

the bread of life devotional

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” - Luke 4:4

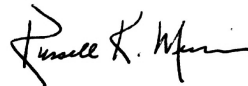
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Dear Friend in Christ,

Spring is just around the corner; it is a time of new beginnings. Vegetables are being planted. Trees and plants, as well as humans, are thawing from the long, cold winter months. It is a beautiful time of year!

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, “*He hath made every thing beautiful in his time.*” After the long, winter months, God enables the plants to bloom again. Maybe you have just endured a trial or maybe you are in the middle of one. God has a purpose for those dark times in your life. He is molding and making you into the beautiful person He created you to be. So, continue to be faithful with your one on one time with God. He has a beautiful plan for your life.

In Christ,



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Monday

March 1

Live for the Deliverer

“For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?” Psalm 56:13

What encouragement we find in this verse! As we read it, we find three things for us to consider. First, we see what God has done in the past. We also see what we can expect God to do in the present and the future. And, we can see what God should expect from us in light of the many ways that He has blessed us.

What exactly has God done for us? He has delivered our souls from death. All of us who have trusted Christ as Savior have experienced an amazing thing. We have passed from death to life. We were dead in sin, but we have received new life through the gift of the Father, the resurrection of the Son, the regeneration of the Spirit, and the power of the Word.

In light of the great effort that God made to save us and deliver our souls from Hell, we can expect that He will deliver our feet from falling in the present and the future. What a blessing! ***“If God be for us, who can be against us?”***

The purpose of this twofold deliverance is that we might walk before Him. God did this for us that we might live for Him. God delivered our soul from death, and He will deliver our feet from falling. Praise Him for it, but serve Him because of it. ~DLW

Morning: *Numbers 26, 27*
Evening: *Mark 8:10-38*

Scripture Fill-In

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions based on James 1:22-27.

1. In this passage, believers are told not just to be hearers of the Word but to be what?

2. What is true religion?

Quote of the Day

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of prayer."

~E. M. Bounds

Tuesday

March 2

How Do You Pray?

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.” Ephesians 6:18-19

How do you pray? Not physically, like, are your hands folded or are you on your knees, but how, like, what type of prayers do you offer to God? After the Apostle Paul told the believers at Ephesus the “spiritual” way to dress (put on the armour of God), he reminded them of a duty that they needed to perform in the battle: the duty of prayer. Like any good instructor, however, he did not just say, “pray” and then expect a response. He laid out a detailed plan of action. He said to pray (1.) “with all prayer.” In other words, “when you pray, address God Himself.” He said to pray (2.) with “supplication.” In other words, “ask humbly and earnestly.” This was to be done “for all saints.” We are to address God Himself with humble yet earnest prayers for all saints. Much like Jesus told His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Watch and pray,” the Apostle Paul reiterates this command to us, but with one addition. He said to pray (3.) “for me.” Paul coveted the prayers of other believers because he knew that he needed the power of God on his life if he was going to “open my [his] mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.” Dear fellow believer, as Paul told them to pray, please pray for your pastor. Your spiritual leader needs the power of

Morning: Numbers 28, 29

Evening: Mark 9:1-29

God on his life in order to open his mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel. Pray! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the description with the Biblical character.

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| _____ 1. Nimrod
Gen. 10:9 | A. Lived 950 years |
| _____ 2. Ham
Gen. 9:18 | B. Father of the children of Eber |
| _____ 3. Shem
Gen. 10:21 | C. Mighty hunter |
| _____ 4. Peleg
Gen. 10:25 | D. Father of Canaan |
| _____ 5. Noah
Gen. 9:29 | E. Brother of Joktan |

Quote of the Day

"Salvation is from our side a choice; from the divine side it is a seizing upon, an apprehending, a conquest by the Most High God. Our accepting and willing are reactions rather than actions." ~A. W. Tozer

Wednesday

March 3

God Speaks

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.” Job 38:4

After Job suffered complete and utter devastation, his wife tells him to, “Curse God, and die,” and his three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, berate and question him unmercifully. Everyone had their own opinion as to WHY Job was suffering, and everyone was WRONG!

After all the opinions and advice, GOD SPEAKS to Job. And when He speaks, He blows everyone out of the saddle. In our verse today, God asks a rhetorical question. He says, ***“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?”*** WOW! God won the debate right there. Obviously, no one was around when God created the world.

Dear reader, God alone has the answers to all of life’s most difficult questions, situations, problems, and worries. People like to philosophize about others. Men and women alike enjoy giving advice. But, when push comes to shove, we are all novices on the issues of life. Your best confidant, friend, psychologist, or counselor is God Almighty! He was here in the beginning, He will be here at the end, and He knows everything about the in-between.
~MFV

Morning: *Numbers 30, 31*
Evening: *Mark 9:30-50*

Scripture Fill-In

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have _____ into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

Bible Quiz

Fill In The Blank: Answer each of the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What did Abraham do when Sarah told him to cast out Hagar and Ishmael?
(Gen. 21:8-14) _____

2. Ishmael’s wife was of what nationality?
(Genesis 21:21) _____
3. What did Ishmael grow up to be?
(Gen. 21:20) _____
4. Who was Ishmael’s first born child?
(Gen. 25:13) _____
5. How many sons did Ishmael have?
(Gen. 25:16) _____

Quote of the Day

"Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue. God’s voice in response to mine is its most essential part." ~Andrew Murray

Thursday

March 4

God's Mercy

"If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account."

Philemon 17-18

The Book of Philemon is a private letter from Paul to Philemon. It is the shortest of all of his epistles. Philemon lived in Colosse. He was a wealthy man; perhaps he was a member of the church in Colosse (Colossians 4:9-10). The Apostle Paul had won Philemon to Christ. He was a fine Christian man who had a slave named Onesimus. In some way, Onesimus had committed a crime against his master. He had robbed Philemon and fled to Rome. While in Rome, he was apprehended and put in jail. It was there that he met Paul. Paul witnessed to him and won him to Christ. Paul then wrote a letter to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus. He sent the letter with Onesimus, pleading for mercy from Philemon.

Here is a picture of Jesus pleading for us at the right hand of God the Father. What did Onesimus bring when he returned to Philemon? Did he bring his own merit? No. Did he bring his own goodness? No. Did he promise to turn a new leaf? No. He was guilty. He could not pay his own debt. The only hope he had was if Philemon would honor the letter Paul had written on his behalf. Our only hope is for God to honor His Word. The Word of God is our hope for heaven, just as the letter was Onesimus' hope for restoration and acceptance before Philemon. Onesimus did not come back because he was good; he came back because he had the letter, and he had Paul as the intercessor to pay

Morning: *Numbers 32, 33*

Evening: *Mark 10:1-31*

the price, just like the Lord Jesus Christ, paid the price to become our intercessor for us. You see, it's all about the mercy of God. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

1 Corinthians 2:9 "But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have _____ into the heart of man, the _____ which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer.

1. Who was the wife of Moses? Ex. 2:21
A. Elisheba B. Rebecca
C. Miriam D. Zipporah
2. Who was the second wife of Abraham? Gen. 25:1
A. Esther B. Keturah
C. Hagar D. Lydia
3. How many times did Israel march around Jericho? Joshua 6:3-4
A. 13 B. 7
C. 70 D. 12

Quote of the Day

"Whole days and weeks have I spent prostrate on the ground in silent or vocal prayer."

~George Whitefield

Friday

March 5

I Am Not Worthy

“And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.”

Luke 15:21

De'Andre had it all: a great college basketball career behind him, a master's degree from a prestigious institution, and an awesome job on Capitol Hill. He had the world by the tail. He thought he had it all on his own. Thinking he did not need any help, he walked away from his faith and continued to thrive by the world's standards. But when the things of the world did not fill him up, he decided that he needed more. He left his career to chase a dream. That was not necessarily a bad thing, as this is where his true adventure began. When his dream crumbled, he ran and hid. People offered help, love and care, but he was lost in the sin of the world. He had no desire to return home to Christ.

De'Andre's story is similar to the story of the prodigal son in the Bible. The son was tired of his good life. He wanted more, needed more, desired more. He asked his father for his part of the family wealth and left home to chase his dream. When the young man's dreams were chased away and his money was gone, he was left to eat with the pigs. He was definitely “down on his luck.” Then, this young man did a wise thing. He got up and went home. He went home, confessed his sins, and begged for forgiveness from his father. He felt unworthy, but his father did not care about that. He loved his son too much and was just glad that he was home. ~AP

Morning: *Numbers 34-36*

Evening: *Mark 10:32-52*

Scripture Fill-In

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have _____ into the heart of man, the _____ which God hath _____ for them that love Him.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true, and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false. Answers can be found in Genesis 24.

- _____ 1. Abraham went to look for a wife for Isaac.
- _____ 2. A Canaanite wife was found for Isaac.
- _____ 3. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, was a very beautiful girl, who had kept herself pure.
- _____ 4. Laban was Rebekah's brother.
- _____ 5. Rebekah gave water to half of the servant's camels.
- _____ 6. Rebekah chose to go to Isaac immediately.
- _____ 7. Isaac first saw Rebekah when he went to meditate in the fields.

Quote of the Day

"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

~Samuel Chadwick

Saturday

March 6

Salvation: The Basics

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

It is vitally important to review the basics of salvation from time to time. Sometimes, we just simply forget the zeal and excitement that we felt when first saved. Revelation 3:16 states, ***“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.”*** My desire, and I hope yours also, is to be on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s Word says in 1 John 2:15, ***“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*** Our job, which is a most urgent job, is to show this world how to have eternal life.

Let’s review some verses that you can share with a lost and dying world on their way to Hell.

1. John 3:16: ***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***
2. Romans 3:10, 23: ***“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one; For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”***
3. Luke 19:10: ***“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*** ~KAT

Morning: *Deuteronomy 1, 2*

Evening: *Mark 11:1-19*

Scripture Fill-In

I Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, _____ hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have _____ into the heart of man, the _____ which God hath _____ for them that _____ Him.”

Bible Quiz

Esau or Jacob: Determine what statement applies to each brother, and write an *E* for Esau or a *J* for Jacob in the blank. Answers can be found in Genesis 27.

- _____ 1. Eldest son
- _____ 2. Hairy man
- _____ 3. Lied to his father
- _____ 4. Mother’s favorite
- _____ 5. Blessed by father
- _____ 6. Fetched venison to eat
- _____ 7. Cried and begged for a blessing
- _____ 8. Took away the birthright
- _____ 9. Planned to kill his brother
- _____ 10. Fled to Haran

Quote of the Day

"Like a good chess player, Satan is always trying to maneuver you into a position where you can save your castle only by losing your bishop." ~C. S. Lewis

Calling, Commitment, & Courage

By Sumner Wemp

Jesus' call to leadership is nothing short of revolutionary, if for no other reason than what it costs us. Think of what it takes to be a leader in Christ's kingdom. It means leaving our sanitized, romanticized, and homogenized view of Christianity and leadership and taking on the mantle of Revolutionary Leadership. That is the mantle Jesus gave to us. It takes calling, commitment, and courage.

Calling. Jesus said *"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) Revolutionary leaders must be willing to let Jesus set the agenda. Too often, we approach the task of leadership with the idea that we are first in command, but we are not. Jesus is the Commander in Chief. We carry out His orders and follow His battle plan. The question every leader needs to ask himself is, "What is it that Jesus has said I will be?"

Commitment. Jesus told his disciples, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."* (Luke 9:23) Leaders must be those who demonstrate ongoing commitment to the cause of Christ. The most important truth about the cross is that Jesus endured it. He went the distance. He denied giving in to the pain and suffering and hung in there, literally, to the end. Christian leaders must do the same. We can no longer allow petty issues, hurt feelings, difficult people, or struggles of any kind sway us from pressing forward toward fulfilling our passion and purpose.

Courage. Jesus said, *"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."* (Matt. 10:39) Jesus lost His life in fulfilling His passion and purpose. But through His death came the resurrection, which completed his work of redemption for mankind. Leaders must have the courage to suffer personal loss, perhaps even death, as they fulfill their passion and purpose. It is often through the courageous sacrifices leaders make today that the mission is fulfilled in the future.

I realize that talking about calling, commitment, and courage in leadership is a little frightening for some. But Jesus' mission is no ordinary mission. It is a mission to turn the world upside down. It is a mission to fulfill the commission of The King of kings and Lord of lords. That is why, my friend, we must become revolutionary in our mindset. What could happen if every leader reading this article decided today to be a revolutionary leader? In the words of Pastor Erwin McManus, we would be an "Unstoppable Force."♦

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

~Luke 9:23

Sunday

March 7

Salvation Is Forever

“Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.” Isaiah 51:6

In the midst of a time that seems to be consumed with the desire to halt global warming, it is important for Christians to remember the truth. This world is under the curse of sin and one day will be destroyed by God, but only when He is ready to do so. We cannot do anything that will add or take away one day from His plan for the earth.

Isaiah recognized the hand of God upon this world. He knew that one day the earth would be destroyed by fire and that even the sky would be no more. Even more important than this, he understood the righteous salvation of God. He knew that his trust in the Lord would not be disappointed. When all else failed, his salvation was secure.

All those who have trusted in Christ will find safety. His righteous promise will never change or fail. The earth will continue to wax older and older, but the mercies of God are renewed with each day so that we remember our salvation in Jesus Christ. ~DJJ

Morning: Deuteronomy 3, 4
Evening: Mark 11:20-33

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete each of the following statements using Psalm 62.

1. David refers to God as his _____ in verses 2, 6, 7.
2. David says in verse 5 the he waits only for _____ and his _____ is from Him.
3. In verse 8, David says God is our _____.
4. Verse 10 says, “If _____ increase, set not your _____ upon them.”
5. Verse 11 says, “_____ belongeth unto God.”

Quote of the Day

“Trying to run a church without revivals can be done when you can run a gasoline engine on buttermilk.” ~Billy Sunday

Monday

March 8

Take Up Your Cross

“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”
Matthew 10:38-39

Recently, Dr. Emir Canter, spoke at our church. He said this quote at the beginning of one of his sermons: “Are you not suffering because you are in the will of God or because you are out of the will of God?” The Bible does not indicate that once you become a Christian your life will be filled with leisure. In fact, it indicates that it may be quite the opposite.

Dr. Canter ended his sermon with a true story of a twenty-seven year old man who gave his life for the sake of Christianity. God may not call us to be a martyr, but He does tell us to take up our cross and to lose our lives for His sake. This means that we should put Christ above all else, even our own lives, and do the work that He has called us to do.

John the Baptist was called to pave the way for Jesus Christ and proclaim His name. This task cost him his life. He was beheaded. Abraham was called to be a nomad, yet he became the father of a great nation. The Apostle Paul was called to take the Gospel to the Gentiles which in turn left him imprisoned, beaten to a pulp, shipwrecked, and more.

“Are you not suffering because you are in the will of God or because you are out of the will of God?” Is there a task that God has laid upon your heart? Is there a job you know needs to be done? Are you willing to take up your cross and lose your life for Christ? ~MFV

Morning: *Deuteronomy 5-7*
Evening: *Mark 12:1-27*

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the _____ of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false.

- _____ 1. Zeresh suggested to Haman to build a gallows. Esther 5:14
- _____ 2. King Ahasuerus commanded the book of records be brought to him in the night. Esther 6:1
- _____ 3. Biztha and Abagtha plotted to kill the King. Esther 6:2
- _____ 4. Esther asked for her and her people’s lives to be spared. Esther 7:3-4

Quote of the Day

“The true man of God is heartsick, grieved at the worldliness of the Church...grieved at the toleration of sin in the Church, grieved at the prayerlessness in the Church. He is disturbed that the corporate prayer of the Church no longer pulls down the strongholds of the devil.”
~Leonard Ravenhill

Tuesday

March 9

How Is Your Walk?

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3

For those who follow the “world” of the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Shaq-Kobe Feud is old news. For those of us who do not follow the NBA, the childish story can hammer home the message of Amos 3:3. From 1996 to 2004, two of the NBA’s elite players joined together on the Los Angeles Lakers to form a dominating pair not seen since Jordan and Pippen of the Chicago Bulls. From 2000 to 2002, the duo dominated the NBA with three consecutive championships. Despite their success, in 2003, due to different personal issues, Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neil began a quite public feud. The result: the Lakers did not win another championship while both players played for the team despite the all-star cast that joined them. The 2003 season ended with a loss in the playoffs. The 2004 season ended with a loss in the finals.

Talent is never enough. The camaraderie and unity among players is a must for success. The prophet Amos reminds us of this fact in the third chapter of his short, prophetic book. He questions Israel: ***“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”*** The obvious answer is, “No.”

We are called to walk in the light. We are called to walk with the Lord and in His presence. Unless we choose to humble ourselves and yield to His lead, we cannot possibly walk together with Christ. So, how is your walk? Are you in accord with Christ? Agree with Him

Morning: *Deuteronomy 8-10*

Evening: *Mark 12:28-44*

about yourself, and begin today to walk in fellowship with Him. ~*PO*

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the _____ of God _____ sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. The vale of Siddim was full of what? Genesis 14:10
A. Traps B. Holes
C. Briars D. Slimepits
2. When Abraham heard his brother was captive, what did he do? Genesis 14:14-16
A. Made an army of 318 people
B. Smote the enemy
C. Rescued Lot
D. All of the above
3. Who brought Abram food and drink and blessed him? Genesis 14:18-20
A. King of Sodom B. Lot
C. Melchizedek D. Chedorlaomer

Quote of the Day

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him." ~*Hudson Taylor*

Wednesday

March 10

Perfect Impossibility

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The perfect job. The perfect house. The perfect wife. The perfect husband. The perfect children. The perfect hair. The perfect career. The perfect car. The perfect body. Have you ever found yourself wishing for one of these illusions? Yes, that’s right, each one is just an illusion, an impossibility.

Complete perfection is found only in Jesus Christ, yet so many people are searching for something that will satisfy them, indulging in non-healthy relationships, irresponsible spending sprees, and more. The result of continually seeking to be happy without turning to Jesus Christ results in wasted time and money. David Burns says in his book, *Feeling Good*: “Perfection is man’s ultimate illusion. It simply doesn’t exist in the universe. . . It’s really the world’s greatest con game; it promises riches and delivers misery.”

Why? Why can humans never experience total satisfaction in this world? The answer is simply—SIN! As our verse for today reminds us, every one of us is a sinner. Because sin entered the world, the perfect life that God had planned for mankind was destroyed. Now, the only way to experience total satisfaction and fulfillment is through Jesus Christ. Even then, you will still have an unquenchable longing to be with the Savior, and that desire will only be fulfilled when He calls His church home.

So, are you trying to make yourself happy through THINGS? Friend, it is a hopeless

Morning: *Deuteronomy 11-13*
Evening: *Mark 13:1-13*

cause. Rest and find contentment in Jesus Christ. He is PERFECT! ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the _____ of God _____ sure, having this seal, The Lord _____ them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Answer each of the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What word is used to describe God in Genesis 21:33?

2. How is God described in Genesis 24:3?

3. Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7 is known as what in Christian circles?

4. Matthew 6:9-13 is known as what?

Quote of the Day

“Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood is to a sick man.” ~D. L. Moody

Thursday

March 11

Isaiah's Vision Leads to Cleansing

“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” Isaiah 6:5

The word *woe* is used in verse 5: ***“Woe is me! . . . for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*** When Isaiah saw the Lord he said, “Woe is me!” When Isaiah compared himself with the Lord, he realized he came up short. When we walk with men, we exalt ourselves. When we walk with God, we exalt Him and humble ourselves. When we compare ourselves with men, we become proud. When we compare ourselves with God, we become humble. When we see how far we have come, we become proud. When we see how far we need to go, we become humble.

Notice verses 6-7, ***“Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”*** Isaiah was cleansed, and his iniquity was taken away. No one can do anything for God until he is cleansed. Notice the progression here. Isaiah saw the LORD, saw his own weakness, and then was cleansed.

Now, notice verse 8: ***“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”*** God wants us to go and do His will. We must see the Lord first, realize

Morning: Deuteronomy 14-16

Evening: Mark 13:14-37

our own weakness, and be cleansed of our sins. Then, we must go to do His work! ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the _____ of God _____ sure, having this seal, The Lord _____ them that are His. And, Let every one that _____ the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- Where did Cain go after he killed his brother, Abel? Gen. 4:16
 - Garden of Eden
 - Land of Nod
 - Caves of Qumran
 - Mt. Ararat
- Who was the son of Kish? 1 Sam. 9:2
 - Noah
 - Apostle Paul
 - Abraham
 - King Saul
- Where did Rahab live? Joshua 2:1
 - Jericho
 - Jerusalem
 - Nineveh
 - Ai

Quote of the Day

"Do you seek any further reward beyond that of having pleased God? In truth, you know not how great a good it is to please Him."

~John Chrysostom

Friday

March 12

He Called Out To God

***“Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice:
have mercy also upon me, and answer me.”***

Psalm 27:7

Coming out of high school, Jeremy had a promising pitching career ahead of him. He went to a school close to his home and figured he would become their ace on the mound. But things didn't happen quite so easily. As Jeremy explained, "I lost it. I couldn't find the plate. I thought I was done."

They were tough words to swallow for a rising star. He was afraid his career as a pitcher was over. Jeremy had only one place to turn. In the Bible, we find that David knew this situation all too well. Many times in his life, David had to let go of his fears, let go of his pride, and let go of his sin in order to let God do a healing process. In these situations, David did what we all should do: He cried out to God for help.

When things in Jeremy's life got to this point, he turned to the ultimate source of all strength, comfort, and understanding. He let go of his own striving and struggling to overcome and allowed God to move in and work. ~AP

Morning: *Deuteronomy 17-19*

Evening: *Mark 14:1-25*

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 "Nevertheless the _____ of God _____ sure, having this seal, The Lord _____ them that are His. And, Let every one that _____ the name of _____ depart from iniquity."

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false. These questions are based on James 1:1-12.

- _____ 1. Christians should count it joy when various trials come into their lives.
- _____ 2. A two-faced person is unreliable in every aspect of his life.
- _____ 3. Every man will face temptation.
- _____ 4. If you ask God for wisdom, He will give it to you.
- _____ 5. The rich man shall fade away.

Quote of the Day

"The history of missions is the history of answered prayer. From Pentecost to the Haystack meeting in New England and from the days when Robert Morrison landed in China to the martyrdom of John and Betty Stam, prayer has been the source of power and the secret of spiritual triumph." ~*Samuel M. Zwemer*

Saturday

March 13

Caroling: Not My Talent

“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”

1 Corinthians 1:26–27

My voice wavered as I tried to find the right note. I lost the note, and then found it again. Inwardly, I cringed at the horrible mingling of our voices. Surely, we weren't spreading good cheer and hope with our caroling on this cold night, but instead making people glad to shut the door behind us. Then I looked up from the lyrics of "Silent Night" and saw the tear. *Is our singing that bad?* I thought. The tear glistened and fell down her cheek. We finished our song, and the woman, who lives much of her life in isolation, wiped at her eyes and told us how much our visit meant to her. I was amazed and humbled that God used even our discordant singing to touch her heart and ease her loneliness.

I had believed that the best thing I could do with my singing voice was to spare others from hearing it. God showed me that night that He can use our weaknesses too. When our talents shine, we may be tempted to take the credit or depend on our own strength. When God uses us in our weakness, His strength is displayed.

~AJD

Morning: Deuteronomy 20-22
Evening: Mark 14:26-50

Scripture Fill-In

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the _____ of God _____ sure, having this seal, The Lord _____ them that are His. And, Let every one that _____ the name of _____ depart from _____.”

Bible Quiz

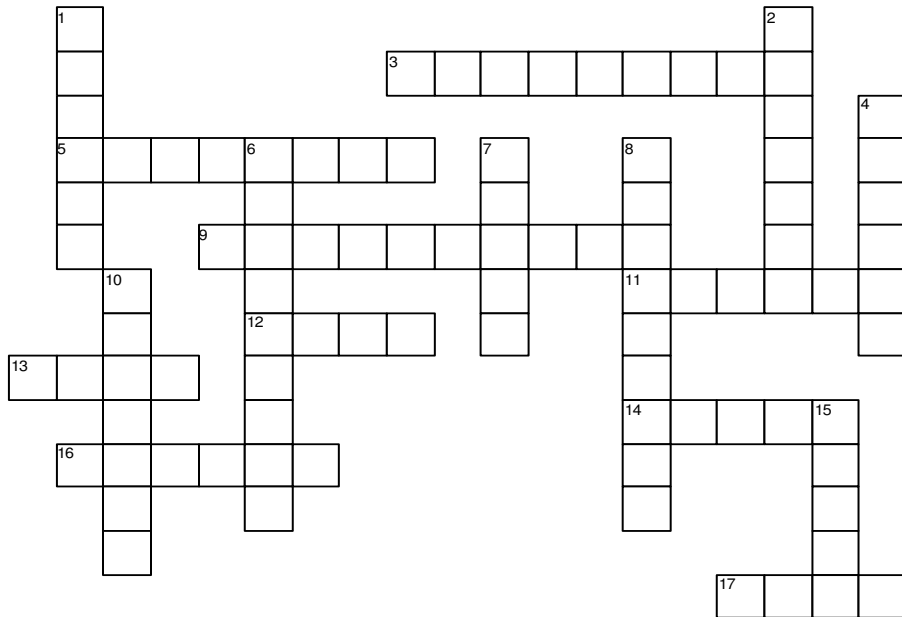
Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- King Ahasuerus reigned over how many provinces? Esther 1:1
A. 99 B. 45
C. 127 D. 112
- Where was King Ahasuerus' throne? Esther 1:2
A. Samaria B. Shushan
C. Tarshish D. Jerusalem
- Why did the king banish Vashti? Esther 1:12
A. Hatred B. Deceitfulness
C. Pride D. Disobedience
- In what month was Esther made queen? Esther 2:16-17
A. Tenth month B. Fourth month
C. Sixth D. Eleventh month

Quote of the Day

"Many who plan to seek God at the eleventh hour die at 10:30." ~Author Unknown

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 3 The earth is this to God. Matt. 5:35
- 5 Place from where the sermon was taught. Matt. 5:1
- 9 The eight sayings at the beginning of Christ's teaching in Matt. 5:3-11.
- 11 Not to be put under a bushel. Matt 5:15
- 12 If you do this, you will find. Matt. 7:7
- 13 The _____ in heart will see God. Matt. 5:8
- 14 Let your _____ shine before men. Matt. 5:16
- 16 Those who _____ after righteousness shall be filled. Matt. 5:6
- 17 The foolish man built his house on this. Matt. 7:26

DOWN

- 1 You can't serve God and this (another name for money). Matt. 6:24
- 2 _____ is the poor in spirit. Matt. 5:3
- 4 When doing this, enter into your closet and shut the door. Matt. 6:6
- 6 Don't lay these upon earth; lay them up in heaven. Matt. 6:19
- 7 If your eye offends you, _____ it out. Matt. 5:29
- 8 They were with Jesus when He gave the sermon on the mountain. Matt. 5:1
- 10 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly treasures. Matt. 6:19
- 15 If you are compelled to go a mile, go _____. Matt. 5:41

Sunday

March 14

Be Bold

“And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost,....”

Acts 6:10, 7:55

If your neighbour's house was on fire, you would not speak timidly about his peril. You would be emphatic, speaking plainly and clearly with force to call him from the burning house. You would do so that he could be saved. This was the same attitude that Stephen had as he reasoned with the men who would take his life. He took his mind off of his own well-being and thought of those around him. Although it would cost his life, he was going to give them the truth.

Why was Stephen able to do such a thing? Why did it seem that he was not afraid? The answer is really quite simple. Stephen was completely convinced that Jesus was truth, that He was exactly who He said He was, that He had a hand on Stephen's life. Furthermore, Stephen believed that Jesus Christ died for the men who were gathered around him and that they needed to hear that Good News.

Do we really believe that same truth for our own lives today? Are we completely sold out to the belief that Jesus is at work among us? Are we concerned about the eternity of those around us?

The result of Stephen's conviction was boldness. Having the same convictions, we can and should be bold as he. We may no longer face death, but we should live as if we do, knowing that those who lose their life for the cause of Christ will find it in Him. ~DJD

Morning: *Deuteronomy 23-25*

Evening: *Mark 14:51-72*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. According to Matthew 5:14, a city on a hill cannot what?
A. Be seen B. Be hid
C. Fall D. Be destroyed
2. Ultimately, the goal of good works is to what? (Matt 5:16)
A. Earn a way to heaven
B. Glorify the Father
C. Look good on earth
D. All of the above
3. According to Matthew 5:14, Christians are the light of what?
A. The city B. The country
C. The world D. The universe

Quote of the Day

"We are justified, not by giving anything to God,—what we do,—but by receiving from God, what Christ hath done for us."

~William Gurnall

Monday

March 15

Lengthen Thy Cords

“Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.” Isaiah 54:2

Let’s do a little practical thinking about camping. If you are camping by yourself, your tent will only have to be so big. If you are camping with three or four others, the tent will have to be larger, etc. It is obvious that a tent for one or two will not accommodate twenty or thirty.

So is the case spiritually on a personal level, and in the operation of a church. First, personally, if our lives only have room enough for our own selves, our ministry will be limited. Sometimes we must put aside personal time in order to minister to others. In a sense, my “time tent” for others must be enlarged, if I expect to enlarge my ministry. Our “time tent,” “wisdom tent,” and “serving tent,” must all be willing to enlarge. You can be sure, if God is going to enlarge your ministry, He will give you the time and wisdom necessary, or whatever is needed.

A church must also be willing to lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes to make its tent bigger. God blesses a church that is willing to do this by faith. Every time we have stepped out by faith in building, God has always blessed. Walking by faith will be rewarded with God’s blessing. However, a larger church will take stronger stakes to hold up the tent. As your ministry increases in size, you will grow stronger in the Lord. *RKM*

Morning: *Deuteronomy 26, 27*
Evening: *Mark 15:1-26*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions.

1. Laban was blessed by God because of whom? Gen. 30:25-27 _____
2. Laban changed Jacob’s wages how many times? Gen. 31:7 _____
3. What did Leah and Rachel say that their father did to them? Gen. 31:15

4. How many years did Jacob work with Laban? Gen. 31:38 _____
5. After arguing, Laban and Jacob made what? Gen. 31:44

Quote of the Day

“Think not that you shall turn to God when you will, if you will not when you may.”
~*Gervase Babington*

Tuesday

March 16

Prepare To Meet Thy God

“Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.” Amos 4:12

Over the past several years, our world has seen vast improvements in the weather reports on the local news channels. From Doppler 13,000 to Super Whopper Doppler, every weather man tries to be as accurate as possible. Despite the changes in reporting, it is interesting to note that since 1792 there has been one weather reporting system that remains fairly accurate and is a widely trusted source for weather patterns of the future: *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*. Although the “Old Farmer” has modernized its style of predicting weather patterns, its predictions, as they claim, are about 80% accurate. Its readers can, months in advance, prepare to meet the coming weather.

Long before, *The Almanac*, another farmer from the tiny southern town of Tekoa, Israel, burst onto the scene of Northern Israel with a message from the Lord. His “weather” predictions were widely unheeded. He spoke of famine (v. 6), drought (v.7), limited rain (v.7), ruined crops (v.9), pestilence (v.9-10), and destructive plagues (v.11); yet the people paid no attention to the warnings. So, with what seemed like a “last ditch effort,” he cried for the people of the land to “prepare to meet...God.”

What does God have to do to get your attention? If at this moment He were to return, are you prepared to meet Him? Heed the warning of an Old Farmer from Tekoa, “Prepare to meet thy God.” ~PO

Morning: Deuteronomy 28

Evening: Mark 15:27-47

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of _____ of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Hagar, Sarah’s handmaid, was of what nationality? Genesis 16:1
A. Egyptian B. Canaanite
C. Amorite D. Jebusite
2. What did the angel of the LORD tell Hagar after she fled? Genesis 16:9
A. Weep and mourn
B. Return and submit
C. Repent and die
D. Listen and be brave
3. Abram was how old when Ishmael was born? Genesis 16:16
A. 46 B. 60
C. 64 D. 86

Quote of the Day

“We believe that the work of regeneration, conversion, sanctification, and faith is not an act of man’s free will and power, but of the mighty, efficacious, and irresistible grace of God.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Wednesday

March 17

Life Is Not Fair

“And Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar her maid the Egyptian . . . And gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived.”

Genesis 16:3-4

Hagar was given to Abraham. Because she was a servant, she was required to obey, regardless of her own feelings, wishes, or desires.

Do you think that was fair to Hagar? Do you think that she was treated justly by her masters? Hagar despised Sarah after she had conceived. Then, to make matters worse, later on we see that Sarah treated her harshly. So, Hagar fled.

But an interesting part of the story comes in Genesis 16:9. An angel of the LORD speaks to Hagar in the wilderness and says, *“Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.”* After all she went through, she was required to return and submit. Do you think that she wanted to go back? Obviously, she did not; she had just fled.

Sometimes, life’s twists and turns are emphatically not fair, but God is interested in how we respond. Believe me, God sees how you have been hurt, mistreated, or neglected. In Genesis 16:11, the angel says, *“The LORD hath heard thy affliction.”* He saw and heard Hagar during one of the biggest valleys of her life, and He unquestionably sees you.

So, what did Hagar do? She returned and gave birth to Abraham’s son, Ishmael, and God saw her through every step of the way. ~MFV

Morning: Deuteronomy 29, 30

Evening: Mark 16

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of _____ of _____, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Who Am I: Fill in the blank with the correct answer.

1. Who was the left-handed judge in Judges 3:15? _____
2. Who was a herdsman of Tekoa and a gatherer of sycamore fruit in Amos 1:1,7:14? _____
3. Who were Moses’ parents? Exodus 6:20 _____
4. Who climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus? Luke 19:4 _____
5. What to sons of Jacob murdered and spoiled a city in revenge for the rape of their sister, Dinah? _____

"Princes, kings, and other rulers of the world

Quote of the Day

have used all their strength and cunning against the Church, yet it continues to endure and hold its own." ~John Foxe

Thursday

March 18

Naaman, The Leper

“Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.”

2 Kings 5:1

Let us look at Naaman and something about his background. The name “Naaman” means “pleasantness” or “delight.” Naaman was the commander of the army of Benhadad, the king of Damascus. He had won deliverance for the Syrians. Naaman was not separated from society because in Syria, leprosy did not exclude one from human society, as was the case in Israel. Naaman was told about Elisha by a little girl who became a slave to his wife when she was brought away by the soldiers during one of the Syrian raids into Israelite territory. This little girl expressed to her mistress the wish that Naaman be with Elisha in Samaria and that the prophet would heal Naaman of his leprosy.

Notice Naaman’s inability to save himself.

1. He was a captain, an able warrior unable to eliminate his need for salvation.
2. He was an honorable man, but good and respected men still need salvation, just like other men.
3. He was a mighty man, brave, courageous, strong, noble minded, yet in need of salvation.

You see, man hates to admit he cannot save himself, and even after admitting it, he hates to admit that he cannot help in some way. This

Morning: *Deuteronomy 31, 32*

Evening: *Luke 1:1-23*

was the case with Naaman. He tried to add his efforts to God’s plan, but Naaman got saved only when he yielded to God’s plan.

We must thank God for salvation, for Jesus’ sacrifice, for God’s ultimate plan for salvation, and for the desire He gives us to serve Him.

~OV

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of _____ of _____, very costly, and _____ the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who was Esther’s cousin? Esther 2:7
A. Hadassah B. Mordecai
C. Jair D. Haman
2. Who would Mordecai not bow down to? Esther 3:2
A. Haman B. Shethar
C. Memucan D. Admatha
3. Why did Mordecai rend his clothes? Esther 3:13
A. Poverty B. Illness
C. Decree for death of the Jews

Quote of the Day

“The cross is a one time, visual representation of God’s grief over sin.” ~Dean H. Harvey

Friday

March 19

Continue to Trust

“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Job 1:21

After watching Texas quarterback Colt McCoy succeed for four years, not many would have predicted that his college career would end this way—four years of preparation and hard work (five, if you count his time as a redshirt). He spent four years of sacrifice and dedication, four years of hoping and dreaming of hoisting the ultimate trophy. All of it came to one last shot at the national title. By the fifth play of the game, it was over. McCoy went down with a shoulder injury that took him out of the game he had waited so long to play.

But if there ever was an example of faith and character, Colt McCoy displayed it. Try to imagine his disappointment and absolute helplessness as he stood on the sidelines watching his team compete without him. Absolutely heartbreaking. For even the strongest of Christians, it would have been an unbelievable test of faith. I know that if I had been in his shoes, I would have asked God why a thousand times and probably shaken my fist at the sky.

Sometimes, we may not understand why, but we must still trust God and bless His name. Job lost so much, yet he still said, ***“Blessed be the name of the LORD.”*** ~AP

Morning: *Deuteronomy 33, 34*

Evening: *Luke 1:24-56*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of _____ of _____, very costly, and _____ the feet of Jesus, and _____ his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true, and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false.

- _____ 1. Moses and Aaron’s sister, Miriam, was a prophetess? Ex. 15:20
- _____ 2. There is a special blessing waiting the Christians who are watching for Jesus’ return? Luke 12:37
- _____ 3. There will be signs that indicate the Lord’s return is near. Mark 13:28-30
- _____ 4. The women of Israel came out dancing after David killed Goliath. 1 Samuel 18:6-7

Quote of the Day

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” ~*Corrie Ten Boom*

Saturday

March 20

Grace

“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:10

Since the time of my conversion to this very moment, I am humbled on a daily basis. When I think of God’s grace to a sinner such as I, I am taken to my knees with such shame. I, as the Apostle Paul, have to consider myself a chief sinner. I praise God for His grace. Webster’s dictionary gives this definition of grace: the free unmerited love and favor of God. Oh, praise His holy name for such comfort!

There are, of course, many examples of God’s grace in the Bible. Here are just a few. Adam and Eve were showed great mercy and grace when they sinned against God. During the exodus of the Israelites and even to this day, God continues to show grace to His chosen seed. God gave Jonah grace when He could have very well chosen to cast him aside for his arrogance and disobedience for not going to Ninevah. Peter denied Christ, but he was given a second chance. Saul, who crucified those who believed on Jesus, was given new life in Christ.

We all have sin in our lives, and we all need to humble ourselves before a loving God and repent. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God tells us this: ***“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive***

Morning: *Joshua 1-3*
Evening: *Luke 1:57-80*

their sin, and will heal their land.” Now, how much more grace do you need before bowing the knee and taking care of business? The choice is yours, Christian. Humble yourself, pray, and seek. The One who died for you isn’t asking a lot. ~KAT

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:3 “Then took Mary a _____ of _____ of _____, very costly, and _____ the feet of Jesus, and _____ his feet with her _____ and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What did Queen Esther first require of the King? Esther 5:4
 - A. Come to a banquet
 - B. Wanted to have a child
 - C. Needed a new chariot
2. Who did the Queen request to be at the banquet? Esther 5:4
 - A. The King and Meres
 - B. The King and Haman
 - C. The King and Admath

Quote of the Day

“The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it.” ~William Tyndale

Five Factors for Quality Time

By Sumner Wemp

The Proper Period:

You must find the right time. Personally, I believe quiet time should last at least half an hour. But some time is better than no time, so if you can not start at thirty minutes, begin with ten. It should be your very best time. Do not give the Lord your leftovers. And do not try to find time - make time, and make it a priority. Also, find time early in the day. Psalm 5:3 says, "*... in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.*"

The Proper Preparation:

A quiet time is fellowship with a holy God. There are a few things you can do to be prepared for this time. First, be physically alert. Find a time when the cobwebs are out of your mind, and you can think clearly. Second, be mentally aware. Be focused, and know He is there. Emotion does not really have all that much to do with it. And third, be morally pure and clean. Some people do not have a quiet time because they feel uncomfortable looking God in the face with sin in their lives.

The Proper Place:

Find a place where you can focus. Jesus said enter into your closet and pray (see Matt. 6:6). That simply means find a place of isolation where you can shut the door on the world and open the windows to Heaven. Jesus sought out places where He could be alone.

The Proper Provisions:

In order to have an effective quiet time, you need the right tools. Here are some tools I use:

1. A readable Bible - Invest in one with room to jot notes in the margins.
2. A prayer journal - Expect God to give you something, write it down, and record

things you are praying about.

3. A notepad - Write down your daily assignments.

The Proper Procedure:

Finally, may I recommend some procedures to follow in your quiet time? Get still and quiet. The Bible says in Psalm 46:10, "*Be still, and know that I am God.*" Focus your mind on Him. Get into the Word of God. Read the Bible for quality and not quantity. It is good to have a goal to read the Bible through in a year, or a similar goal; but that is not the purpose of your quiet time. Also, devotional books are wonderful. But again, this is not the place for them. This is the time when you simply read the Bible with an open mind. Meditate. As you focus on the Word of God and meditate, let it permeate you. Is there a command to obey? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a sin to avoid? Is there a lesson to learn? Is there a new truth to carry with me? Record what God has given you. Write down what God says to you and what He tells you to do. Now, you are ready to pray. When you pray, pour out your soul. Be natural and honest with God. Tell Him how you feel. Pray out loud. It keeps your mind on track and enables you to stay focused. Begin to share your quiet time. God did not make us to be reservoirs; He made us to be conduits. Tell others what God is showing you. Finally, obey what God tells you. Your spiritual train is running on two rails. One is revelation, and the other is obedience. And if either rail stops, your train stops. Learn to obey the Word of God.

I pray these simple suggestions will help you have a daily quiet time in the presence of our loving, almighty, powerful God.♦

Sunday

March 21

God Does Not Forget You

“Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.” Genesis 40:23

Joseph had served the house of Potiphar well. He not only behaved himself in a God honouring way, but he was a good manager, bringing success to all that belonged to his master. Yet, the lies of another sent him falsely accused to prison. Even in prison, God’s hand was on him. He was given command of the entire prison, and he was known for his good leadership. Using his good testimony and honourable business mind, Joseph served where God had him at the time. Sadly, even in prison, Joseph was forgotten as his assistance of a fellow inmate goes unnoticed for possibly many years.

Alone in a foreign land, separated from his family, wrongfully imprisoned, and forgotten again, Joseph must have wondered what was happening. Yet all the while, God never forgot him. When the circumstances appeared to be bleak, the Bible does not indicate that Joseph complained. Instead, he was faithful. He waited for the hand of God to move and just simply lived to please Him.

Joseph was living 1 Peter 5:6 before it was even penned. He humbled himself and waited until God lifted him up. At each turn, Joseph gave God the glory.

No doubt, there have been times that we have felt forgotten. Perhaps your hard work or goods deeds have gone unnoticed. Maybe people with whom you shared a close friendship are no longer part of your life. These examples

Morning: *Joshua 4-6*
Evening: *Luke 2:1-24*

represent man’s forgetfulness, but God never forgets anything except our confessed sin. We have to trust Him no matter how long. HE NEVER FORGETS US. ~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 “Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Psalm 95 exhorts us to praise God for His goodness. Complete each command used in this psalm.

1. “_____ unto the Lord.” (vs. 1)
2. “Make a _____ noise.” (vs. 1)
3. Come before Him with _____. (vs. 2)
4. “Worship and _____ down.” (vs. 6)
5. “_____ before the LORD.” (vs. 6)
6. “Do not _____ your heart.” (vs.8)

Quote of the Day

“Salvation comes through a cross and a crucified Christ.” ~Andrew Murray

Monday

March 22

Delilah

“For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil.” Proverbs 5:3

Read Judges 16:4-2

When Eugenia Price was writing the scripts for the "Unshackled" program in Chicago about people saved through the Pacific Garden Mission, she went through over 200 interviews and found that the chief influence in the lives of all these people was a woman. Sad to say, the majority of them were for evil not for good. God places women in a position of influence.

Samson was a judge in Israel for 20 years. He was a Nazarite and as such had taken a vow not to cut his hair or drink wine. He had strength that no one had had before. His enemies needed to defeat him but were unable to until they recruited the services of a Philistine woman he had fallen in love with. They offered her the sum of 1100 pieces of silver.

She kept trying to find out the secret of his strength, and he made up tales for her which proved untrue. Finally, she kept on at him and then turned on the waterworks and told him he did not love her if he didn't tell her his secret. You would think after three previous attempts he would be wise to her maneuvers, but he was not. He told her all his heart. She shaved his head, and his strength was gone; he was as weak as other men. The strength was not in his hair but in his Lord. ***"He wist not that the Lord was departed from him."***

Women, be aware of the power of impact and be sure you are used for good rather than evil. Men, listen to the warning in Proverbs 5 and avoid the woman who will lead to destruction. ~CW & SW

Morning: *Joshua 7, 8*
Evening: *Luke 2:25-52*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 "Then saith one of his _____, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false. These questions are based on the Gospel of John 18.

- _____ 1. The Jews took Jesus, bound Him, and led him away to stand before Annas. (vs. 12, 13)
- _____ 2. Caiaphas gave counsel to the Jews that one man should die for the people. (vs. 14)
- _____ 3. Simon Peter ran off instead of following Jesus to the palace. (vs.15)
- _____ 4. A damsel recognized Peter and said he was one of Jesus' followers. (vs. 17)

Quote of the Day

"Let no man carry you beyond the bounds God hath set for you, nor make you believe he hath found a plainer or more certain way to heaven than Christ hath given us."

~Edward Stillingfleet

Tuesday

March 23

Seek Ye Me

“For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.”
Amos 5:4

With the age of the Internet vastly increasing and forever upon us, the use of the word *Search* has become proliferative. In chapter five of his prophetic book, the prophet Amos, told the children of Israel three different times to “seek” or “search for” the Lord.

Today, in a matter of .13 seconds, a search for “Lord” on Yahoo will yield 748 million different results, but since Amos was a poor farmer, in a day without the Internet, it is safe to say he was speaking of a different type of seeking.

Searching the Internet can bring knowledge, some good and some bad, but seeking the Lord can bring life. In Amos 5:4, the people of Israel are told, ***“Seek ye me, and ye shall live.”*** In Amos 5:6, the command is, ***“Seek the LORD, and ye shall live.”*** In verse 8, they were to ***“Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion...the LORD is His name.”***

In your daily rituals and struggle to find meaning and purpose in life, for what are you searching? Is it wealth? A career? A bigger house? Peace in your home? The easy life? Have you searched through 734 million different possibilities which you have not yielded true purpose? Jesus said, ***“I am the resurrection and the life.”*** Outside of Him is purposelessness and a miserable imitation of true life. If the purpose for life is what you seek, seek the LORD, for He is life! ~PO

Morning: *Joshua 9, 10*

Evening: *Luke 3*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 “Then saith one of his _____, Judas _____, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. When God instructed Abraham to circumcise the men of his house, how long did it take for Abraham to obey? Genesis 17:23
A. Within the day B. One week
C. During the month D. One year
2. When the three visitors come to Abraham, what did he do? Genesis 18
A. Told Sarah to make bread
B. Fetched and dressed a calf
C. Neither A nor B
D. Both A & B
3. Abraham asked the Lord six times to spare Sodom for the sake of a certain number of righteous people. What was the number sequence? Genesis 18:26-32
A. 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 5
B. 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10
C. 50, 40, 30, 20, 15, 10
D. 55, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10

Quote of the Day

"Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God because He said so." ~C. S. Lewis

Wednesday

March 24

Testimony of God's Wisdom

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:8

A couple of years ago, I was at a turning point in my life. Everything I seemed to pursue crumbled beneath my feet. So, I felt God was calling me to move back to my hometown. Truthfully, I was not excited about the idea. I remember pouring my heart out to God begging Him to let some other opportunity surface. But, through prayer and Bible reading, I knew God wanted me home. So, I trusted that he knew best, even though His way did not make sense to me.

For the next year, I experienced unexpected bills, more shut doors, loss of relationships, a near fatal illness, and much more. God's plan was still making no sense to my finite brain. I would like to say that I trusted Him the whole time, but there were many days I doubted.

Not until recently have I begun to understand why God orchestrated those events a couple of years ago, and God's plan is so much better than I could have ever imagined. God has a course for each of us to follow. It may not make sense to us now or it may never make total sense to us in this lifetime, but our responsibility is to trust Him at ALL times.

So what are you dealing with today? Are you unsure why God has allowed a situation to come into your life? Trust Him; He has your course planned. Pour out your heart to Him; He is your refuge. ~MFV

Morning: *Joshua 11-13*
Evening: *Luke 4:1-32*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 "Then saith one of his _____, Judas _____, Simon's son, which should _____ him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in reference to 3 John.

1. To whom was the Third Epistle of John addressed? _____
2. John had no greater joy than to what? _____

3. In verses 5-8, John speaks of some of Gaius' good traits. What were they? _____

4. In contrast to Gaius, what bad traits did Diotrephes exhibit? (vs. 9-11)

5. What other man does John speak of in high respect? _____

Quote of the Day

"God, having placed good and evil in our power, has given us full freedom of choice; He does not keep back the unwilling, but embraces the willing." ~John Chrysostom

Thursday

March 25

Jude, Written to All Christians

“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.” Jude 1

The word *sanctified* means set apart. Actually, *to them that are sanctified* means to the saints; so in other words, it means, to all believers. Jude realized that every believer is a potential backslider and that any of us could fall away from the Lord, so he admonished all of us to watch ourselves and to help others, lest, we fall away from God.

In the Bible, there are great men who fell away, at least for a season. There was Peter, who denied the Lord; David, who went into sin; Abraham, who fled the will of God and went to Egypt; Solomon, who turned to pagan religions.

The word *preserved* in verse 1 is used just the way one would think. The Christian is preserved just like the preserves a lady makes. She prepares the fruit, makes the preserves, fills the jars, and seals them. The contents are kept just as they were when put in the jar; they will stay “preserved” until the jar is opened. The Lord likens Christians to this. We are “preserved” in Christ Jesus until the day of “opening” when Jesus comes again and we rise to meet Him in the air.

We are admonished to hold on to our faith, according to Jude 3. Now this does not mean we hold on to salvation. What it means is we are to hold on to our profession. We are to hold on to our testimony; we are to hold on to our usefulness; we are to hold on to our working

Morning: *Joshua 14, 15*

Evening: *Luke 4:33-44*

for God. In other words, we are to work diligently, staying in the will of God and being useful for Him. Once again, this letter was written to those who are already sanctified (set apart). It deals with falling away from God’s blessing. If you will daily, even momentarily, stay close to Jesus, you can live a life of fruitfulness and usefulness for the Lord Jesus Christ. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 “Then saith one of his _____, Judas _____, Simon's son, which should _____ him, Why was not this _____ sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Based on today’s devotional, answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What does the word “sanctified” mean?

2. The book of Jude was written to whom?

3. Why was Jude written? _____

Quote of the Day

“God made everything out of nothing. But the nothingness shows through.” ~Paul Valery

Friday

March 26

Sing With Your Whole Heart

“I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.” Psalm 86:12

This verse is a line from a song of prayer sung by David. In this prayer of deliverance, David is crying out to God in worship. He recounts God’s power and mercy over and over.

Notice David says, “With all my heart.” There was a time in David’s life that he could not praise God with all his heart. Unconfessed sin had taken a foothold in David’s heart. That sin separated him from the God he so dearly loved. Before this great sin, David sang of God’s abundance with a pure heart. Blocked by sin, his sincere worship most certainly was stifled.

After being confronted with his sin by the prophet Nathan, David repents and restoration begins. This healing and forgiveness are clearly seen in Psalm 51 where David pledges anew his worship to God.

We are no different than David. We may have a desire to worship God but may be hindered in true worship if our sin is unconfessed. In this Psalm, David sings with his whole heart. He could do that when his hands were free from sin. Just like him, we can sing with our whole heart but only as we empty it of known sin through confession, repentance, and forgiveness.

Get your sin confessed before the Lord, and then sing with your whole heart unto God!

~DJD

Morning: *Joshua 16-18*

Evening: *Luke 5:1-16*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 “Then saith one of his _____, Judas _____, Simon's son, which should _____ him, Why was not this _____ sold for three _____ pence, and given to the poor?”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Write the answer to each question in the space provided.

1. In what city, was a widow’s son raised from the dead? (Lk. 7:11-18) _____
2. Daniel 3:1 says that King Nebuchadnezzar set up a golden image on what Babylonian plain? _____
3. What valley north of Hebron was famous for its grapes? (Num. 13:24) _____
4. Where was Goliath’s home? (1 Sam. 17:4) _____
5. Where was the site of Jesus’ betrayal? (Matt. 26:36-56) _____

Quote of the Day

"God walls the sea with sand. God clears the air with storms. God warms the earth with snow.... He exalts us to heaven by the stumbling block of the cross."

~Christopher Wadsworth

Saturday

March 27

Imaginary Virtues

“If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?” James 2:15–16

Recently, I have been reminded of the inconvenience of ministering to people. Opportunities to minister never seem to come when I have extra time, money, or resources. In fact, they often come in the busyness of a day when I am barely keeping my own head above water.

In our imagination, ministry can glow with virtue as only things pictured in the mind can. We can see ourselves doing good deeds and congratulate ourselves on what tender hearts we have, all without ever lifting a finger to do anything. We can feel compassion, empathy, sorrow, and then go on with our lives having done nothing to change anything. There is a new term coined because of the internet. “Slacktivism” is activism that takes no real action and makes no discernable difference. It is as easy as a click of the mouse and as empty as a rain barrel in Egypt. As Christians, we are the hands and feet of God. The world sees His love through us. Let us avoid Slacktivism and instead actively, tangibly give to others. We should pray for the grace and wisdom to see needs and be ready to meet them. The Bible also says in James that ***“faith without works is dead.”*** Compassion without action is lifeless as well. A wise man said, “The smallest good deed is better than the greatest intention.”

~AJD

Morning: *Joshua 19, 20*

Evening: *Luke 5:17-39*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:4-5 “Then saith one of his _____, Judas _____, Simon's son, which should _____ him, Why was not this _____ sold for three _____ pence, and _____ to the poor?”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete the following beatitudes from Matthew 5:3-12.

1. “Blessed are they that _____: for they shall be _____.” (vs. 4)
2. “Blessed are they which do _____ and thirst after _____: for they shall be _____.” (vs. 6)
3. “Blessed are the _____ in heart: for they shall see God.” (vs. 8)
4. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for _____ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (vs. 10)

Quote of the Day

“Go forth today, by the help of God's Spirit, vowing and declaring that in life—come poverty, come wealth, in death—come pain or come what may, you are and ever must be the Lord's. For this is written on your heart, 'We love Him because He first loved us.'”

~Charles H. Spurgeon

Sunday

March 28

For All Have Sinned

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

Leach, Levitt, Mangino...Arenas, McGuire, Woods...These are just a few of the last names that have been in the sports pages recently for unbecoming conduct. They are coaches who have reportedly lost control, both verbally and physically, and players who have reportedly lost their judgment, integrity, and character. All of these men have fallen short of the standards set by their schools and teams and short of the vows by which they agreed they would live and coach.

These sports issues all fall under what I call the “323 Syndrome,” or, better stated, Romans 3:23: ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*** That includes not only those mentioned above, but you and me, too. Before we throw verbal attacks and insults at these guys and their situations, we need to stop and take a good, hard look in the mirror. ***“As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one.”*** Romans 3:10 ~AP

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:6-7 “This he [Judas Iscariot] said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.”

Morning: *Joshua 21, 22*

Evening: *Luke 6:1-26*

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer based on James 1:13-21.

1. What is the following sin progression explained in verses 13-15.
 - A. Temptation, lust, sin, death
 - B. Lust, temptation, sin, death
 - C. Temptation, sin, lust, death
 - D. Lust, sin, temptation, death
2. What is the name used for God in verse 17?
 - A. Father of Heaven
 - B. Father of Lights
 - C. God the Father
 - D. Father of mankind
3. In verse 19, what are believers encouraged to do?
 - A. Be swift to hear
 - B. Be slow to speak
 - C. Be slow to wrath
 - D. All of the above

Quote of the Day

"Gentlemen, I have lived a long time and am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning before we proceed to business." [Turning point of success for the 1787 Constitutional Convention]

~Benjamin Franklin

Monday

March 29

Prayer

“Pray without ceasing.” 1Thessalonians 5:17

It is an awesome privilege to be able to pray to our God in Heaven, not only to pray for our own needs, but to be able to pray for the needs of others. How absolutely awesome is that! The Bible says, **“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”** (James 5:16). *Effectual* means producing an effect and *fervent* means with ardent passion. We, as Christians, need to pray with such a passion that we definitely have the ear of God. David, the psalmist, states in Psalms 10:17, **“LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.”** Revelation 8:3-4 says, **“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.”** So we know God hears our prayers.

Here is how we can best pray for others;

1. With wisdom and power (Eph. 1:18-20)
2. With all our strength (Eph. 3:16-19)
3. With discernment (Phil. 1:9-11)
4. With perseverance (2 Thess. 3:5)
5. With boldness (Philemon 1:6)

Remember, prayer is important to you and to others. ~KAT

Morning: *Joshua 23, 24*

Evening: *Luke 6:27-49*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:6-7 “This he said, not that he _____ for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Solomon’s wisdom was not compared to which of the following men? (1 Ki. 4:31)
A. Ethan the Ezrahite B. Heman
C. Darda D. Temeni
2. Who reigned after King Asa? (1 Ki. 15:24)
A. Jehoshaphat B. Jehoram
C. Hezekiah D. David
3. 1 Kings 11:5 says, **“His heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”** This statement refers to what king?
A. Solomon B. Asa
C. Jehoshaphat D. Ahab

Quote of the Day

"A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world--and might be even more difficult to save." ~C. S. Lewis

Tuesday

March 30

In the Strength of the Lord

“I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.” Psalm 71:16

The Psalm writer said I will go in the strength of the Lord. What an awesome thought. What a great decision. We can go in the strength of the Lord as well. God has unlimited strength. He created all things. He controls the universe. When Jesus walked on the earth, He had authority over sickness, over the elements, and over Satan and his demonic forces. He also proved that He has the power over death and the power to give life when He resurrected from the dead.

The strength that the Lord has is available to us today. There is strength to be found through the Word of God. There is strength to be found in prayer. There is strength that we can experience through the filling of the Holy Spirit. We can be strengthened if we will come together with other believers and encourage one another.

The interesting thing about this is that all the strength necessary for us to accomplish His will is offered to us each day. Some will appropriate the strength that God has offered them, and some will go in their own strength. We have no way of knowing what trials, opportunities, or spiritual battles we will face in the next 24 hours. We would be wise to take advantage of every resource that our Heavenly Father has provided for us. The psalm writer said ***“I will go in the strength of the Lord.”*** In whose strength will you go? ~DLW

Morning: Judges 1, 2
Evening: Luke 7:1-30

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:6-7 “This said, not that he _____ for the poor; but because he was a _____, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What did Lot offer to the Sodomites instead of the two angels? Gen. 19:1-8
 - A. Money
 - B. Himself
 - C. His daughters
 - D. All the above
2. The men at Lot’s door were smitten with what ailment? Gen. 19:10-11
 - A. Deafness
 - B. Leprosy
 - C. Blindness
 - D. Boils
3. Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by God with what? Gen. 19:24
 - A. Brimstone and fire
 - B. Hail and rain
 - C. An earthquake
 - D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

"The devil can counterfeit all the saving operations and graces of the Spirit of God."

~Jonathan Edwards

Wednesday

March 31

God Is Truth

“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.” Romans 3:4

As a young Christian, I found this verse probably in my first trip through the book of Romans. It profoundly impacted my life at that time, and I have drawn strength from it numerous times since my initial discovery.

This verse implies four important principles for the basis of our lives. The first principle is that God is truth and what He says is true. The verse tells us to let God be true. God is true whether we choose to acknowledge it or not, but it is when we do acknowledge His truth that it affects in a positive way.

The next principle is when man contradicts God, man is wrong. We live in a world where God’s eternal truth is challenged by man’s temporary philosophies on a regular basis. It is likely that you will have to discern between the two several times today. When eternal truth is challenged, let God be true, and every man a liar.

The next principle from this verse is that we will either promote God’s truth or man’s lie. If we want to be right or justified, we must be in accord with God’s truth. And finally, we will be judged someday. Each day, we are judged by the world. We either promote or deny God’s truth. But someday, we will be judged by God Himself. God’s truth must rule our lives if we expect to fare well at that judgment. ~DLW

Morning: *Judges 3-5*
Evening: *Luke 7:31-50*

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:6-7 “This he said, not that he _____ for the poor; but because he was a _____, and had the _____, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: The Bible gives specific instruction to young men and women. Using the following verses, complete each statement.

1. Remember your _____ (Eccl. 12:1)
2. Rejoice in your _____ (Eccl. 11:9)
3. Flee _____ (2 Tim. 2:22)
4. Submit to your _____ (1 Peter 5:5)
5. Older women should _____ the younger women. (Titus 2:3-4)

Quote of the Day

"The history of the world suggests that without the love of God there is little likelihood of a love for man that does not become corrupt."

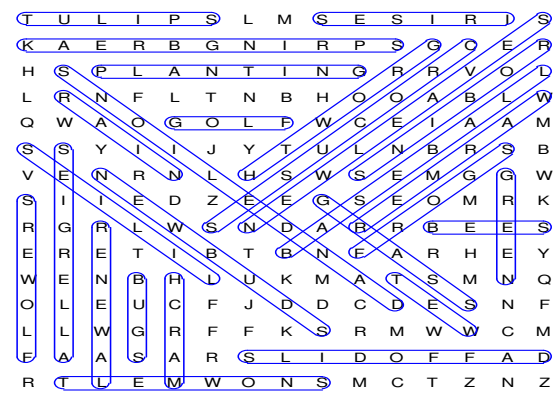
~Francois Fenelon

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle: Sermon on the Mount



Word Search: Spring Brings Forth New Life



Answers to Bible Quizzes

- Mar 1, Pg 2 1To be doers of the Word, 2To visit and help the needy such as orphans and widows and to stay pure, undefiled by the filth of the world
- Mar 2, Pg 3 1C, 2D, 3B, 4E, 5A
- Mar 3, Pg 4 1After being promised by God that Ishmael would make a nation of his own, Abraham gave them food and drink and sent Hagar and her son away. 2Egyptian, 3An archer, 4Nebajoth, 5Twelve

Answers to Bible Quizzes-Continued

- Mar 4, Pg 5 1D, 2B, 3A
- Mar 5, Pg 6 1F, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F, 6T, 7T
- Mar 6, Pg 7 1E, 2E, 3J, 4J, 5J, 6 E, 7E, 8J, 9E 10J
- Mar 7, Pg 9 1Rock, 2God, expectation, 3Refuge, 4, Riches, heart, 5Power
- Mar 8, Pg 10 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T
- Mar 9, Pg 11 1D, 2D, 3C
- Mar 10, Pg 12 1Everlasting, 2God of heaven and God of the earth, 3Sermon on the Mount, 4The Lord's Prayer
- Mar 11, Pg 13 1B, 2D, 3A
- Mar 12, Pg 14 1T, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- Mar 13, Pg 15 1C, 2B, 3D, 4A
- Mar 14, Pg 17 1B, 2B, 3C
- Mar 15, Pg 18 1Jacob, 2-10 times, 3He sold them and devoured their money, 4-20 years, 5A covenant
- Mar 16, Pg 19 1A, 2B, 3D
- Mar 17, Pg 20 1Ehud, 2Amos, 3Amram & Jochebed, 4Zaccheus, 5Simeon & Levi
- Mar 18, Pg 21 1B, 2A, 3C
- Mar 19, Pg 22 1T, 2T, 3T, 4T
- Mar 20, Pg 23 1A, 2B
- Mar 21, Pg 25 1Sing, 2Joyful, 3Thanksgiving, 4Bow, 5Kneel, 6Harden
- Mar 22, Pg 26 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T
- Mar 23, Pg 27 1A, 2D, 3B
- Mar 24, Pg 28 1Gaius, 2To hear that his children, spiritually speaking, walk in truth, 3Faithfully serves fellow Christians and strangers and shows love, 4Prideful, talked bad about fellow believers, was not content, and was not hospitable, 5Demetrius
- Mar 25, Pg 29 1Set apart, 2All believers, 3 To warn against falling away from God
- Mar 26, Pg 30 1Nain, 2Dura, 3Eshcol, 4Gath, 5Gethsemane
- Mar 27, Pg 31 1mourn, comforted, 2hunger, righteousness, filled, 3pure, 4righteousness
- Mar 28, Pg 32 1A, 2B, 3D
- Mar 29, Pg 33 1D, 2A, 3A
- Mar 30, Pg 34 1C, 2C, 3A
- Mar 31, Pg 35 1Creator, 2Youth, 3Lusts, 4Elders 5Teach