

# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

**Ephesians 6:21-22**

**Lesson #56**

**Working together for good**

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**Ephesians 6:11**

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against **the schemes of the devil.**”

Helmet of Salvation

Breastplate of Righteousness

Belt of Truth

The Word of God

Shield of Faith

Sandals of Peace

**Prayer for deliverance from Satanic oppression?**

**Matthew 6:18**

“With all **prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.” 1

**Ephesians 6**

“19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am **an ambassador in chains**; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 21 But **that you also may know about my circumstances**, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. 22 And I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.” 2

# What's on your Prayer List?



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## **Paul's "Spirit Sensitive" Prayer List**

- Is concerned that disciples are **enlightened in heavenly hope.**
- Is concerned that disciples are **grounded in loving relationships.**
- Is concerned that disciples are **persevering in life's struggles.**
- Is concerned that disciples are **courageous in witness.**

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### Philippians 1

"<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brethren, that **my circumstances** have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that **my imprisonment** in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, <sup>14</sup> and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. <sup>15</sup> Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; <sup>16</sup> the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;"

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"<sup>17</sup> the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and **in this I rejoice**, yes, and I will rejoice. <sup>19</sup> For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> **For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**"

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### Romans 8:28

"<sup>26</sup> And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for **we do not know** how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called **according to His purpose.**"

- The keys are "we do not know", "God works all things together", and "according to His purpose".

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"In times of testing, our first question must not be, 'HOW can this happen to me or HOW can I get out of this mess?'

but  
'HOW does God call me to RESPOND to this?'. "

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How can a broken world be glorifying to a loving God?

It may be the best of all possible environments to showcase certain of God's attributes.

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Natural disasters call for acts of God!

God's providential circumstances may be unclear, but His plan for our response is not.

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Some of life's worst  
tragedies lead to its

greatest  
blessings.



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**Note what is NOT  
mentioned**

- Demons -  
**oppression & possession.**
- Defilement -  
**contamination.**
- Deliverance -  
**exorcism.**

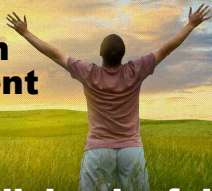


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## Deliverance Ministry

**Deliverance from  
Demonic Defilement**

**Walking away  
from darkness  
and into light, living by faith  
and not by sight**



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## Deliverance Ministry

**Satan is not  
threatened by  
“deliverance  
ministries”**

**1. that  
encourage living  
by sight not by  
faith.**

**2. that seek the  
kingdom before  
its time and  
without its King.**



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