

Prevailing in Prayer IV

Vision can be sustained by prayer - *Daniel 10*

Vision can be sharpened by prayer - *Matthew 6*

Vision can be strengthened by prayer - *Acts 1-2*

Vision can be supported by prayer - *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Consider *Ephesians 1:15-17*

NLT Ephesians 1:15 Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. **I pray for you constantly,** ¹⁷ **asking God,** the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

I

Paul **acknowledges** their **faith**. *Vs 15*

There are two constant characteristics of a genuine disciples of Jesus. *Vs 15*

Genuine disciples of Jesus have evidence of **faith** in the Lord Jesus.

Genuine disciples of Jesus have evidence of **love** of God's people everywhere.

- These two characteristics are constant in the urban letters to the church.

II

Paul **affirms** his **fervor**. *Vs 16*

Genuine relationships are always affirmed by thanksgiving. *Vs 16*

Thanksgiving is a response to His goodness. *He's a good, good Father.*

Thanksgiving is a response to human kindness.

- Thanksgiving is a response of gratitude.

III

Paul addresses his focus. *Vs 17*

Paul wants them to grow in the knowledge of God.

Their growth is to be a full experiential knowledge of God. *John 17:3*

This knowledge comes through the revelation of God to man through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- He is the God of Creation. *Jeremiah 22:17* and *Malachi 2:10*
- He is the God of Covenant. *Hebrews 8:6*
- He is the God of Chronology.

He abides outside of time. He controls time He steps into time.
Galatians 4:4

He is the God of *Kairos*. “God moments” are when He invades and breaks into time.

- He is the God of Correction. *Exodus 20:1-17*

The Ten Commandments laid the foundation on how we should live in the community as He has imagined it.

- He is the God of C**onnection**. *Matthew 22:37*

He connects us to Him and to one another.

- He is the God of C**onquest**. *Exodus 15:3*

Our LORD is a man of war.

- He is the God of C**onsummation**. *Matthew 5:48*

He is extremely skilled and accomplished.

He is of the highest degree and He is complete in every detail. He is perfect in who He is. He is perfect in all that He does.

- *He desires to bring us into a full complete and absolute confident knowledge of Him.*

Amp Ephesians 1:17 [I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son].

My hallelujah belongs to you. You are perfect in all of your ways.