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“Tenth Rule of Leadership: Prayer Measures Faith”

“... he knelt down and prayed with all of them.” Acts 20:36

“This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,¹⁶ I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.” (Ephesians 1:15-17)

I. Purpose of Prayer (15-16)

- A. Reason *“This is why...”* (15)
- B. Remembrance *“...since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus...”* (15)
- C. Regard *“...and your love for all the saints...”* (15)
- D. Resolution *“...I never stop giving thanks for you...”* (16)
- E. Relationship *“...as I remember you in my prayers.”* (16)

- 1) For Paul, Prayer was Standard - *“I never stop...”*
- 2) For Paul, Prayer was Spoken - *“giving thanks for you”*
- 3) For Paul, Prayer was Specific - *“as I remember you in my prayers.”*

II. Parameters of Prayer (17)

- A. Goal *“I pray...”*
- B. God *“...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*
- C. Glory *“...the glorious Father...”*
- D. Gift *“...would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation...”*
- E. Growth *“...in the knowledge of Him.”*

III. A Pattern for Prayer - A

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- Adoration *“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.”* (Psalm 150:6)
- Confession *“If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:8-9)

- **Thanksgiving** “*giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Ephesians 5:20)
- **Supplication** “*Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*” (Philippians 4:6)

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