

Prayer Changes Everything!

I Believe in the Power of Prayer!

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Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.
Proverbs 13:12

Have you ever wanted something so badly that it makes you sick just anxiously wondering if you will be able to get it? We need to stop this habit of yearning so that it makes us sick. Such yearning is a sin, because it goes against all that the Lord teaches us. It is good to know what you want, but, it is even more sweeter to know, that, God knows what you and I need and that he will supply that need at the right time. I am sure that after you have waited for what seems like forever for the Lord to grant you the desire of your heart, even though the waiting seemed hard, that when God fulfills that desire, that you are pleasantly surprised. Because when God gives us our fruits in due season, he gives us what seems like a double portion. When the Lord blesses us he brings no trouble with it. His footing is sure, his ways should always please us. Since the Lord saved me, I have to keep reminding myself whenever I am tempted, to say this out loud, "If I go out of God's ways to get something, I will have to stay out of God's way to keep it and will lose my way. Do I want to lose my way? Do I want to miss out on all the good things that the Lord has instore for me because of my own selfish desires? Certainly not! Therefore, I have trained myself to patiently wait on the Lord, I keep myself busy while I wait, I ask God to refocus my mind and he does. Sometime he takes the yearning completely out of my heart and sustains me to go on. We are all humans, and at some point we will have yearnings, we will see things that we would like to have, and especially those things that are not ours to take; but the enemy knows this, and he will give us all the reasons why we should go out of our way and take it, but be strong in the Lord, learn to submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Then, when desire comes after hope is deferred it will be to you a tree of life.

**DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD AND HE WILL GIVE
YOU THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART!**

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I have seen the God-given tasks with which the sons of men are to be occupied.
Ecclesiastes 3:10

Do you ever wonder why God has given you your current task, when this was clearly the last thing you wanted to do? You may ask yourself, "What profit is there to me if I complete this task?" But know this; God has given specific tasks to all of us that will keep us busy. He is daily instructing us, preparing us to be a sanctuary fit for every good work. When we have successfully completed one task, God will elevate us to a task more difficult, for in so doing we are being strengthened. We must never shy away from doing what the Lord commands us to do; as long as we are willing, God will make us able. I have been tasked many times and while I may have been willing at first, when I see all the difficulties I face in getting the job done, I begin to feel disheartened, and I have to quickly bring myself out of this state, by reminding myself, that, God will never ask me to do anything that he has not prepared me for, therefore, I will just stop and ask him to show me the way, and it works. So the next time you are faced with a God-given task and the way seems difficult, don't think about how difficult it seems or ask why you have been tasked with this, just ask God to show you the way, knowing that he is preparing you to be a sanctuary fit for every good work that he will give to you. There is nothing that God will ask us to do that with his help we could not complete. We may not be able to see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end, but, keep the faith!

The lot is cast in the lap, but every decision is from the Lord. Proverbs 16:33

Lord, whatever the lot that is cast in our laps, let us say with confidence, "It is well, it is well with my soul." The reason why we should, is because God already knows the beginning and the end. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God remains the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26. The enemy does not go after people he already owns, he attacks those whose strength is in the Lord, and he tries to break them, but, we will be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, knowing that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. If we are fully trusting in the Lord, He shall make our pathways straight, He will remove stumbling blocks from before us, He will cause His face to shine upon us and give us His peace. If we are trusting in the Lord, He has promised to turn around anything that was meant to hurt us for our good. The Lord makes no mistake, so, whenever we find ourselves in situations that we cannot control, let us trust God, knowing that every decision rests with him. Lord, everything you do is perfect, you are not a God who makes mistakes, your steps are sure; your intervention is always timely. Lord, teach us to lay aside every yoke that seeks to bind us, every plan of the enemy to destroy us, and look to you, who is the author and finisher of our faith. The lot may be cast in our laps, but, every decision comes from you. Thank you, Lord, for sustaining us through every trial we face. When we are weak, let us say continually that we are strong, that we are strong in the Lord! We will not allow the enemy to take any strongholds in our lives, we will not become his victims, but will be victorious, because we are trusting in the Lord, and He will surely bring us out.

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, fit for your every good work.

As we grow in our walk with God we will face troubles and trials, through which God will prepare us for his work. Sometimes, God's way is not straight, his tasks have winding roads and steep inclines, but we must struggle on until we reach the goal, we must not be afraid, but continually step out in faith; for when we have reached the goal we will realize just how thoughtful God has set out his plan; even the winding roads and steep inclines. Many times, we complain, we grumble, we worry that we may not be able to complete the task, but, know that God has already equipped us, God will give us a song to carry us through. Let us sing, "Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true, with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you. It is you, Lord, who came to save, the heart and soul, to every man, it is you Lord, who knows my weakness, and you define me, with your own hands." And, would you know that is what he has been doing and will continue to do, as you walk with him? Oh, yes! Our walk with God is never boring, our walk with God is a journey, but only those who are willing to take on the challenging winding roads and steep inclines will be able to experience this wonderful journey, and when the journey is complete will receive a crown of joy. I don't know about you, I don't know if you are walking with God, but, I want to encourage you, to walk in faith believing, that, He who has begun a good work in you will finish it. God is the author and finisher of our faith and he will prepare us for a sanctuary fit for his work.

Are you dwelling in the secret place of the Most High? Why then are you so fearful?

God has promised us that he will deliver us from all evil, therefore, we should have no reason to fear, if we are trusting in his word. He reminds us in Psalm ninety-one, that, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." The Lord has promised, that, he will hide us in the secret of his presence from the pride of man, that he shall keep us secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues, that he will keep us as the apple of his eye, that he is our hiding place and that he will hide us under the shadow of his wings. My brothers and sisters in Christ, God promised to preserve us from trouble and shall compass us about with songs of deliverance, that in the day of trouble he will hide us in his tabernacle, in the secret place of his tent he will hide us and lift us up on a rock. Do we need more examples of God's promises to us and that he will keep them? The Lord has been and will be our dwelling place in all generations. We need to trust him more. Many times when fear assails us, it is because we fail trust God, we are fearful because we doubt God and his abilities. When fear comes in the window, our faith goes through the door. Our first defense should be to board up the windows and say to our fears, "Faith is standing guard at the door, and God is our shield."

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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:

Lord Prepare Me!

Written by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

It is you, Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul
To every man
It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness
You define me
With your own hands.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy, tried and true!
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.



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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

The enemy does not go after people he already owns, he attacks those whose strength is in the Lord

Faith is standing guard at the door, and God is our shield

God has his ways of making his hand known to his servants and he is creative

God does so many wonderful things for us and when He makes his hand known to us, we are glad

God will prepare us for his work through every trial and trouble we face

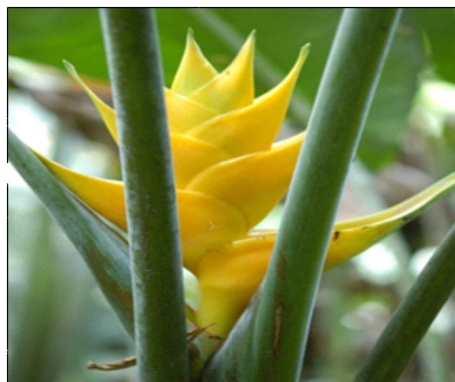
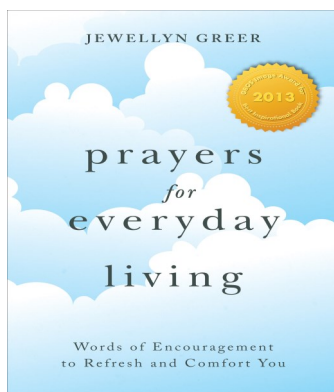
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If I go out of God's ways to get something, I will have to stay out of God's way to keep it and will lose my way

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Our Spotlight is on you! Isn't it amazing the wonderful things God does for us? Give God a praise!

Our God is awesome and he does so many wonderful things for us, that, when he makes his hand known to us, we are glad, and as we are reminded in Isaiah chapter 66 and verse 14, that, "When you see this your heart shall rejoice and your bones shall flourish like grass. The hand of the Lord shall be known to his servant." Praise the Lord! For the Lord is good! His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation. How many times have you found yourself in a situation that you thought you would not be able to get out of, and in the nick of time, God stepped in and delivered you? When was the last time that you said, "God if you only help me this time, I would be faithful to you," yet, you forget, and the next time you called on him for help, God did not remind you of your previous promise, but helped you. Was that a moment to rejoice? Was your heart glad? I am sure it was. My brothers and sisters in Christ, when God does wonderful things for us, we need to give him thanks and praise, because he is worthy. When God does something wonderful for us, it's an opportunity to tell someone else exactly what he did, so that they could have a reason to believe. God has his ways of making his hand known to his servants and he is creative, he works in ways that we cannot seem to understand, but he already warned us, that his ways are not our ways, nor his thoughts our thoughts, and that whatever he does, he does so in his own time, and it cannot be reversed. Thank you, Lord!

Children's Corner: Summer time is over! **AUTUMN IS HERE!**

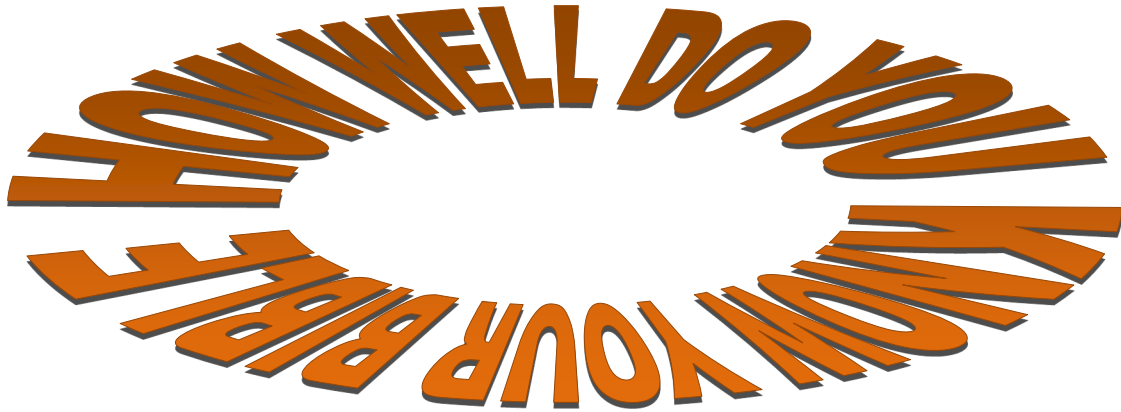
Can you unscramble the Autumn words?

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aveesl	_____	isrqeulr	_____	owbrn	_____
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lowlye	_____	nagreo	_____	udlenb	_____
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I WILL BE POSTING THE WORD SCRAMBLE SOLUTIONS ON MY FB PAGE

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Match the correct answers to the questions

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Who said "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few"?	Fig
Which major feast coincided with the wheat harvest?	To provide for the poor
How many Fruits of the Spirit does Paul list in Galatians?	Given to the Lord
On which day of creation did God create fruit-bearing trees?	Pentecost
Why were the Israelites told not to gather the gleanings of the harvest?	Jesus
In the parable of the tares in the field, the harvest is the end of the world, but who are the reapers?	Nine
Under the law, what was to be done with the first-fruits of the harvest?	Three
What sort of tree did Jesus curse for bearing no fruit?	Angels



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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. Our featured childhood song is a favorite of Delroy West of Fort Lauderdale Seventh Day Adventist Church—Fort Lauderdale Florida

Jesus Loves Me This I Know!
Anna B. Warner—1860

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago, taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give, light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay, close beside me all the way; thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.



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