

- d. Prayer is not designed to get us out of trouble, but to express our helplessness, our humility, and our total dependence on God rather than on human ability and power. Prayer is our recognition and orientation to His grace and His mercy toward us.
 - e. Prayer is not designed to manipulate God, but to perform and conform to the will of God.
 - f. Prayer is our recognition and orientation to the grace of God.
3. Prayer is not designed to manipulate God, but to conform to the will of God.
 4. Prayer was never designed to fulfill our lusts and desires, but prayer was designed to fulfill the will, plan, and purpose of God for our lives and to give us access to heaven while still living on earth.
 5. The Church Age Believer has the access and privilege to present two categories of requests to God the Father.
 - a. Petitions – prayers for yourself.
 - b. Intercessory prayers – prayers for others.
 6. You have the right to represent yourself before God the Father in the name of the Son and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 7. God the Father, the recipient of prayer, receives prayer from three sources in the Church Age.
 - a) From the intercession of God the son. Hebrews 7:25
 - b) From the intercession of God the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26-27. God the Holy Spirit prays for you when you need help and don't know you need help.
 - c) From Church Age believers as royal priests.

Hebrews 4:16: **“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (NASB)**

8. Prayer is communication with God for the expression of personal needs in petition and the function of intercession for others.

9. Two persons of the Trinity are involved in prayer for us: Jesus Christ as our High Priest remembers us in prayer, and God the Holy Spirit, who prays for us with groanings too great for words.
 - a. The believer has the privilege of intercessory prayer.
 - b. One of the greatest acts of intercession for an entire nation was made by Moses. Exodus 32:9-16; Numbers 14:11-12
 - c. Jesus Christ on the cross prayed in Luke 23:34 the greatest intercessory prayers of all time: “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”
10. We fail in prayer because we have a malfunction in our spiritual life.
11. We fail in prayer because we fail to rebound when we sin.
12. Spiritual growth increases the power of prayer in your life. Therefore, our spiritual advance through perception, metabolization, and application of doctrine is directly related to our prayer life as part of our Christian service.
13. The more you learn about the will of God from Bible doctrine, the more effective your prayer life will be.
14. The approach to prayer is a part of the protocol of the royal family of God and has a precisely correct procedure.
 - a. All prayer is offered to God the Father, not to Jesus Christ or to the Holy Spirit. This is illustrated by the model prayer for the disciples. Matthew 6:9; Ephesians 1:17, 3:14; 1 Peter 1:7
 - b. All prayer is addressed in the name of God the Son – Jesus Christ. John 14:13-14; Hebrews 7:25
 - c. All prayer is made through the enabling power (filling) of God the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 6:18
15. Prayer is related to the omniscience of God.

Isaiah 65:24: “Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.” (NASB)

16. The more you grow in grace, the greater your spiritual growth, the greater your effectiveness in your prayer life. Effectiveness is not measured in terms of your eloquence when praying in public, but on the basis of your spiritual growth when praying in private.

- a. The power of prayer increases as the believer advances in the protocol plan of God for the Church Age.
- b. Accurate and effective prayer is associated with the three stages of spiritual adulthood: spiritual self-esteem; spiritual autonomy; and spiritual maturity.

17. The Church Age is mandated to pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

1 Thessalonians 5:17: **“Pray (“proseuchomai”) without ceasing.” (NASB)**

18. In the spiritual life, you are always in a position to offer prayer.

Ephesians 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,” (NASB)**

- a. In the spiritual life, you have alertness for when prayer is needed. This is ordering you to make prayer a habit.

Philippians 4:6-7: **“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Vs. 7: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (NASB)**

- b. Thanksgiving is your capacity for appreciation and a part of the function of impersonal love.

19. You cannot divorce the faith-rest drill from prayer. Prayer demands faith. Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24

Mark 11:24: “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.” (NASB)

a. Without the faith-rest drill, prayer doesn't work.

20. The key to effective prayer is understanding and making application from your portfolio of invisible assets. Effective prayer is related to executing the mandates of the spiritual life. 1 John 3:22

1 John 3:22: “and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.” (NASB)

21. Public prayer should be short and should avoid repetition. Matthew 6:7

Matthew 6:7: “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.” (NASB)

a. Remember, “God does not look on the outward appearance, but on the right lobe.”

b. You cannot impress people and God at the same time with your prayers.

c. In public prayer, you always add the principles of impersonal love, flexibility, and thoughtfulness of others. You must be thoughtful of others in prayer who are gathered with you.

22. Long prayers should be reserved for private intercession and petition. Matthew 6:6

Matthew 6:6: “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

23. There is an agenda for your private prayer.

- a) Confession of sin (1 John 1:9), if necessary, to ensure the filling of the Holy Spirit. Only prayer offered in the status quo of the filling of the Spirit will be heard.
- b) Thanksgiving expresses the concept of worship in private prayer.
Ephesians 5:20

Ephesians 5:20: “always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;” (NASB)

1 Thessalonians 5:18: “in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (NASB)

- c) Capacity for thanksgiving comes from your personal love for God and your impersonal love for others. Capacity for thanksgiving increases as you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- d) It is hard to stay alert when you are in a routine situation, doing the same thing over and over again. Your thanksgiving to God is a part of your personal love for God. The more you love God, and the more you appreciate Him, the greater your thanksgiving and the greater your alertness in prayer.
- e) Intercession is praying for others. Ephesians 6:18; 1 Kings 18; James 5:16-18 This requires you to have your own private prayer list.
- f) Petition is praying for your own needs and situations. Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews 4:16: “Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

- g) To approach boldly means you approach in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

24. Part of the mechanics of prayer is concentration. Concentration is a function of the filling of the Holy Spirit, positive volition, and motivation.

25. The sanctification of food, or saying “grace” before meals, is a special prayer. 1 Timothy 4:4-5 This is a mandate for all believers.

1 Timothy 4:4-5: “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

Vs. 5: for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.”

- a. There may be ingredients in the food that are very harmful, but offering this special prayer will protect you.
- b. Grace before meals has a two-fold purpose.
 - i. The expression of gratitude to God for His logistical grace support, which includes food.
 - ii. Sanctification of that food to eliminate any potential, harmful effects.

26. There is prayer for those in authority over us. As citizens of a client nation to God, this is a very important function for believers. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

1 Timothy 2:1-2: “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

Vs. 2: for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

27. There is prayer for the sick. James 5:15

28. There is prayer for the unsaved. Romans 10:1. Paul prayed for the salvation of unbelieving Jews. Although you cannot pray that their volition will be coerced, you can pray that they will be exposed to the Gospel and have the opportunity to believe in Jesus Christ.

29. There is prayer for your enemies. Matthew 5:44

Matthew 5:44: “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

- a. This represents your impersonal love for all mankind.

30. There is prayer for the communication, and communicators, of Bible doctrine; for pastor-teachers, missionaries, evangelists. 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Hebrews 13:18; Colossians 4:2-3

Colossians 4:2-3: “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

Vs. 3: praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;”

31. There is the prayer for the deliverance of the client nation under the fifth cycle of discipline. 2 Chronicles 7:14

2 Chronicles 7:14: “and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

- a. Every believer in the nation is responsible to become a prayer warrior.
- b. It is the power of prayer by which we will be delivered, along with military service.
- c. Those who win the war are the great warriors of prayer.

32. There is no place for sloppiness in prayer. Too often among believers today you have emotion, sloppiness, and ignorance because we’ve ignored the Biblical principles that mandate precisely correct procedure.

- a. All prayer is directed to God the Father. You never pray to God the Son or God the Holy Spirit. Matthew 6:6-9; Ephesians 1:17, 3:14; 1 Peter 1:17
- b. Furthermore, God the Son as our High Priest makes intercession for us at the right hand of the Father. Hebrews 7:25
- c. God the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Romans 8:26-27
- d. If God the Son and God the Holy Spirit offer prayer to God the Father, who are we to fail in this precisely correct procedure?

- e. All prayer is offered through the channel of our great High Priest, in the name of the Son. John 14:13-14
 - f. You can begin your prayer with the approach, “Heavenly Father, I’m coming in the name of the Son” or you can conclude your prayer with “in Christ’s name, Amen.”
 - g. Whichever you choose, you must go through channels, for this is precisely correct procedure. There is no place for sloppiness in prayer.
 - h. All effective prayer is offered through the filling of the Spirit or the enabling power of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18). Therefore, if your prayers are not offered inside the spiritual life, their velocity falls short of heaven.
 - i. Protocol demands that the believer offer all prayers to God the Father in the name of the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
33. Accurate and effective prayer is one of the most powerful weapons in history. In prayer, the Christian takes the offensive against Satan in his world.
34. Prayer is not a system for controlling the lives of others. We cannot pray a prayer which violates the volition of someone else. The function of your royal priesthood is for the benefit of yourself and for the benefit of others, but it is not a system whereby you control others.
35. There is one non-protocol prayer which God hears – the function of rebound. God does not hear the prayers of the carnal Christian. Inasmuch as rebound is a recovery procedure for sin and reentry into the spiritual life, and since the mechanics of rebound demand naming our sins to God, it is obvious that acknowledging, or naming, our sins to God is the only prayer that God hears and answers when the believer is in a state of sin.
- a. There are three results of the rebound prayer:
 - i. Recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - ii. Restoration to fellowship with God.
 - iii. Resumption of your spiritual life.
 - b. Rebound makes it possible to continue a life of prayer as part of your spiritual life.
 - c. Prayer is an extension of your spiritual life. You are not spiritual because you pray; you pray because you are spiritual. Therefore, prayer is a result of the spiritual life; the spiritual life is not a result of prayer.

36. Since grace is the principle of prayer, no believer can petition for himself or make intercession on the basis of human merit, ability, morality, production, service, or spiritual gift.
37. Every believer approaches the Throne of Grace on the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our great High Priest.
38. While the Father is propitiated with the work of Christ on the cross, He is no respecter of persons. Therefore, we must approach the Father from our position of fellowship.
39. Our Lord, during the First Advent, had maximum effectiveness in His prayer life.
40. The believer out of fellowship is not only weak, but has no effectiveness in his prayer life.
41. God does not answer prayer because the believer is “good,” moral, sincere benevolent, religious, concerned, self-effacing, altruistic, talented, or possesses a pleasing personality.
42. Answer to prayer is a divine decision. Therefore, the believer’s popularity with others is never a factor in answered prayer.
43. Prayer is a weapon. You must understand how it functions, just as you should understand how any weapon functions before you use it. Prayer must be used as a weapon. Most people blaspheme when they pray because of arrogance while praying and ignorance of how to pray.
44. One prayer can change the course of history!

So now you know how prayer works. If you are a believer and you've never prayed, or very rarely prayed, you must realize prayer is help for other people as well as a help for yourself. And it is also a defense.

“Pray without ceasing.” I know that you can't pray every moment of every day and that's not what that means. It means pray consistently.

Pray daily. Set aside time for prayer. The more you do it, the better at it you get.

Jude 20: “But you, beloved, (members of the royal family), keep building upon yourselves (daily function of the Grace Apparatus for Perception which builds an Edification Complex of the Soul) by means of Bible doctrine, praying regularly by means of the Holy Spirit,” (EXT)

Jude 21: “keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.” (NASB)

But further, by “building” as verse 20 requires, you are, as verse 21 demands, “keeping yourself in the love of God.”

1. The keeping in the love of God is directly connected to the continuing of building.” You will keep yourself in the love of God.
2. The two are connected. It is just a different way of saying the first one (continuing to build). To maintain a mature mental attitude as your love for God grows and is built.
3. A mature mental attitude comes from that Grace Apparatus for Perception, which keeps you in the “love of God,” which is part of your second line of defense. The love of God motivates the believer to counter all of the false teaching.
4. What you build up through the Grace Apparatus for Perception and the keeping in the love of God will keep the believer unharmed. Defended!
5. It sustains the fortifications in the believer's soul against what? Against the hatred and the assaults of the worldly-minded, of those who are devoid of the human spirit and the Holy Spirit.
6. So we have another result of the “building” in verse 21: looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Mercy is a very misunderstood word. We will actually get into it as we get into verse 22 and 23.

Our word for “mercy” in Jude 21 is the accusative singular neuter noun “*ἐλεος*” – “*éleos*.” It can mean “compassion” or “mercy.” But what does it mean here?

1. Mercy is God's grace in action toward you. God is a merciful God. That simply means grace in action toward you.
2. Here, mercy describes the entire scope of eternal life that is provided by His unlimited grace. Your eternal life comes to you because of God's grace.
3. Because of His mercy, we have a certainty of eternal life. And what's that called? Eternal security. We have eternal security for one reason: God's grace.
4. Eternal security is protection. Protection from the fatalism and hopelessness of the unbeliever's life.
5. It's protection from the paralyzing fear of losing one's salvation.
6. The fear of losing your salvation, or sometimes the fear of an inadequate faith, mires a believer in constant worry about the future.
7. Fear precludes focusing on the grace of our great God. The fear is manifested by certain thoughts which you may have falsely entertained from time to time.

Have you ever wondered if you really have eternal life? If you could really be certain?

Well, you have the mercy of God rationale I just gave to you. People do think about this, and if they don't have this defense, what goes on in their soul?

Am I good enough to receive eternal life? Have I done enough to be assured of my salvation? How many works do I have to do? Have I borne enough fruit to be acceptable to God and to give proof of my salvation to other believers? These are all things going on right now; all questions that believers ask themselves.

That is a long way from grace orientation. The fearful believer still has eternal life but will never have a relaxed mental attitude. Always they will be uneasy about the

future. The faith-rest rationale of eternal security is MIA. Grace orientation and the love of God is not in such a person who has that kind of fear.

Spiritual growth is minimal and, in that mode, there can be very little service to the Lord or even operating under one's spiritual gift.

Just staying in fellowship and maintaining the filling of the Holy Spirit is a major task.

But confidence in the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the grace in action that comes, is the attitude for defense and service.

Jude 20: “But you, beloved, (members of the royal family), keep building upon yourselves (daily function of the Grace Apparatus for Perception which builds an Edification Complex of the Soul) by means of Bible doctrine, praying regularly by means of the Holy Spirit,” (EXT)

We have seen your defenses in depth, starting with the Grace Apparatus for Perception, the Stream of Conscience, your FLOT line, the Edification Complex in your Soul, and prayer.

You can never forget these walls are for your protection against false doctrine. However, walls that are unattended and are not reinforced crumble over time. They must constantly be attended to.

This is the same with the wall in your soul. You can't just leave it alone. You can't cut off the flow of reinforcements to that wall. If you do, it will crumble.

You see, the danger for believers is false doctrine penetrating into the soul, finding a weak point in that wall, and then exploiting that weakness.

That's what false teachers try to do: infiltrate your soul and corrupt sound doctrine, breaking down the defensive wall.

So what we've just studied is a general view of your second line of defense, but it's only a general view. It will be your fallback position. It will be in conjunction with your first line of defense.

These compartments are the key to remaining a growing believer, serving and glorifying the Lord.

A believer cannot continuously repulse the attacks of the cosmic system, of repeated attacks of false doctrine that come at you constantly in all different forms, without a fortress in his soul. But the fortress has to be constructed.

1. Building yourself up is always dependent upon the first line of defense, the Grace Apparatus for Perception. If you've got no first line of defense, you've got no second line of defense either.
2. The construction of the second defense hinges on the increase of wisdom in the right lobe of the soul. In other words, the stream of consciousness

continues to flow until wisdom comes out the other end. That wisdom has to continue to build up.

3. The more doctrine that flows through the stream of consciousness of the right lobe, the more strength that is added to the second line of defense. What circulates in your soul builds what is your second line of defense, a building that is impregnable.

It's a construction that is solid, impenetrable once it is raised, but it's also a construction that is ongoing. It's never complete. It must be constantly reinforced for maximum protection because, like any construction, the building can fall into disrepair unless it's occupied and unless it's maintained.

If it's not maintained by continually taking in Bible Doctrine, the believer once again becomes vulnerable. If the flow of doctrine is cut off because there is no faith perception, because the Grace Apparatus for Perception is out of commission either temporarily or for longer periods of time, then the walls begin to crumble.

Human viewpoint begins to penetrate the walls and if those walls crumble and are unattended, then the construction on the second line of defense is not happening either.

In Jude 20, the “building upon” is a metaphor. It is an immaterial structure that the believer erects in his or her soul.

This construction metaphor defines a defense in the soul based on faith in the reality and authority of Bible doctrine, as taught by the Holy Spirit to the human spirit and metabolized. (GAP)

As the structure goes up, the believer moves toward the peak of spiritual efficiency living in that penthouse.

In this rarefied penthouse, his soul is fortified with grace and doctrinal orientation, utilizing the faith rest drill, keeping himself in the love of God.

We will see these results in Jude 21. Confident in the expectation of “eternal life because of the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ,” while not being distracted by the delays or the obstacles to construction by false teachers.

This puts together so much of what you know about what Bible doctrine does in your soul. This encompasses all the problem-solving devices as part of your defense, so that adversity doesn't break down your walls and humanism creep in.

The greatest enemy to any spiritual advance is not just sin, but false doctrine taught by false teachers who infiltrate into churches, and who infiltrate into your thinking. That teaching affects how a believer thinks.

Jude sees these false teachers as the worst because that's what he is warning the churches about.

So, Jude introduces us to our spiritual defenses, beginning with the first phrase of verse 17. He wrote, "Remember, the words of the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ."

There is our front-line defense. Defense for believers is the divinely inspired Word of God which is now in writing.

Then, it was from the lips of the Apostles and, of course, the utilization of what we call the Grace Apparatus for Perception (Operation Z). This is doctrine that is usable in the right lobe of your soul. The outcome of GAP is wisdom to be applied to your life.

1. With doctrine flowing in the stream of consciousness, our defense is put into place.
2. Our soul is surrounded by a wall of sound doctrine.
3. The stream of consciousness culminating in doctrinal wisdom is that wall.
4. Your wall is strengthened daily as the believer continuously adds to the flow of doctrine by consistently metabolizing Bible doctrine and by applying it.

The danger for believers is false doctrine penetrating into the soul, finding a weak point in that wall, and exploiting the weakness.

The false teacher is always attempting to infiltrate the believer's soul, breaking down the defensive wall. They can do so when the flow of metabolized doctrine slows down or stops. When the wall is not maintained, it begins to weaken.