - d. We have the authority to do what Jesus would do if He were here
5. As we deal with the devil, with sin, with the world, we have the right and the privilege to use the name of Jesus, which has all the authority of Jesus behind it.
6. When you and I pray, we are praying from our Position in Christ
 - a. We are praying from the fact that we are in Christ
 - b. We have the authority to pray, so we pray
 - c. Jesus told us to pray always, and in John 14:14, we are told to ask anything in Jesus’ name, and Jesus will do it
 - i. We are in Christ, so pray
 - ii. We are in the heavenlies, so pray
 - iii. You are in a position that gives you authority, so pray
 - iv. You are part of Christ, so pray

D. Understand the Possessions of Prayer

Note: Our position gives us authority, and our Possessions gives us Assets.

1. We have assets
2. We have what it takes to pray
3. We have the authority to pray, and we have the weapons to pray
 - a. Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- i. All spiritual blessings
- ii. We have everything we need to be effective servants of God
- b. In Ephesians 6, we see a list of weapons
 - i. Girdle of truth
 - ii. Breastplate of righteousness
 - iii. Feet of peace
 - iv. Shield of faith
 - v. Helmet of salvation
 - vi. Sword of the Spirit

Note: Our shield of faith gives us all the faith we need. We just need to learn to use our shield.

- 4. Our Possessions refer to our inheritance
 - a. This refers to all we have as the Children of God
 - b. We have the authority to act as Jesus would act
 - c. We have the authority to do what Jesus would do
 - d. We are Jesus in this world
 - e. Listen, we have the authority, the right, and the privilege to come to God and to pray
 - i. We have the riches and possessions of heaven in Christ
 - ii. We have the spiritual blessings in Christ

Note: These Spiritual Blessings are not for feeling good, but they are actual possessions that are our, which can be utilized in this world to bring about blessings we can see.

- iii. We have the resources in Christ

Note: We have looked at our Position of Prayer, and our Possession or Prayer, now let us see our Power of Prayer

D. Power of Prayer

1. Ephesians 6:18... Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,...
2. We cannot go wrong by praying
3. Perhaps the greatest sin in our lives is “Prayerlessness”
4. Let us understand that when we have Prayed and done all we can do,

The Spirit of God moves into our Prayer life using utterances which we cannot understand for He knows the heart of God, and

He prays according to the Will of God,

Then all things will work together for Good to them that love God, to them who are the Called according to His will and purpose (Romans 8)

5. The Power of Power is exercised when we as saints are willing, submissive, and Obedient in doing what we know to do, than the Spirit comes upon the scene
 - a. Be careful to pray in the Spirit
 - b. When we pray verbally, or vocally from a sincere heart, with a pure motive and a desire to honor God, then the Spirit makes intercession for us
 - c. The Spirit will pray for us
 - d. The Spirit will anoint our prayers and take them to the throne of God
 - e. When we are too weary to pray, or when we do not know how to pray, the Spirit will make intercession for us

Note: We have looked at our Position of Prayer, our Possession of Prayer, and our Power of Prayer, now, let us look at Perseverance of Prayer

E. Perseverance of Prayer

Note Ephesians 6:18 again

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1. Perseverance is to be our attitude
 - a. Our attitude should be one of “Keeping On”

- b. When we do not get what we desire immediately, “Keep On Praying”
- c. Grab the Horns of the Altar of God and Pray
- d. Believe, and keep on believing, then keep on believing
- e. Examples
 - i. Elijah praying for rain
 - ii. Daniel praying for an answer to prophecy concerning Israel
 - iii. Jesus’ example of the woman coming before the unjust judge in Luke 18
 - 1) In verses 3-5, we find a woman who comes to the judge to be avenged, but he would not avenge her, but in verse 5, we find that she kept coming so the judge said; “I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.”
 - 2) Listen to the admonition of Jesus
 - a) v1...

Kjv...Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Niv...They should always pray and not give up.

Amp...they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).

- b) In v7, Jesus, as He mentions our prayers being answered, makes this statement

Kjv...And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Amp...And will not [our just] God defend *and* protect *and* avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them *and* delay help on their behalf?

Note: We need to understand that there are times that we must Persevere

Note: Pray and Persevere is our Dual Responsibility as Saints of God.

Note: When we fail to pray and fail to persevere, we fail ourselves, but we not only fail ourselves, we fail our brethren, we fail our families, we fail our associates, we fail our church, we fail our pastor, for Prayer is our warfare.

III. Purpose of Spiritual Warfare

A. Is found in Ephesians 6:18, where We are Responsible for each other

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1. We are to watch with perseverance and prayer for all saints
 - a. Niv...All the Lord's people
 - b. Nlt..Believers everywhere
 - c. Amp...All the saints
2. We are to pray one for another
 - a. Support the weak with prayer
 - b. Help the wounded by praying for them
 - c. Intercede for those who are down and discouraged, about to give up
 - d. Intercede day and night for those who are suffering with incurable diseases, for there is no disease incurable for our God
3. Prayer is not the only thing left to do, but Prayer is the first thing we do, and we keep on praying day and night until we get our answer

B. Is found in Ephesians 6:19-20, where we are Responsible for Evangelism

19) And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20) For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1. Paul requests that they pray, ask God to give him Guidance in preaching
2. We need to pray that God will guide us in Evangelism
 - a. This will bring about change in our lives, and our problem is that some of us do not want to change, neither do we want to be involved
 - b. If we are not counting for God, then we need to pray that God will work in and on our lives bring about change so we will make a difference in His kingdom

Conclude

1. Victory in this warfare

- a. Is not Spiritual Satisfaction, for some are satisfied, but are not making a difference
 - b. Is not personal Contentment, because many are happy, but not yet saved
2. If we are not having victory in our lives as we serve God, perhaps
 - a. We are encumbered with Carnality
 - b. We are wound up in Worldliness
 - c. We are immersed in the things of this world
 - d. We are in such bondage to the devil and to the things of the flesh that God cannot use us
3. It is time that we learn to pray effectively in power and break loose from the chains of darkness so the Spirit of God can fill our lives
4. Paul said “Pray for me that I may speak boldly as I ought to speak”
 - a. When the Spirit of God fills our lives, we will become soul winners
 - b. When the Spirit of God begins to saturate and fill our lives, fruit will be the result
 - c. God can use anyone when they turn from worldliness and become a good soldier in His kingdom
5. God wants you