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Prayer And Money

Godly Attitudes

Many people ask me where I get my ideas and prayers for *The Prayer Closet* newsletter. They are born out of my study of Scripture and personal experience. Many times, it comes out of my own difficult personal experiences. That's particularly true of this newsletter.

As I sought the Lord one night early in the year, I asked Him to reveal an area of my life that I needed to confront and make improvements. The word "finances" immediately popped in my mind. Conviction flooded my heart. I knew that God wanted me to reexamine my giving and my attitudes about giving.

It's been a difficult process. When I write the newsletter, I'm just one beggar telling other beggars where to find bread. I'm not an expert; I haven't arrived. I write as one who struggles and battles as much (maybe more) than you do.

As I've sought to grow in the grace of giving, I've studied the Word and prayed for God's help. The following Scripture prayers have come out of that struggle. They are prayers based on the Word that I believe can help believers with godly stewardship. You might pray one a day. I've broken the prayers down in sections. You might consider praying a section a day. You might consider praying it over your family or your church. However, you felt led to pray, I encourage you to seek the Lord about this. Our God is a giving God

(**John 3:16**); we must imitate that same loving and gracious giving in our personal lives.

Lord God, I confess that the earth and everything in it belongs to You, even everything that I have. Help me to remember this as I walk before You (**Psalms 24:1, 1 Chronicles 29:14, 16**).

Thank You, O God of creation, for all the good things You have provided for me to enjoy. Enable me to hold these things with open hands, glorifying You by using them for eternal purposes (**1 Timothy 4:4, 6:17; 1 Corinthians 7:30-31**).

Father, thank You for Your incredible generosity in giving the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. I adore You for giving me everything that I need for life and godliness (**2 Corinthians 9:15; 2 Peter 1:3**).

Father, create within me a grateful heart. I thank You for all things and every circumstance – even the difficulties that you allow for my growth. I will give thanks to You daily (**Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Job 1:21**).

Father, forgive me for worrying that You will not provide. I choose now to stop worrying and instead ask You for what I need. Thank You for always giving me what I need (**Matthew 6:25-32, Philippians 4:6, 19**).

Lord Jesus, You are my only Master. I resolve to never trust in wealth or to let it become my master (**Psalms 49:12, 16-17**).

Godly Actions

Father, I choose not to fix my heart on the things of this world and its temporary lusts. I will love You and seek first Your kingdom and righteousness (**1 John 2:15-17, Matthew 6:33**).

I surrender my “owner” mentality that I might wisely and faithfully manage what You have entrusted to me, knowing that I’m accountable to You for its use (**1 Corinthians 4:20**).

Father, I will not neglect my family. As I work faithfully, enable me to furnish them with what they need (**1 Timothy 5:8**).

Father, I thank You for granting through Your Spirit the fruit of self-control. By His help, I choose not to buy what I don’t need until You supply the money. I commit to freeing myself from all debts except the debt of love (**Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 13:8**).

Father, I refuse to pursue any dishonest form of gain. I confess Your Word that finances gained by wickedness do not profit. I will look to You as my Provider (**Proverbs 10:2**).

O God, I need wisdom to avoid impulse buying and “get rich quick” schemes, which lead to poverty. Provide me with strength to gather and spend money wisely (**Proverbs 28:19-20**).

Father, I commit to work with all my heart, not to win the favor of men, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for You. It is You that I serve day by day (**Colossians 3:22-24**).

Godly Giving

Father, empower me to be a joyful giver. I choose to give willingly and cheerfully because You have given in this way to me (**2 Corinthians 9:7; Ephesians 5:1-2**).

Lord, I choose to honor You by giving You the first and best of my income. Deliver me from the temptation to leave to You the leftovers (**Proverbs 3:9**).

Lord Jesus, help me to give sacrificially. You gave Yourself for me; now enable me to give with this same attitude (**Mark 12:41-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4**).

Father, You have taught me to support those in ministry. I ask in Jesus’ name that my gifts would enable them to serve You more fully as they advance Your kingdom in this area and to the ends of the earth (**1 Corinthians 9:11-14**).

Father, You have shown Your compassion to me. Now I ask You to help me show compassion to the needy around me. Help me to give generously, without a grudging heart, to those in need – whether in my community or around the world. I confess and believe that when I give to the poor, I’m giving and ministering to You. Who do You want me to help? (**James 2:15-16, Proverbs 19:17**).

Father, I long for my giving to glorify You. I plead that my giving will result in glory for and thanksgiving to You. You are the One who blesses me and I desire that my giving leads to praise and honor for You. O Lord, You deserve all the credit (**2 Corinthians 9:11; Matthew 6:1**).

Godly Investing

Father, everything I have comes from You. I desire to glorify You in every financial decision. I ask You to lead me in the way I am to spend what You give me (**Proverbs 3:6**).

Wise and good Father, just as the ant prepares for the future, help me put aside money for future expenditures that will honor You. Give me wisdom and power to save (**Proverbs 6:6-8**).

Holy Father, grant me wisdom in investing money. Show me the areas that You want me to take obedient risks with the money You have provided me, in order to bring a return that will serve You and Your kingdom (**Matthew 25:24-27**).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will enable me to store up treasures in heaven, where nothing can destroy or take them away. I choose to shift the focus of my heart away from gaining earthly possessions to gaining heavenly reward in heaven, my true home and my eternal destination (**Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 11:16**).

Father, I ask You to give me the wisdom and strength to invest in people. Empower me to bless and help those around me. I ask that I would use Your wealth in such a way that when this life is over, others might join me in heaven because of my investments in them (**Luke 16:9**).

Update On The Prayer Closet Facility

At the time of this writing, we now have a building up! This is the beginning of fulfilling a vision that we have had at the Prayer Closet for many years. God blessed us many years ago with about 70 acres outside of Hickory, MS. The land was given to us in order to build a facility that would enable us to glorify God and to carry out the ministry that God has given to us.

The following is a picture of what has been done,



At this time, we are in the process of getting the electrical work done and having the building insulated. Then, we will move in! We rejoice in the house that was donated to us at the beginning of this ministry. We have been in that house for 14 years. This house served

us well. However, we have outgrown it and the house is beginning to get into a state of disrepair. We believe that the Lord has led us to step out in faith and build this building for His glory and the advancing of the kingdom of God.

This building is the first phase of the vision that God has given to us. This building will be used to house our ministry and products and to have retreats, Bible studies, and mini-conferences. It is dedicated to God's glory.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers for God's help and blessing on this ministry and the vision that God has given us. It is our goal to glorify Him and to advance God's kingdom by equipping and encouraging believers and churches in prayer.

We would also ask you to consider giving to support this ministry and our building. Your gifts will be used solely for ministry. What you give goes directly to making a difference in the lives of people. We have stepped out in faith to grow and advance this ministry, believing that God will use His people to help us.

Please pray for us. Please also prayerfully consider giving us financial support to help us grow this ministry and build this building. Thank you for reading and using The Prayer Closet. Thank you for your interest in this ministry. May God richly bless you.

Why Did Jesus Christ Come?

Why did Jesus Christ come? *Jesus Christ came as a Savior because of the Father's determination.* The Father determined to save sinful people from their sin. He longed to set people free from their sin, misery, and eternal damnation. God could have left all mankind to perish in their sin. He would have done no injustice to man. He would have been perfectly just to allow us to perish in our sin because we are guilty. Yet, He determined to have mercy. For this reason, He sent Jesus, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (**John 3:16**).

Jesus Christ came because of His passion. People today emphasize being passionate about a cause or a calling. What is Jesus passionate about? He is passionate about saving sinners, “For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost” (**Luke 19:10**). The heartbeat of Christ is to deliver people from their sin and their misery. He longs to save people from an eternity of misery in hell because of their rebellion against God. His passion to save sinners drove Him to suffer and die on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus Christ came because of our powerlessness. The Word of God says, “For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (**Romans 5:8**). We are sinners. We have disobeyed and defied God. We have nothing to offer to God to make us acceptable to Him. We were “without strength.” However, Christ came and died for us. Jesus Christ did for sinful people what they could not do for themselves. He lived a sinless life and paid our debt on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus Christ came to save sinners. The Father determined to save sinners. He has a passion to save. We cannot save ourselves. Our greatest need is forgiveness of sin. The

only one who can give us that is Jesus Christ. It is only when we turn from our sin and trust in Him as our personal Savior that we can have forgiveness and be made acceptable to Him.

Have you trusted in Jesus? If you have not, right now call out to God. Tell Him that you are a sinner. Admit that you have sinned and that you cannot save yourself. Confess your belief in Jesus Christ. Confess that you are trusting in what He did on the cross and the empty tomb to save you – to make you acceptable to Him. Ask Him to forgive you and take control of your life.

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