



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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No Christian is greater than his prayer life.

The church has many organizers, but few agonizers; many who pay, but few who pray; many resters, but few wrestlers; many who are enterprising, but few who are interceding. People who are not praying are playing.

Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion, and both of these are generated in the prayer closet. The ministry of preaching is open to a few. The ministry of praying is open to every child of God.

Don't mistake action for unction, commotion for creation, and rattles for revivals.

The secret of praying is praying in secret. A worldly Christian will stop praying and a praying Christian will stop worldliness.

When we pray, God listens to our heartbeat. Hannah's "lips" moved, but her voice was not heard (I Sam. 1:12, 13). When we pray in the Spirit, there are groanings which cannot be uttered (Rom. 8:26).

Tithes may build a church, but tears will give it life. That is the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our emphasis is on paying, theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the plate is taken. When they had prayed, the place was shaken (Acts 4:31).

In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much to so few. Brethren, let us pray.

Leonard Ravenhill

In Days Gone By

On March 11, 1933, President Roosevelt gave his first "fireside chat." (I was eight days old. - Editor).

On March 12, 1959, Hawaii became the fiftieth State.

On March 13, 1933, President Roosevelt reopened the banks.

On March 15, 1943, Columbus returned to Spain.

Not Me!

When a preacher in a sermon
Speaks about the world of sin
As he tries hard to arouse us
From the lethargy we're in,
We think, "Oh, I knew they'd get it,
They deserve it, glory be!
He must mean the other fellow,
He can't possibly mean me!"

When he speaks about our failings
And the things we ought to do,
We gaze at another person
With a look that says, "It's you!"
If we want to be more Christian,
It behooves us, it would seem,
To think more about Christ's story
Of the eye, the mote, the beam.

—Ray L. Hoffman.

I Am Your Church!

You are the people who make me what I am. What I am, for good or for bad, comes from you. What I accomplish for Christ must be from the labor of your hand and heart.

As your church, I have a lovely banner, the banner of Jesus Christ; but I have no hands except the hands you offer to hold it high. I have a great, life-giving message, but I have no voice but your voice to proclaim it. My manual, the Bible, has the answers for men's problems and words of comfort for their trials, but I have no one but you to present the Word of God to them.

As your church, I have a great reputation to uphold, but I can be true only if you are true; I can be faithful only if you are faithful; I can be strong only if you are strong. I long to be a great soul-winning church, but only you can make me a surrendered church.

As your church, I want to teach your children about Jesus, win them to Him and help them to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ; but again I must depend on you. I cannot bring them to me but can be here when you bring them. What I am in the lives of your children depends upon you, for I am what you make me.

With all my heart I desire a close fellowship with Jesus, but I can walk with Him only as you walk with Him. I can feel His blessings only as you obey Him. I can know His power only as you know it. These are the things I desire, the things Jesus wants me to have; but I am still your church, and I can only be what you make me.

—Virgil Porter

SOME FIGHTS are lost even if we win. A bulldog can whip a skunk, but it just isn't worth it!

OUR BIBLE

The New Testament is
CONTAINED
in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is
EXPLAINED
in the New Testament.

The New Testament is
CONCEALED
in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is
REVEALED
in the New Testament.

The New Testament
AUTHENTICATES
the Old Testament.

The Old Testament
ANTICIPATES
the New Testament.

The New Testament
LIES HIDDEN
in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament
LIES OPEN
in the New Testament.

The Old Testament
PREDICTS
a Person.

The New Testament
PRESENTS
that Person.

—Food For Thought
Roy Gusfatson

Someday

*Someday—I'm going down the street
And sit and chat with one whose feet
Have had to pause and rest awhile
Before they travel that last mile:
Well—someday.*

*Someday—a cake or pie I'll bake
And with a cheery smile I'll take
It to a home where there is need:
Just folks, of quite a different creed:
Well—someday!*

*Someday—a letter I will send
To that distant, lonely friend:
I'll tell her every little thing
That will joy and comfort bring:
Well—someday.*

*Someday—a quiet place I'll seek
Where I can hear my Father speak,
Where I can listen undisturbed
To His precious guiding Word:
Someday.*

*Someday—I'll surely take the time
To tell some soul of love divine,
Of salvation full and free,
Meant for them as well as me:
Someday.*

*Someday—I said it long ago.
The days slip by, and well I know
"Someday" will never come until
Today bends to my Father's will.
Why not today?*

Father Was Squelched!

A little girl asked her father "Do you ever pray?" He asked her, "Is it your mother or your aunt who put you up to ask me that?"

"No, father," said the little girl, "the preacher said all good men pray." He retorted, "Well, you and your mother and your aunt may go your way, and I will go mine."

"Father," said his little daughter with great simplicity, "which way are you going?" This question stunned the father, he could not answer. But he began serious thinking and praying which finally led him to Christ and salvation. Now he knew which way he was going."

Questions

1. Who was the first man to have himself cremated? I Kings 16:15-18 _____
2. Who went to sleep during a preaching service and fell out of a window? Acts 20: 7-9 _____

Miscellaneous.

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SHOULD A CHRISTIAN MARRY A NON-CHRISTIAN?

An important question like this **MUST** be answered by the Bible. The Bible is God's perfect Word and should be our sole guide to any question, big or small. On this subject the Scriptures are very clear. In a nutshell, the answer is, "No." The problem is, "Will we accept it?"

First, in II Corinthians 6:14 we read, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Then, in I Corinthians 7:39, we read, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; ONLY in the Lord."

The believer and the unbeliever have distinct differences in viewpoints about life that will adversely affect their children. The Christian is born again, made righteous, becomes a new creature in Christ and has the light of the Lord within. The thoughts, motives and actions are completely different than before. The saved person who marries an unsaved person only faces a life of possible conflict and misery and the strong possibility of seeing their children reject Christ.

The same thing can be said of a dedicated Christian who marries a lukewarm Christian. The dedicated believer will want to use their time, energy and money in God's service, but the lukewarm Christian mate will be a weight to hold them back and be a temptation for them to lose their zeal for the Lord. When children come, they will recognize the conflict and become part of it. Being pulled by both parents, they experience frustrations similar to those of the Christian and non-Christian.

In answer to the question above, it is **IMPERATIVE** for a believer to seek a mate who is not only saved but is also equally dedicated to the Lord. Otherwise, you are asking for problems, turmoil, burdens and heartaches that could have been avoided by doing as the Bible mandates, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." -contributed

BE LIKE THAT OLD BIRD

A wise old owl lived in an Oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard--
Why can't we be like that wise old bird?

