

## Unsung Heroes Wrestling in Prayer

September 1, 2024

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*Colossians 4:12-13*

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

*Romans 12:1 MSG*

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**2. Rely on God's provision.**

**3. Impact the world for God in unprecedented ways.**

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*You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf...* Colossians 1:7

**2. Be devoted to prayer.**

*He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.* V. 12b

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

Colossians 4:2

The Prayer Example of Epaphras:

**Consistent and persistent:** “Always”

**Intense:** “Wrestling in prayer”

**Focussed:** “For you”

**The Aim:** “That you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature, and fully assured.”

**3. Work hard for God's glory.**

*I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapoli* V. 14

*To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.* Colossians 1:29

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