

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1401: What Does It Mean to Pray Without Ceasing?

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1. What does *adialeiptos* (“without ceasing”) mean in 1 Thessalonians 5:17? Explain Paul’s examples in the scriptures below and then give an example of how we can do this in our modern lives:
  - a. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 – How does Paul remember the Thessalonians in prayer?
  - b. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 – What does praying about past events reveal about gratitude?
  - c. Romans 1:9 – How is this possible? How did bringing his blessings before God verify them?
  - d. Which of these four prayer types do you use? Give an example of when you might use it.
2. What does Philippians 4:6-7 teach about the relationship between prayer, supplication and thanksgiving? What are the differences between these three prayer components?
3. Why is it important to pair supplication with thanksgiving?
4. What does it mean to “pray in the spirit” in Ephesians 6:18? How does this relate to spiritual warfare? What is required to pray in the spirit when presenting big petitions and supplications to God?
5. What is the difference between “meaningless repetition” and repeating a deeply-felt prayer? (Matthew 6:7-8)
  - a. Is it okay to repeat a comforting scripture to ourselves?
  - b. Why should we bother to pray if God already knows what we need? (Isaiah 26:3, 41:10)
  - c. What is Paul asking for in Ephesians 6:18-20? Is it correct for us to ask others to pray for us?
6. What is the significance of the “supplications” (*hiketeria*, literally an olive branch wrapped in wool) in Hebrews 5:7-9? In what way does this deepen our understanding of Jesus’ emotional intensity and spiritual surrender in prayer?
7. Why is it important to allow Jesus’ words and the word of God to “abide” in us?
8. What should be the basis of our praying without ceasing? (John 15:7-8, Colossians 4:2-4, Hebrews 13:15)
9. How do we offer sacrificial praise? Have you been in a position to do this? Explain. (Job 1:21, Acts 16:25)
10. What does the phrase “fruit of lips” mean? How does this praise God? (Psalm 34:1)
11. How are you using the privilege of praying without ceasing in your communication with the Father? How might you improve?