



Chalmette Church of Christ

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“Resolutions of Faithfulness #3 Faithful in Prayer”

Whether our days be filled with sunshine or shadows, good times or bad, we should always pray. Of Jesus, it is said, “And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1). Paul instructed the Thessalonians to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17). When one becomes a Christian some habits need to end, while others need to begin. When this life is over, you will never regret the many hours spent in the closet of prayer. In fact, as we consider our faithfulness to the Lord, it seems the best we can do, in any situation, is to pray. Yet, how often do we fail to take advantage of this marvelous spiritual blessing provided by our heavenly Father?

Before every flight, the cabin crew will review for the passengers the safety features of an aircraft and instruct the travelers about what they should do in case of an emergency. For most of us who have heard this repeatedly, we simply tune out and continue reading or take a nap. However, if there was an in-flight emergency, I am sure most all passengers would take advantage of the oxygen masks that are available. Sometimes we view prayer the same way. It is good to have during times of emergency, when we face major crises in life, but rarely used any other time. Prayer is both a privilege and a responsibility. Jesus naturally assumed His followers would pray, for when He taught the disciples the model prayer, He began by saying, “**When** ye pray” (Matt. 6:7), not **if** you pray.” In fact, Jesus sets a marvelous example of how each Christian ought to begin his day. “And in the morning, rising up a

great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there he prayed” (Mark 1:35). Jesus, no doubt, chose to do this every morning of every day. Often, we bemoan the evil in our world, and we realize that tragedy could strike our families and friends anytime. Yet, despite this, do we leave our homes sometimes refusing to pray, and asking for God’s guidance and protection? It would seem, when we leave home in the morning, forgetting to talk with our Heavenly Father, we are saying, “Lord, I really don’t need you.” Surely we do need Him!

So, when we pray, there are three guidelines to remember. First, **pray according to the Lord’s will** (1 John 5:14). Second, **ask in faith** (James 1:6). Third, **pray in Jesus’ name** (John 16:23; 1 Tim. 2:5). Let us never be careless in our prayer lives. Do not allow sin, pride, cynical indifferences, etc. to keep you away from the throne of grace. Sin will hinder your relationship with God; therefore, when you sin, quickly confess your faults and let God forgive you (Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9).

God created man for His own. He desires a close relationship with each of us. He communicates to us every day through His written Word. We communicate with Him through prayer. So, remember the words of the chorus of the following hymn, “*O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the nights to day; So when life seems dark and dreary, Don’t forget to pray.*”

By: Barry Grider

Marking Your Bible: Good Works

One of the best ways to study the word of God that this author finds very profitable is to mark the Bible so that you will remember why that is a significant point in that passage. Paul wrote some inspired letters to a congregation of Christians at Ephesus and to some young preachers named Timothy and Titus. One of the key phrases that Paul uses frequently is "good works". I would urge you to circle these phrases in your Bible. The "good works" phrase is found in Eph. 2:10; 1 Tim. 2:10; 5:10; 5:25; 6:18; Tit. 2:7, 14; 3:8,14. I would use Eph. 2:10 as my starting point in marking in my margin: "*cf. ("good work" passages).*"

If you look up these passages, you will notice remarkable aspects that are part of doing good works as a Christian. The first aspect is that in Eph. 2:10 and Tit. 2:14 we learn that God from all of eternity set apart those in His Son's church to walk in good works. Why do Christians walk in good works? Good works lead to glorifying God (Matt. 5:16)! We must earnestly desire to pursue them! (Tit. 2:14). The second aspect in the contexts of 1 Tim. 2:10 and 5:10 is relating to women in how they can promote good works by performing the duties of a servant as Christ, the ultimate Servant, would have done good (Acts 9:36; 10:38). The third aspect of good works in 1 Tim. 5:25 is shown in the context of selecting men who are qualified for the eldership. There are some men who sadly continue in a life of sin that would hinder them from the office, but there are also some men who have a great character that would shine in the community that would be wonderfully qualified for the office and other men who have an attitude of godliness that is hidden that would be qualified also. The fourth aspect of doing good works in 1 Tim. 6:18 is related to giving and sharing. Christians are to work so that they may have something to give to those who are in need (Eph. 4:28). The fifth aspect of good works in Tit. 2:7 would be to show an example of good behavior in both life and in teaching the word of God. The sixth aspect of good works in Tit. 3:8,14 would be edification and fruitfulness. It relates to building up the community of God to growing spiritually to conform to the image of Christ and helped the vineyard of the Lord to bear spiritual fruit for the harvest for the coming day of God (Matt. 13:24-30; Jn. 4:35). Are you promoting "good works" as a Christian? This author did not put Heb.

10:24 because we do not know whether Paul wrote it or not. It is a fitting admonition for us to consider: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and **good works**." In Eph. 2:10, write beside the margin, *predestined to do them (cf. Tit. 2:14)*. Then besides Tit. 2:14, write: *earnest pursuit of them!* In 1 Tim. 2:10 and 5:10, write: *service!* In 1 Tim. 5:25, write: *helps in qualifying for an elder*. In 1 Tim. 6:18, underline "giving" and "sharing". In Tit. 2:7, write: *good behavior*. In Tit. 3:8, write: *edification*. In Tit. 3:14, write: *fruitfulness!*

~Shane Fisher~

With Sincere Thanks

We would like to take this time to thank each and every one for their calls, prayers, food, cards, love and concern.

Jessica's surgery was a success and recovery will be slow. We are so blessed to have Christian friends who care so much!

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See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. Ten Lepers 2. Barabbas 3. Thieves crucified with Jesus 4. Simon of Cyrene 5. Five loaves and two fishes

New Testament Novice

1. After Jesus fed the 5000, fragments of food remained; gather up what's left, He said, and ___ baskets remained.
2. Most youth know the story, of Herod's oath, so dread; it caused John the Baptist, to actually loose his head.
3. Faith is dead you see, without this partner; just like a garden won't grow, without a gardener!
4. You believe in one God? Some think that is all it does take! Yet, the _____ believe, and they tremble and shake!
5. All is peace and safety, many will ignorantly say; destruction will come suddenly, on this very special day.

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!

Helping Those In Need

Continue bringing your canned food items. We help a lot of families on a daily basis.



Cleaning Schedule

Month of February- Claudia Smith

March- Need a volunteer

****There are several slots still available to help with keeping the building clean & to prepare the Lord's Supper. Thank you for all of your help!**

Upcoming Events

February 28- Ladies Class

March 14- Ladies Class

March 21- Singing and Fellowship Meal

March 28- Ladies Class

March Birthdays

David Nye—6th

Marlene Vasquez—13th

Ashleigh Towle—14th

Anthony Smith—22nd

Cameron Ritter—26th



Prayer List



**Mary Jo Lance
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Sherry Towle
Betty Grisham
Burnell Rogers
Margo
Lisa Lance
Patricia Rodney
Donny Vick
Judy Hennessee
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**Services of The Church
Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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