

Suited Up to Stand Firm! (part 7)

Ephesians 6:18

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INTRODUCTION:

Ephesians 6:18ff:

¹⁸ **praying**

with all prayer and supplication,
at all times,
in the Spirit,

and **watching**

to this end,
with all perseverance and supplication,
for all saints;

¹⁹ And for me. . . .

Standing firm against supernatural foes depends on being:

I. A praying soldier who. . . (6:18a)

- 1. Utilizes every general and specific prayer available (“with all prayer and supplication”).**
- 2. Fills every occasion with prayer (“pray at all times”).**
- 3. Seeks the Spirit’s influence in prayer (“pray. . . in the Spirit”).**

II. A watching soldier who. . . (6:18b)

- 1. Aims for prayerfulness (“with this in view”).**
- 2. Welcomes every challenge to persevere and pray (“be on the alert with all perseverance and petition”).**
- 3. Upholds every holy one he can in prayer (“petition for all the saints”).**