

All Prayer
Ephesians 6:18-20

Big battles and boring blockades –

Practical Help for Learning to Fight

1. **Do field training exercises**
 - What lies am I tempted to believe?
 - How will I question my acceptance in Jesus and live either in self-righteousness or guilt?
 - How will I doubt that God is truly for me?
 - What specific promises or truths from God's word will combat Satan's lies and temptations?
 - How can I fuel my hope in God's long-term plan of redemption?
 - How will I commit to using God's Word in the middle of battle?
2. **Do post-battle debriefs**
3. **Use the buddy system**
4. **Ask the Commander-in-Chief for help**

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Stand by

- "praying at _____ times in the Spirit" – no self-sufficiency

- "with _____ prayer and supplication" – no formulas

"Life is _____. That's not all it is. But it is always that. Our weakness in prayer is owing largely to our neglect of this truth. Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic _____ to call upstairs for more comforts in the den. God has given us prayer as a wartime walkie-talkie so that we can call headquarters for everything we need as the kingdom of Christ advances in the world. Prayer gives us the significance of front-line forces, and gives God the glory of a limitless Provider. The one who gives the power gets the _____."

John Piper

- “To that end keep alert with _____ perseverance” – no laziness

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Mark 4:38

- “making supplication for _____ the saints” – no loners

“and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” (19-20)

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