

Living In Light Of Christ's Return

REVIEW: **The biblical leader's prayer life – unanswered and answered prayer.**

- Key: Paul had God's heart for God's people. God's Word was his desire. **John 15:7**
- Vs 9-10: notice the plurality of authors.
- Notice the labor in prayer = "praying exceedingly" Eph 4:20; Col 4:12
- Notice the labor in ministry. 1 Thess 2:9
- Prayer: Sometimes God says "no."
- KEY: Trust God to work in the lives of people. Trust him to use _____ to do so.
- KEY: our faith MUST _____! (Rom 5:1-5)
The Thessalonian church was suffering persecution and their faith was to endure and grow.

5. God knows how He wants to use us! Vs 11

- Paul's attitude was "I **only** want what God wants." Paul wanted to disciple them. **Romans 1:9–12**
- How are we to get God's _____?
- **Vs 9-11: We are to _____ for God's directive will!**
- **Goal: To grow in _____ . Vs 12**
Paul prayed for an INCREASE and ABUNDING in their love.
If you don't HAVE it, how can you see thru to IMPROVE it?

Pray for your disciple's _____ to grow. **Hebrews 13:1**

Key Danger: in persecution or a trial – we get _____ focused.

How do people respond to trials? Persecution? Do trials make you _____ or _____?
Do you withdraw and hide, or do you move forward in faith and stay engaged in loving your brother?
Matthew 22:39; John 15: 12; Romans 12:9

Love is everything! It's the _____ of God over our lives. **Luke 10:27**

It's the way our church is _____. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

Key: perfect love casts out fear. **1 John 4:18**

You can have the hard but loving conversations. You're ready to do it when your motivation is love.

If your "investment" always tends to argument, it isn't edification. It's _____.

Pride's goal? " _____ vs righteousness."

- Our love for one another is proof of our _____! **John 13:34-35**

The mark of the mature? **1 Peter 1:22**

- **Goal: To grow in _____! Vs 13**

Holiness – results in you being all in with God. Completely _____ to Him.

A focus on the _____ keeps us going a growing in holiness to the Lord.
It keeps us living and focused for the future! **Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2**

The goal? Unblameable holiness!