

# The Process of Persistence in Prayer

Colossians 4:2

*Introduction:*

#1 – Commit to Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
2 *Devote yourselves to prayer*

1<sup>st</sup> – Don't ever \_\_\_\_\_ up praying

*Acts 6:4 But we will **devote** ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*

\* **Turn to Luke 18:1**

\* **Turn to Luke 11:5**

*Psalm 69:13 O God, in the greatness of Thy lovingkindness, **Answer me** with Thy saving truth. 16 **Answer me**, O Lord, for Thy lovingkindness is good; According to the greatness of Thy compassion, turn to me, 17 And do not hide Thy face from Thy servant, For I am in distress; **answer me quickly.***

**1 Corinthians 1:11** *And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your **prayers**, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the **prayers** of many*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Don't ever \_\_\_\_\_ praying

## 1-Pray Continually

**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, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Luke 21:36 keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength ... Acts 6:4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Romans 12:12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

## 2-Pray Consciously

#2 – Let Prayer be your \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> – Stay \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer  
**4:2** *keeping alert in it*

**Matthew 36:40** *He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? 41 Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stay \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer

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

*Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.*

### **Conclusion:**

#1-Communion with Christ depends  
on a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ and a  
commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ God conscious

#2-\_\_\_\_\_ in prayer depends upon...

1<sup>st</sup> – Your requests being made only according to God's will found in God's Word

2<sup>nd</sup> – Asking only in Christ's name, on the basis of His character and not your goodness or deservedness

3<sup>rd</sup> – Asking only in faith, believing in the willingness and power of God to answer our prayers

4<sup>th</sup> – Waiting patiently on God to answer, persisting until the blessing we seek is granted

#3-It is time for FBC to pray through our Worship

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#4-Prayer does not work for those not in \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 66:18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear*