

THE CHURCH IN THE LAST DAYS

PRAYER POWER

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Jeff Schreve

Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

How can you take your prayer life to a new level?

1. Recognize the privilege of prayer.

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

I Love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2

2. Understand the bigger picture of prayer.

- A. Intercessory prayer gets your focus off your problems.
- B. Intercessory prayer asks God to spread His Word.
- C. Intercessory prayer asks God to deliver His workers.

3. Cling to the promise of prayer.

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. 2 Thessalonians 3:3-4

"Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD is His name, 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:2-3

4. Focus on the Lord of prayer.

And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:5

A. Keep your heart in a love relationship with Jesus.

B. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

... and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

Is there something keeping you from calling out to Him?