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## Prayer Is Warfare Ephesians 6:10-20

Series: (Re)Discovering the Power of Persistent Prayer

### Central Passage

**Ephesians 6:10–20 (ESV)** — **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.** **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **17** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, **18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19** and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Central Thought:** Christ-centered prayer is the most relevant, powerful activity in which we can engage to confront and conquer the weakness of our flesh and the works of the Devil.

❖ Satan is out to get you! (But he can't make you do anything).

**2 Corinthians 2:10–11 (ESV)** — **10** Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, **11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.** (See also John 10:10)

❖ Everything is spiritual!

**Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)** — **12** 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. (See also Matthew 4:1-11).

❖ Persistent Prayer is the key to overcoming!

**Mark 9:7 (ESV)** — **7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "**This is my beloved Son; listen to him.**"

**Mark 9:28–29 (ESV)** — **28** And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast [the demon] out?" **29** And he said to them, "**This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.**"

**Acts 19:15–16 (ESV)** — **15** But the evil spirit answered them, "**Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?**" **16** And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

### Homework

❖ Continue reading Red Moon Rising.

❖ In prayer, ask Jesus to show you how Satan is using your weaknesses against you.

❖ Read anything by E. M. Bounds.