



*Message Title: Prayer and Spiritual Growth*

*Text: II Pet. 3: 18*

*Date: Sunday, March 2, 2008 at 6:00 pm*

**Introduction:** The Scripture commands us to “...grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” However, no one can grow without prayer. No one can grow in grace, no one can grow in knowledge, no one can grow in the

Spirit, no one can grow in the Word, or no one can grow in the Lord without prayer period. That’s why Paul tells the Church at Thessalonica, in I Thes. 5: 17, to “*Pray without ceasing.*”

**There** are some Bible examples of men, who grew to the place where they walked next to God with all of the elements growth that we have named. Notice these men: Noah in Gen. 6: 9, Job 1: 1, Elijah in I Kings 18: 37-39, Moses Ex. 14: 20-22, and Abraham in Gen. 12: 1-4. Staying in the Book of Genesis in chapter 5 verses 21-24, we read about a special man who “...walked with God and was not for God took him.” Enoch, further described in Heb. 11: 5-6 and Jude 14-15, was a man who grew by the power of prayer: Grew so close that he and God just walked home to heaven together.

**In** these six portraits of Biblical men, we see those who had grown to great Spiritual heights. All were men of prayer and so should we be!

**We** need to begin by:

1. I Thes. 5: 17. Pray without ceasing must become our attitude.
2. Eph. 6: 18. Praying always for all the saints.
3. Phil. 4: 6. Everything by prayer for ourselves.
4. Col. 4: 2-3. Continue in prayer for the ministry.
5. Lk. 11: 1. Ask the Lord to teach us to pray.

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