I. A matter of prayer -vv. 8-10

**A) Gratitude** – vs. 8 (Phil. 1:15-17, 18)

**B)** Consistency – vs. 9

| <b>C) Submission</b> – vv. 9-10 (Rom. 15:22-24; Acts 16   | 5:6-8)                              |    |
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| <b>Conclusion</b> :                                       |                                     |    |
| 1) Prayer stirs gratitude in our hearts for               |                                     |    |
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| 2) Prayer should be a                                     | in our lives.                       |    |
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| 3) Prayer brings our hearts                               |                                     |    |
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| "Positively, to pray in faith is to ask of God, in the na | ame of Christ, what He hath promise | d, |
| relying on His power and truth for performance with       | out binding Him up to time, manner, |    |
| or means."  | -William Gurnall (1616-1679         | )  |

# **SERMON QUOTES**:

### A) Gratitude - vs. 8

#### Robert Haldane,

"We can have no intercourse with God, but through the one Mediator between God and man, (Jn. 14:6); and except through Him, we are not permitted even to return thanksgiving to God."

## **B)** Consistency – vs. 9

#### Robert Haldane,

"Prayer and labor ought to go together. To pray without laboring is to mock God; to labor without prayer is to rob God of His glory. Until these are conjoined, the gospel will not be extensively successful."

# Martyn Lloyd-Jones,

"God, to the true Christian, to the man who really knows what it is to pray, is not a God afar off. He is a God who is very near."