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Quotes



“ A person always doing his or her best becomes a natural leader - just by example. ”
~Quote by Joe DiMaggio

“The person who knows 'how' will always have a job. The person who knows 'why' will always be his boss.”
--- Diane Ravitch

When someone else has nothing but clouds in their life, try to be a rainbow for them today.



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“NOT ALL THAT IS THOUGHT SHOULD BE SAID.
NOT ALL THAT IS SAID SHOULD BE WRITTEN.
NOT ALL THAT IS WRITTEN SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.
NOT ALL THAT IS PUBLISHED SHOULD BE READ.”

Good news - Jesus is praying for you
Bad news - you are going to need it!!

“Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair.”
--- George Burns

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

Editor's Corner

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The Vine

“I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5

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West Valley Church of God -- “Come worship with us...”
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Pray Til You Pray



by A. W. Tiozer

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. —
Colossians 4:2

Dr. Moody Stuart, a great praying man of a past generation, once drew up a set of rules to guide him in his prayers. Among these rules is this one: “Pray till you pray.”

The habit of breaking off our prayers before we have truly prayed is as common as it is

unfortunate. Often the last 10 minutes may mean

more to us than the first half hour, because we must spend a long time getting into the proper mood to pray effectively. We may need to struggle with our thoughts to draw them in from where they have been scattered through the multitude of distractions that result from the task of living in a disordered world....

If when we come to prayer our hearts feel dull and unspiritual, we should not try to argue ourselves out of it. Rather, we should admit it frankly and pray our way through. Some Christians smile at the thought of “praying through,” but something of the same idea is found in the writings of practically every great praying saint from Daniel to the present day. We cannot afford to stop praying till we have actually prayed. This World: Playground or Battleground? pp. 69-70

“Oh Lord, what an important and needed challenge! It's so easy

Upcoming Events

● Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.

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Pray Til You Pray (cont.)

to rush into Your presence and 'check off' our Bible reading and prayer for the day—and so hard to wait in Your presence in unhurried meditation. I'll wait today and 'pray through.' Amen."

~~Submitted by John Brown

listening, and responding according to His will. Miraculously, in this prayer scenario, we find some answers and clarity of - not only our own desires, but of His will. The answer sometimes IS the prayer, or vice versa,— if we do not give up too quickly.

♡ ~Sharon Mills

Questions in His Eyes

Sometimes my little dog looks up at me with questions in his eyes, expecting I should know what he wants. Most of the time I do... but we have a system of communication: I verbally go over a short list, speaking slowly, one by one, what the various possibilities might be. When I hit the right one, he dances around in the same way as he has many times before. His response means "Yes! That's it!" He expects me to understand what he wants, because, after all I am in control, right?



Cancer Cannot

Cancer is so limited...
 It cannot cripple love.
 It cannot shatter hope.
 It cannot corrode faith.
 It cannot eat away peace.
 It cannot destroy confidence.
 It cannot kill friendship.
 It cannot shut out memories.

It cannot silence courage.
 It cannot reduce eternal life.
 It cannot quench the Spirit.

Author: Dr. Robert L. Lynn

Angel's Way Gifts

May 11 and 18, 2019, gifts and donations were collected for Angel's Way Maternity Home. Items included baby clothes, diapers, goods for the house, and cash, among many other things, for the young ladies who are in their care.



However, sometimes his response is a little ambiguous, half-hearted or hesitant. This may be due to his indecision, or my lack of clarity.

In the same way, when we pray, we have questions in our hearts; we expect that God already knows what we want or need, and are seeking answers. Nevertheless, the process in getting to the details is still important. Our detailing our needs or wants before Him is part of the prayer; His part is in

Four Signs

All of the items donated are welcomed and appreciated by these new mothers, as well as the little ones. We wish them well.

Award of Honor

U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs has awarded (our very own) Carlton Green "Volunteer of the year 2018" for his work in the Veterans Administration of Greater Los Angeles Health Care System.



Carlton Green has volunteered his services to the Adult Day Care for eight years. He receives the veterans as they come in to the hospital, and takes them in their wheel chairs or walkers to the elevator down to the nurses that check their blood pressure and give them physical therapy. Mr. Green is there to aid if any should fall or need assistance of any kind. He also provides hot chocolate, coffee, tea and graham cracker snacks. Then assists them to lunch in the dining room. After they are through, he assists them back to their ride home.

Charles Spurgeon used these verses as an illustration of the small signs that come before a mighty work of God. He spoke of four "certain signs and tokens for good which prayerful faith clearly perceives when an awakening, a genuine revival is about to come." Christians should regard such things as clouds, **as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea.** Spurgeon noted these four things which, in his opinion, were like a small cloud that signaled a great downpour of blessing to come:

A growing dissatisfaction with the present state of things, and an increasing anxiety among the members of the church for the salvation of souls.
 – When this anxiety leads believers to be exceedingly earnest and bold in prayer.
 – When ministers begin pray together, and to say, "What must we do?"
 – When we shall see the doctrine of the individual responsibility of each Christian fully felt and carried out into individual action.

Answered Prayer

~~Written by Bill Hybels

- NO** Request is wrong for you or someone else
- Slow** Timing is wrong
- Grow** You are wrong and God is giving you the opportunity to change
- Yes** Request is right, timing is right and you are right with God.

Elijah knew that the small cloud meant a big work was on the way. He told King Ahab in faith, **"Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you."** Based on the sighting of a cloud that was **as small as a man's hand**, he knew a torrent was on the way. When we see God moving in even small ways among us, we should have great faith for a greater work to come.