

Text: Colossians 4:2b  
Topic: Prayer. Watchfulness.  
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# Prayer 101

part 2

## *Praying with Your Eyes Open*



*When You Pray...*

**1. Be** \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 4:2*

*Devote  
yourselves to  
prayer, being  
watchful and  
thankful. (NIV)*

*When You Pray...*

**2. Be** \_\_\_\_\_

*When You Pray...*

**3. Be** \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. How clearly can you connect the deficiency of spiritual and mental preparedness due to a lack of prayer, and the specific moral or ethical failures in your Christian life? What sins would have never taken place had you prayerfully prepared for temptation?

Write out a commitment that expresses your resolve to pray each day about the foreseen and unforeseen challenges that threaten your walk with Christ.

2. To what extent have you failed to stay alert in your praying?

What are some of the obvious changes you can make in your prayer time that will keep your mind more deeply engaged in what you are doing?

List the biblical ways of praying discussed in the sermon, which you intend to incorporate into your prayer life, to keep your mind mentally alert when you pray.

3. How often do you prayerfully consider the return of Christ?

If you knew Christ were returning tomorrow night, how would tomorrow morning's prayers be different?

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Am. 7-9 & Jude*

**Monday**

*Obadiah & Rev. 1*

**Tuesday**

*Jonah 1-2 & Rev. 2*

**Wednesday**

*Jonah 3-4 & Rev. 3*

**Thursday**

*Mic. 1-2 & Rev. 4*

**Friday**

*Mic. 3-4 & Rev. 5*

**Saturday**

*Mic. 5-6 & Rev. 6*

*Here are some resources which may help you as you seek to improve your prayer life.*

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