

# Prayer and Strengthening the Brethren

Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-6

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Prayer is an essential part of every Christian's life.
2. Prayer is powerful.
3. May we learn how to pray so that the church and our brethren will be stronger.

## I. THE NEED FOR STRENGTH (2 TIMOTHY 2:1-6)

- A. The Christian is strengthened and empowered by the grace of God (2:1).
- B. This strength is needed to live a faithful life and to teach the Gospel (2:2).
- C. A soldier needs strength to endure hardness in the good fight of faith (2:3-4; 4:7).
- D. An athlete needs strength to strive lawfully for victory (2:5; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27).
- E. A farmer needs strength to labor for a successful harvest (2:6).
- F. Likewise, the Christian needs spiritual strength to live a life of faithfulness in service to the Lord.
- G. Prayer is a vital source of the Christian's strength (Ephesians 6:10-18).

## II. THOSE WHO NEED STRENGTH

- A. Elders (Acts 20:28-36; Titus 1:9-14; Hebrews 13:17)
- B. Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)
- C. Preachers (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
- D. Teachers (1 Timothy 4:13-16; James 3:1)
- E. Evangelists (Acts 13:2-3; 14:26-28)
- F. The Weak (Romans 14:1; 1 Corinthians 3:1; 1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-114)
- G. The Strong (1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Galatians 6:1)

## III. THE ROLE OF PRAYER IN STRENGTHENING THE BRETHERN

- A. A strong heart (1 Thessalonians 1:1-13)
- B. A solid foundation (Ephesians 3:14-21)
- C. A stable walk (Colossians 1:3-12)
- D. A sound speech (Ephesians 6:18-20)
- E. A successful work (Philippians 1:7-11)
- F. A sinless life (2 Corinthians 13:7)

CONCLUSION: 1 SAMUEL 12:23