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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

PRAYER

Hopefully, you pray often. We want the Lord to be pleased with our prayers and to answer them. Have you ever stopped to consider **what** you pray for, and for **whose** benefit? You should. For a good example, look at **Solomon’s** prayer: what he **didn’t** ask for, how pleased the Lord was, and the result:

"And hast not asked for THYSELF long life; neither has asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING to discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy words:" - 1 Kings 3:11,12

We can pray to our heavenly Father about our **jobs**, our **health**, our **school work**, or our **finances**. These aren't bad things to pray about. It's certainly a lot better than **not** praying. But think! How many of these things will be with us 100 years from now? None! How important really are they then?

Remember also to pray for things that are **spiritual**. Things that we can keep **forever**. Things we need like: **love, mercy, humility, understanding, meekness, patience, honesty**. These are qualities of the heart. They are spiritual and will be with us **eternally!** **These** are the things that matter to God and that will truly help us reach heaven. Heaven and our soul is what matters in the long run—not our success in this world.

Remember too, Solomon didn't really ask for **himself**. He wanted to help others. Jesus likewise, as well as Paul. Look at their prayers, **who** they were for and for **what**. Remember, "**It is more blessed to give than to receive**" - Acts 20:35. If we pray for the benefit of others don't you think God, who gave his Son for us, is more likely to be pleased?

We all want to get to heaven. This should be our #1 goal. Let's make sure we're aiming at the right target — and asking for the **best** things to help us, and everyone else, get there!

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T J BOLEN—Christian Prayer Life

PM: T J BOLEN—1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Anna Porter, Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- **Judy Walker** is in Baptist Hospital, room 957 with breathing problems and possible reaction to some medicines she's been taking. Please remember her in your prayers for she greatly longs to be with us. We're grateful to sisters **Porter** and **Boyd** who got the word out.
- **Keith Carter** is to have surgery on bone spurs in his foot, his friend **Laura** requests prayers for her grandfather, **Walter**.
- **Anna Porter** is weak, **Margaret Herring** is stoically suffering many ills, **Jan Kelleher** as well. Pray for these, we miss, and need, their presence.
- Remember to send cards and call those you've not seen for awhile.

"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." - 1 Peter 4:19

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **SINGING!** Twin City church this Sunday 2-4 pm. See **Ed Kelleher** if you'd like to ride along.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**—Rock Hill, Saturday March 8. Lord willing, **Ed Kelleher** will be leaving from the church building at 7am in his van with **Tommy White** and has room for 5 others to go along, back by 5 pm. Don't miss the great encouragement!
- **LORD'S WORK SHEETS!** All members are asked to update theirs as we will be assigning necessary work monthly to members of the congregation, based on what you say you'll do. Please fill one out and put it in the basket in the **church office**.
- **YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT** class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- Informal **Bible Study**, at the building **3 pm Saturdays**. Ask your Bible questions.
- Entire assembly is now being recorded on DVD thanks to brother Marshal Mancuso. See **Marshall** or **Jones Gamble** to get a copy for yourself or to share with someone.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."- Matthew 24:13

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“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.” - James 4:3

Christian Prayer Life—Sunday AM sermon outline:

1. Philippians 4:6-7, a "snapshot" of prayer
2. Prayer is our communication to God
3. Our Request
4. Our Thanksgiving
5. God-given result

RESPONSIBILITY?

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: “Who carries the most important responsibility of all?” Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the “hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—**Walter M. Bishop**, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

- Proverbs 31:26

THE MECHANIC

A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can." This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic couldn't keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

THOUGHT: Isn't it strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember -- your preacher didn't write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

- Leroy Brownlow, 1914-2002, Gospel Preacher

It's YOUR responsibility ... NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!