

Devoted to PRAYER

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I. KEY VERSES ON PRAYER FROM PAUL

- A. Colossians 4:2 - **Devote** yourselves to prayer, **keeping alert** in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

- B. Ephesians 6:18 - With **all** prayer and petition pray at **all times** in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with **all perseverance and petition for all the saints**,

- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice **always**; pray **without ceasing**; in **everything** give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

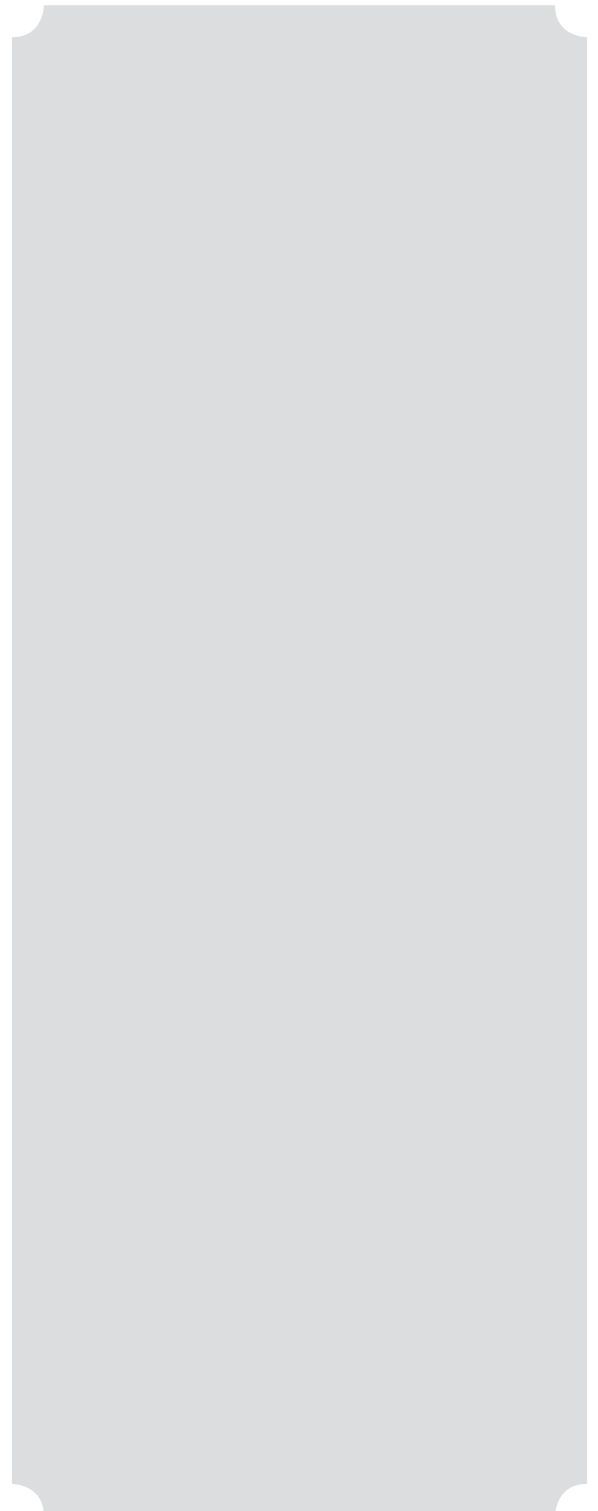
II. PAUL'S OUTLOOK

- A. Paul counted on the presence of God with him.

- B. Paul recognized that God was always working out a predetermined plan.
 - 1. Plan was always being worked out.

 - 2. Plan was being worked out in and through Paul.

- C. Paul realized that his prayers had an impact on that plan being fulfilled.



III. OUTWORKING OF THESE REALITIES IN PAUL'S LIFE

A. Evidence must come from Paul's letters.

B. Summation of the types of evidence we have from those letters:

1. Testimony of his own prayer life
2. Records of the content of his prayers
3. Thanksgiving he expresses as he writes
4. Benedictions he pronounces on those to whom he writes
5. Outbursts of praise

IV. PLAN FOR OUR CONSIDERATION

A. Incomplete - time is limited

B. Not organized topically

C. Selective

D. Roughly chronological

