

10. Reflect on your most recent prayers. What do they reveal about the desires of your heart? If you are concerned about the nature of your prayers, what steps can you take to change them?

11. How will you pray for ABC this week?



Message #97: Prayerful Perseverance

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

Troubled soul, the "much tribulation" will soon be over, and as you enter the "kingdom of God" you shall then see, no longer "through a glass darkly" but in the unshadowed sunlight of the Divine presence, that "all things" did "work together" for your personal and eternal good.

A.W. Pink

A praying life isn't simply a morning prayer time; it is about slipping into prayer at odd hours of the day, not because we are disciplined but because we are in touch with our own poverty of spirit, realizing that we can't even walk through a mall or our neighborhood without the help of the Spirit of Jesus.

Paul Miller

You will not know what prayer is for until you know that life is war.

John Piper

I believe that prayer is the measure of the man, spiritually, in a way that nothing else is, so that how we pray is as important a question as we can ever face.

J.I. Packer

If you don't spend time communing with the Lord, it may be because you're not under pressure because you're not serving Him with zeal and a fervent spirit.

John MacArthur

No one's a firmer believer in the power of prayer than the devil; not that he practices it, but he suffers from it.

Guy H. King

The person who prays best is the person who loves best.

Keith Krell

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. What makes it possible to persevere in tribulation (*Romans 12:12*)?

4. Why does God allow tribulations in our lives?

5. Why should we be joyful in hope when afflicted (*Romans 5:2-5; 12:12*)?

6. What do the following verses teach about tribulation?
Matthew 5:11-12 — *Philippians 1:29* —

John 15:18-19 —

1 Timothy 3:12 —

John 16:33 —

1 Peter 4:12-13 —

Acts 14:22 —

7. How do you usually pray when you're experiencing tribulations? In light

of *Colossians 1:9-12*, should your prayer focus shift? If so, how?

8. How can you pray the following Scriptures for yourself and others?
Matthew 22:37 — *Ephesians 1:17-23* —

Matthew 28:18-20 —

Ephesians 5:18 —

John 4:124 —

Ephesians 5:22-6:4 —

Romans 12:9-13 —

Ephesians 6:10-20 —

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 —

Philippians 2:1-8 —

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 —

1 John 2:15-17 —

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 —

3 John 2-3 —

2 Corinthians 2:11 —

9. How do hope, patience, and prayer all relate to each other and need each other?