

Theme for 2021

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT; WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD!

‘They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love.’

“I have commissioned them to represent me just as you commissioned me to represent you. And now I dedicate myself to them as a holy sacrifice so that they will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by your truth.” “And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.”

John 17:18-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)



This Week’s Thought – January 17, 2021

“So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him...Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison.” Acts 12:5, 17 (NIV)

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” Prayer is a timesaver. It saves followers of Jesus from unnecessary seasons of anxious worry. Prayer waits for God’s best! The flesh forces issues when prayer is void in the decision-making process. A person who is self-motivated but not Spirit led exerts a lot of energy, but can waste a lot of time. A prayerless approach to life and work can easily end up in a focus on the urgent to the neglect of what really matters. Prayer protects you from the clenches of another’s crisis.

“I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, “The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him.” So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.” (Ezra 8:22-23)

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Is prayer the primary focus in your decision-making process? Do you rest in the realization that He can be trusted to reveal the way you should go? Do you realize that His Truth—though at times counterintuitive—saves you time in the long run? What the Lord is saying may not make sense now, but later as you look back it becomes clearer.

It is not a copout to first pray before you commit—indeed it is a wise filter for decision-making. Our Lord Jesus smiles when His children take the time to save time, by waiting on His understanding in prayer. The prayerless crazy cycle of overreacting in fear and anger only prolongs the pain, while patient prayer applies Heaven’s healing process.

So, the Lord’s wisdom reminds us: Are you considering a career transition? Then ask God, in what role in my work can I bring You the most glory? Are you facing a difficult financial decision? Then ask God, how should I manage Your resources as a wise steward? Are you estranged from a friend or relative? Pray, what can I do to love them in Jesus’ Name? Time is a gift from God that requires prayerful use, not fleshly abuse. So, pray well.

“While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.” (Daniel 9:21-22)

Application: Ask yourself, ‘How can I create a culture of prayer in my life, my family, my work, my ministry, etc.’?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear LORD, I bow my heart before You and give You honor and praise. Strengthen my prayer life. Help me to pray more. Nudge me to pray even when I’m doing mindless tasks. Help me to truly know who I am in Christ, to understand that You always hear me, to know Your Word so I can pray it, to write down my own prayer needs and the needs of others, and to know that You really do know me. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King