

## **STAND! - Dress for Spiritual Success October 24, 2021 Don Williams**

### Ephesians 6:10-20

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I*

*am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."*

Tony Evans ~ prayer is earthly permission for heavenly interference.

### **4 Ways to Pray**

#### **Praying in the Spirit**

- All prayer should be influenced by the Holy Spirit

### Romans 8:26-27

*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."*

- There is a difference between the GIFT of tongues and praying in Spirit.

### 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

*"For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit,*

*but I will also sing with my understanding."*

### **Praying at all times**

### Ephesians 6:18

*"on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."*

### **Praying for the family**

### Ephesians 6:18b

*"With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

### **Praying to advance the Kingdom**

### Ephesians 6:19-20

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