

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING



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God does not always come, but he sends help. And his timing is always on point.

My mother and I had a conversation about this the other day, and she was astonished that I said, God does not always come, but he sends help, and as we continued to discuss it, I shared with her a time in my life, when God did not come when I called him, but he heard me and he sent help. I was laid off from my job and things were just getting from bad to worse, and even though I kept praying to God, he continued to allow me to walk the lonesome valley. I could not understand why, until I was faced with a recurring scenario, a humbling scenario that to me was so on-point. God was preparing tables before me, but I was not humble enough to sit down and eat. My pride was in the way. "Many times we are in need and hurting and someone would offer us help and we would say, it's ok, when it is far from ok. Many times, we are given exactly what we asked God for, but because of the source, we refuse it. How many of you could relate to this? I could. God does not always come, but he sends help. Space would not allow me to give you a full account of my experience, but on two consecutive days, I was offered help after praying to God to help me; he did not come, he sent help, but I was too prideful to accept it, but God humbled me on the second day, and it was a turning point in my life, something was set free inside of me that day, PRIDE, got away. Praise the Lord! After telling this to my mother, she said to me, " You know, I never thought about it the way you said it, "God does not always come but he sends help", and come to think of it, it's true, because you may be praying to God for help and you are at home, and someone you did not expect stops in for a visit, and at the end of the visit, the person said, you know I was thinking about you and I decided to stop by and see how you were doing and I am glad that I did. I don't have much but I am giving you this. That little that person gave you was enough, it was exactly what you needed for that day. He did not stop by to visit you by accident, he was sent by God, who knew what you needed, but maybe that you were doubtful of his promises to provide for you and he wanted to test you to see how strong your faith was, how humble you would be, so he sent a messenger in his place and thanks be to God, you were not foolish to refuse the hand that God sent to bless you. So the next time you are in need and you are praying for God, and miraculously, someone offers to help you, understand, that God does not always come but he sends help, and that his way, his source, his method, the vessels he chooses to use most times are unthinkable. Oh Glory be to God!

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My job is not to tell you that I am a Christian, my job is to show you how Christ-like I could be.

Some people are quick to introduce themselves to you as a born-again Christian, blessed and highly favored, spirit-filled, saved and sanctified, but as you get to know them, their actions convict them. I don't usually introduce myself to people in this manner; I will be first to let you know that my name is Jewel and I am from Montserrat. The reason is not because I am ashamed of my relationship with God, it's because I love to give people the opportunity to get to know me for who I really am. However, when anyone inquire as to where I am in my walk with God that is when I introduce myself as a born-again Christian, who is being saved daily by God and who is on a mission to win souls for Christ. Many people get saved and they have no mission other than to attend church on Sundays. They are now

in a category where they cannot mix with the unsaved, yet they behave in the same manner as the unsaved, they worship God with their lips but their hearts are far from him. Our actions should be Christ-like, we are not perfect, but as Christians whose main purpose is to be obedient to God and second to serve others, we should first seek to understand, be slow to anger and be swift to help and forgive. Don't let your actions convict you, if you profess to be a Christian, act Christ-like at all times, then you will not have to repeatedly try to convince others that you are a Christian, they will see the changes in you, they will see there is something different about you, and until you are able to show others how Christ-like you can be, you will never be able to win any souls for Christ.



I will show you how to walk as a Christian and just talk like a Christian

We cannot continue to do wrong things and expect to live in a right world.

It is easier to do something wrong than to do something right. Do you agree? When we read in the book of Romans, Paul said, "The very thing that I know I should not do that I do". How true is this for all of us? But, do we want to continue doing wrong things, or do we want to change? One of the greatest songs ever written and recorded was, "We are the world". We are indeed the world, and we are the ones to make a brighter day, but, we have to do something.

Scripture reminds us, that, "We must not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect". We have to become the change we want to see in this world, and if we begin to change the way we do things, our situations will change, the people closest to us will want to change, and one day with God's help we will all be changed.



Are you ready?

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Is the cinder block in your eye smaller than the speck you see in your sister or brother's eyes?

Do you chastise others for something that you have done or continue to do? All of us who are saved have a story to tell, we have testimonies to share. But we are ashamed to let others know where we have been, or what we have done. Many still like to think of themselves as superior to the unsaved, but know that you too were unsaved before you were saved, and the very things that you now despise, were the very things you once did or still secretly do. But know that if you have been saved, you are no longer ignorant, you are no longer walking in darkness, and the things you are so quick to condemn others for, instead, tell them how those same things had a stronghold on your life and how God delivered you. Encourage them to give them

over God and walk in his marvelous light, and you will no longer see the faults of others as condemnation, but an opportunity to help lead others to Christ. My brothers and sisters in Christ, it's time to step out boldly for God, it's time to reach out to the lost and help them find their way back to God. We, who claim to be Christians, have all travelled the lonesome road until we found our way back to God, and instead of acting superior to others, we should let them know that we are here today because of God's mercy, because for too long, many of us have allowed sin and the evil way to take us further that we were willing to go, cost us more than we were able to pay, and kept us longer than we wanted to stay, but thanks be to God for his grace.



Your cinder block cannot be hidden, but I could hide my speck

What is preventing you from putting God first place in your life? Is your dedication first to God or to something else?

Anything in our lives that we put before God, is an idol, anything we idolize in our lives is going contrary to what God desires of us, and shows who we are truly dedicated to. The false idols that we put before God could never make us happy, they leave us empty, hungry, lonely, and miserable just to name a few. To be truly dedicated to God we must understand who God really is; and we gain knowledge of him through daily reading the Bible, through meditation, and through fellowship with one another, and as your dedi-

cation to God grows stronger, the more fulfilling and wholesome your life will become. But, if we are not careful to put God first at every turn in our lives, the enemy will try to entice us to do the things that are contrary to God's desires for us and, we will be subjected to idol worshipping, and we will be conquered by evil and selfish desires, which will diminish our dedication to God. Let us pray to God to help us, to lay aside all earthly desires which takes his place, and worship him in spirit and in truth.



Everything else will fall into place

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Songs have a way of lifting me up when I am feeling down. Here is one of my favorites as our featured adult song:

Have A Little Talk With Jesus

Written by: ***Cleavant Derricks***

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul
It bathed my heart in love and it wrote my name above
And just a little talk with my Jesus made me whole
Have a little talk with Jesus tell him all about our troubles
Hear our fainted cry answer by and by
Feel a little prayer wheel turning know a little fire is burning
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right
Sometimes my path grows drear without a ray of cheer
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the day
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way
I may have doubts and fears my eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to him in prayer he knows my every care
And just a little talk with my Jesus makes it right
Have a little talk with Jesus...
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

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How many versions of yourself do others see? If I were to see you on Sunday I will recognize you, but if I see on Saturday, will I know you?

I don't know about you, but I want to live the life I sing about, I know I am not perfect, but I try hard every day to be the true version of myself to everyone I come into contact with, and I find that the easiest way to be consistent in doing this, is to allow my character, my conduct, and my conversations to guide me. My character represents who I am, my conduct represents what I do, and my conversations represent what I say. If you were perceived the same way by all people at all times. There is no need to create different versions of yourself, in the end you will only confuse yourself, and others will see you for what you are – a hypocrite. Is this the way you want to be perceived by others, or do you want others to see the real you? God has given us all instructions on how to behave and it's all laid out in the Bible. My rule of thumb is this, if I have to hide to do anything, that means I am doing something wrong, if I can't say something to your face, I am a liar, if I can't stand up for what believe in I am weak, and if I do something wrong and my heart does not convict me, I am lying about who I am and who I serve. The same me you see on Sunday you will be sure to recognize on Saturday. Could you say the same? We do not have to put on a show for anyone, we do not have to impress anyone, if you are honest, kind, caring, thoughtful, friendly, understanding, helpful, forgiving, loving, unselfish, or if you are a peacemaker people will love you for you. As Christians, we should always exude good energy, so that others will be drawn to us, that others would want to be in our presence, they are happy to see us, and not the other way around, where they hide when they see us coming.



Will you be the same person all week?

Children's Corner: Young children are imitators, be careful of what you are unknowingly teaching them.

If children, hear you pray they will want to learn how to pray

If children see you reading the bible, they will want to read the bible

If children see you going to church, they will want to go to church too

If children see you acting kindly to others, they will want to act kindly to others too

On the other hand:

If children hear you curse, they will curse too

If children listen to you gossip all day, they will learn to gossip too

If children see that you are not going to church, you will not be able to get them to go to church

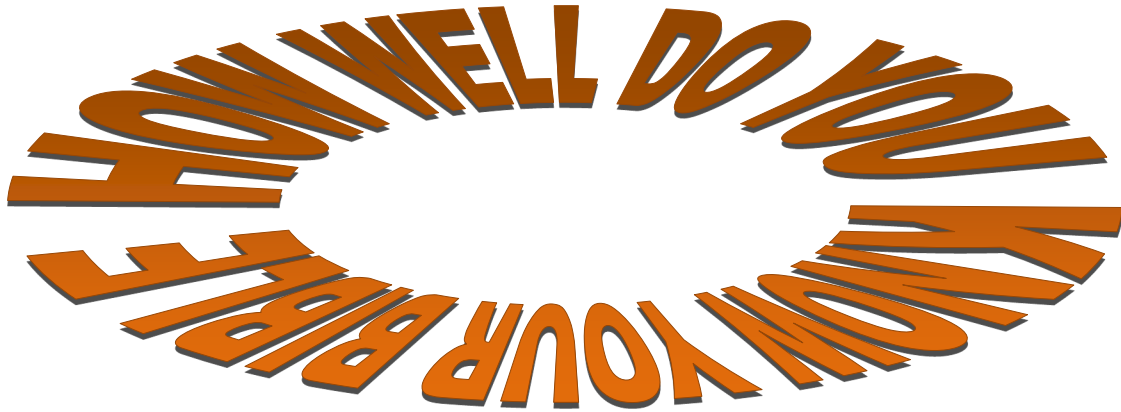
If children see that you are unkind to others, they will be unkind to others too



Let us teach our children to imitate what is good.

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Match the correct answers to the questions

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What is the last book in the Bible?	Sixty six
What is the shortest book in the Bible	Psalms
How many books are in the New Testament?	Jesus wept
What is the first book in the Bible?	Thirty nine
What is the shortest verse in the Bible?	John
How many books are in the Bible	Revelation
What is the longest book in the Bible?	Twenty seven
How many books are in the Old Testament	Genesis



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Childhood songs that we have learned have been passed on for generations. Let's keep it going. If you have a song that you would like to share, email it. Here is one of my favorites as our featured children's song:

Whisper A Prayer In The Morning Written by **Scott Lawrence— 1922**

Whisper a prayer in the morning, Whisper a prayer at noon.
Whisper a prayer in the evening, He will keep your heart in tune.

God answers prayer in the morning, God answers prayer at noon.
God answers prayer in the evening. He will keep your heart in tune.

Jesus may come in the morning, Jesus may come at noon;
Jesus may come in the ev'ning, So keep your heart in tune.



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