THIRTY LIFE PRINCIPLES - An Action Plan for Daily Living

LIFE PRINCIPLE #8 Always win your battles by fighting them on your knees.

 RSV = *Revised Standard Version*, MSG = *Message Version*

1. STUDY THE WORD

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:8 MSG

 Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce.

 Awareness of Satan’s presence is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against him.

A. Prayer is intentional and powerful in resisting Satan. - James 4:7-8 RSV

 Submit to God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.

 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

 Submission to God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ puts you on the offensive against Satan.

**B. Prayer needs to be patient and persistent. Luke 8:1 MSG**

 **Jesus said, “Pray consistently and never quit.”**

 Submission to God in your prayers is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that keeps on praying.

C. The basis for all prayer is faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. – Philippians 4:18 - RSV

 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Apostle Paul)

 Submission to God in your prayers connects you to the power of Christ.

D. Prayer trusts God’s eternal goodness. Matthew 26:39 RSV

 Jesus prayed, “Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will, my Father.”

 The bottom line for all your prayers is God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be done.

E. Prayer says God can when you can’t. Romans 12:1 MSG

 Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do.

 In prayer you trust for the future based on God’s past with you.

F. Prayer affirms Jesus’ ultimate resurrection victory. John18:33 RSV

 Jesus said, “In this godless world you’ll continue to have difficulties.

 But take heart, I have overcome the world.”

 In prayer you claim that Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is yours now and forever.

2. THE WORD FOR ME

Submission to God in prayer trusts God to fight your battles for you. It also affirms your confidence in God’s eternal good will for you. The foundation for such confidence is Jesus’ resurrection victory which guarantees your own.