

Title: Church Planting and the Power of Prayer

Theme: The Church moves forward only by the power of the Holy Spirit, and our connection to the Spirit is based upon the power of our prayer life.

Text: Colossians 4:2-6

Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

Response: Communion

Benediction:

## I. Introduction

A. Last week we focused on the role of the Spirit and the spiritual warfare that surrounds our doing the work of God.

B. Prayer is a major weapon in our arsenal in this battle that we are called to.

C. How do we do that well?

## II. Read Text

## III. Becoming a Prayer Warrior

A. Continue steadfastly in prayer

### 1. Continue Steadfastly

a) Examples

(1) Acts 1:4

(2) Acts 2:42

(3) Acts 2:46

(4) Romans 12:12 (vvs. 9-13)

b) Meaning of the Word

(1) to be engaged in, to be devoted to

(2) extra biblical Greek to describe the obstinate continuance of a siege

c) Gen 32:26

B. Being watchful in it with thanksgiving

### 1. being watchful in prayer

a) to stay alert

b) to be awake to our need for prayer

c) we cannot fall asleep while in the midst of spiritual warfare

d) watchful for what?

(1) Context

(a) Husbands and Wives 3:18-19

(b) Parents and Children 3:20-21

(c) Masters and Slaves 3:22-4:1

(d) Ourselves and Unbelievers 4:5-6

(2) Relational Sin

### 2. being watchful with thanksgiving

a) we give thanks for the opportunity to pray

b)we give thanks for the relationships that God has placed in our life that at times are so trying.

C.Prayer warriors are intercessors for the work Christ has set before us.

1.While Paul is in prison - His prayer request

a)That doors be open

(1)not those of the prison

(2)but opportunities to share the gospel

(a)the mystery of Christ

(b)the reason Paul is in prison

D.The result of a prayer warriors devotion to pray

1.Walk in wisdom toward unbelievers

2.Redeem the time given by God

3.They guard their speech

a)It is gracious towards unbelievers

b)It is winsome and witty with unbelievers

c)We answer each person by speaking in grace while being personable.

IV. Conclusion

A.How do we live as prayer warriors?

1.We assault the throne of God with expectancy in regard to what He has promised His people.

2.We watch over those relationships we are to be praying for.

3.We give thanks for those relationships

4.We intercede on behalf of those whom God has called to go out from among us.

B.This life of prayer

1.Will produce wisdom within our walk

2.Wisdom to redeem our time for the Kingdom

3.Wisdom to speak graciously and in love toward those whom we are sent to proclaim the gospel.