

5. _____ By The Church
Romans 15:31 Proverbs 3:13-15; James 1:5 ;
Phil.1:9-11.

6. _____ in the Ministry
Rom. 15:31-32
Hebrews 13:17

7. _____ in Fellowship With the
Saints
Rom. 15:32

II. Share Your Affection 5:26

III. Read & Respond to Scripture 27

2 Thess. 3:14, 1 Timothy 4:13

IV. The Benediction 28

Remember:

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

"Pray, Kiss, Read"

1Thess. 5:25-28

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Introduction:

1 Timothy 2:1, 1 Timothy 2:8, Exodus 17:9

I. Pray for Your Spiritual Leaders 5:25

"If a people are looking for rich discourses from their minister, their prayers must supply him with the matter, if for faithful discourses, their prayers must urge him, by a full and uncompromising manifestation of the truth, to commend himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God; if for powerful and successful discourses, their prayers must make him a blessing to the souls of men." Gardiner Spring

"Frail men, fallible, sinning men, exposed to every snare, to temptation in every form; and from the very post they occupy, the fairer mark for the fiery darts of the enemy. Ministers are no insignificant victims the great Adversary is seeking, when he would cripple and wound Christ's ministers. Their temptations are probably more subtle and severe than those encountered by others."

A. The Necessity of Praying

Romans 15:30, Colossians 2:1, Col.4:12

2 Corinthians 11:29...

B. What to Pray for Your Pastors/Leaders

1. _____ Priorities Would

Characterize Their Lives

1 Tim. 4:6-16 He will be a good servant who...

- a. Nourished on the Word v6
- b. Avoid Myths: That is silly moralizing stories that trivialize Scripture.
- c. Discipline yourself to godliness
- d. Be an example v 12
- e. Read the Scriptures; Teach them, Exhort
- f. Minister his gifts
- g. Be absorbed
- h. Scrutinize himself

"O it is a fearful expense that ministers are ever allowed to enter the pulpit without being preceded, accompanied, and followed by the earnest prayers of the churches. It is no marvel that the pulpit is so powerless, and ministers so often disheartened when there are so few to hold up their hands. The consequence of neglecting this duty is seen and felt in the spiritual declension of the churches.." Spring

2. _____ Preaching/Teaching Ministry

(9) things from Paul about his preaching/ministry.

- a. **Boldness**
Ephesians 6:19
- b. **Clarity**

Colossians 4:4

Exodus 4:10-13

c. **Opportunity**

Colossians 4:3

d. **Widening Ministry**

2 Thessalonians 3:1

e. **Obeded**

2 Thessalonians 3:1

f. **Power in conviction**

1 Thessalonians 1:5

g. **God Pleaser**

1 Thessalonians 2:4

h. **Gentle Shepherds**

1 Thessalonians 2:7

I. **Equippers**

1 Thessalonians 3:10

3. _____ In Spirit
Ephesians 6:12, Ephesians 6:18-19

Brethren, pray for us, that we may be kept from sin; that we may walk carefully, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time [Eph. 5:16]; that our hearts may be more devoted to God, and our lives a more impressive example of the Gospel we preach; that we may be more completely furnished for our work and our conflicts, and put on the whole armor of God [6:10-17]; that we may be more faithful and wise to win souls, and that we may discipline our body, and bring it into subjection, lest having preached to others, we ourselves be cast away [1 Cor. 9:27] Spring

Hebrews 13:17-18

4. _____ From the Unbeliever
2Tim.3:1-6; Romans 15:31, 2 Thessalonians 3:2

