

# Prayer Changes Everything!

## I Believe in the Power of Prayer!

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**H**ow do you feel about mentoring others? God has equipped all of us for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Romans chapter fifteen and verse two reminds us, that, we should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. My brothers and sisters in Christ, all of us will have opportunities to build others up who are failing, but, we are reminded in Philippians chapter two, verses three and four, that, we should do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain deceit, but rather in humility, to value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but also for the interest of others. When we are in a position to lift someone up, we must be humble. Scripture reminds us, that, when we are with those who are weak, to share their weakness, if we want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, that we must try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything we can to save some. But, we must accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on his or her opinions. We all have a story to tell, share your story that brought you to Christ, share your story of a time of weakness, share your story of how you waited on God and he delivered on time. My brothers and sisters in Christ, you can effectively help someone through a rough time if you have been there. Accept him whose faith is weak, without putting them down. All of us who have been saved have stories to share, magnify your story. As Paul reminds us in Romans chapter eleven and verse fourteen, "I magnify my ministry in the hope, that I may provoke my own people to jealousy and save some of them." What has God done for you? What has he delivered you from? Boast in the Lord, let others be so jealous, so curious, that they too would want to know more about Jesus and experience the same blessings. God has shaken up, turned things around, broken down, and confiscated, so many things in my life, that I could never run out of stories to tell. I am constantly mentoring others who are going through some of the same things that I have experienced, and I am doing it all for the glory of God. It's time for us to begin building up God's kingdom, we spend too much time tearing it down. We all have a part to play, God has equipped all of us for use in his service, to be used as edification, but instead, many use the gifts that God has given them to destroy others. This practice must be stopped, this practice must not be noted among us who call ourselves Christians. My brothers and sisters in Christ, we must try to do everything to bring God honor and praise, don't just do what is best for you; but also do what is best for others so that many may be saved. Praise the Lord!

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**H**ow do you know if you are called by God? Is there a special sign or sound?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose — Romans chapter eight verse twenty eight. It may seem like we are always hearing someone else talk about their purpose in life, while we are still trying to find out our own purpose in life. But my friends, this is not something you have to find out on your own, in due time God will reveal his purpose for your life, because he already knows the beginning and the end. He calls us according to his purpose. Just continue to love him, to do all things that will bring him glory and praise, and God will begin to use you according to his purpose when the time is right. You know, when we read this verse from Romans chapter eight, we may have put it to mean many things; but for me, I have come to truly understand how this could happen, I have seen how this works, I understand what it means to love God, and to have him use me according to his purpose. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I am not perfect, this does not mean that I love God, and that I am always doing what is right, or saying what is right; but I know that to love God, is to know of his love and to make his love known; that is my purpose, that is what God has called me to do, and every day I find avenues, I look for opportunities to make his love known, and I could tell you, that this is rewarding. Just to give you an example of how God uses me according to his purpose, and positions me to make his love known; the other day I had a representative from a utility company in my home, and one of the first things he said to me was, “I love your home, I sense peace in your home”, and my response to him was, “In a home where God abides, he blesses it with his peace, and that God not only abides in my home, he abides in my heart.” He went on to say, “From the moment I entered your home and the way you greeted me, I sensed that there was something different about you.” That, was my cue to allow God to use me according to his purpose. After speaking with him for a few minutes, telling him how God has blessed me and my ministry, he was curious enough to ask me how I got started. We had a wonderful discussion, where I told him about how reluctant I was to follow God, and how when God started using me for his service I was in denial, as I could not believe the changes he brought to my life; the work he began in me. In turn, I learned about him and where he was in his walk with God, and I was able to provide him with some spiritual guidance that he said he so desperately needed. We are now connected, and I have offered to help to support him on his spiritual journey. So too, you will have opportunities to tell others of where God brought you from, to tell others that because you have been on a spiritual journey with your God, he has been using you according to his purpose. You will know when you are called by God, when you begin to walk a path that you could not have imagined, and the more you walk the easier it becomes, or you could distinctly hear God’s voice calling you to his service and going the other way, but keep ending up at the same place, or in some instances, the way is long and hard, but God makes it all possible. My brothers and sisters in Christ, allow others to see the difference in you, allow God to use you to make his love known to others, no matter where you are. God will use people, people like you and me who love him, who are the called according to his purpose, and all things will work together for our good. Nothing that we go through is a mistake, there is a lesson to be learned, there is a story to share, or to help others who are lagging in the faith or to encourage someone who just needs a reason to believe.

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**D**o you get tired of the waiting on God? God knows our patience level – WAIT!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, our God is an on-time God. He knows our needs before we ask, he knows us more than we know ourselves, because he determined our patience threshold long before we were born, therefore, be patient. Many times our wait seems long, because of the plans that we make before consulting God. Maybe what we wanted seemed right in our own eyes, but was not something that God intended for us to have; and because the wait seemed too long, we made a decision on our own, to get it anyway, and before long, we realized that the decision we made did not bring us the result we wanted; then, what do we do, we come running back to God, crying out to him. But, we need to understand, that, God sees every teardrop that fall from our eyes, he knows our needs before we ask, and he hears and answers us when we call; we just need to trust him, to make our requests known to him, and be patient. We must never place our trust in God, then go back and try to take control. Proverbs chapter sixteen and verse one reminds us, that, the plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer at the right time. Do you happen to notice that when you have been waiting on God and the breakthrough is close that more problems arise? I now understand, that when this happens, it's not a time to begin to doubt God, as many of us do, but the perfect opportunity to praise God.

**T**he Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Do you believe this?

Many of us who are saved, at some point, have questioned this very popular verse of scripture from Psalm thirty-seven; because, while we have been serving God faithfully, we find ourselves in some situations that we believe could not have been a result of God being delighted with us. But, are we right in assuming this? Certainly not! As a matter of fact, it's because the Lord delights in us, because he knows what we are capable of when we go through the storms of life; and as we grow more in the knowledge of him, the less we would question God's actions. God delights in every detail of our lives. At times it may not look this way, but we should understand, that, if we know how to accept the good things that the Lord has given us, when troubled times come, we should be strong enough in the faith, to trust God for favorable outcomes. All of our steps are ordered by the Lord, so there is no way that we could understand our own way, and there is no reason why we should question his actions. That is why he reminds us, that, we should at all times, and in all our ways, acknowledge Him, and he will make our paths straight. My brothers and sisters in Christ, if we do what the Lord wants, he will make certain each step we take is sure, even when to us, the steps seem unsure. Just the other day I was talking to someone who has been going through a lot of problems physically, and I was so impressed when she said to me, "I have been dealing with a lot, but I have learned to praise God in the midst of it all." My brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the right attitude to have. Let us turn our pain into praise, our heartaches into hallelujahs, and our temptations into shouts of triumph, because He that is with us, is much more stronger than the forces against us; and if do not lose heart we will be victorious. Praise the Lord!

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**T**here is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, but is this enough for us?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, is godliness combined with contentment enough for you? We are reminded in first Timothy chapter six, that we brought nothing into this world, so that we can take nothing out of it, and that if we have food and clothing that this should be enough. But really, is this enough for us? Obviously not, because we are tempted and become trapped by the many senseless and harmful desires this world affords, which is to our destruction. Too many times we lust after things we cannot afford, we rob and steal, we lie and covet; which leads us farther away from God. But, why do we act this way? Why are we not content with just food and clothing? It all started in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve showed their discontent by allowing themselves to be tempted and disobeyed God. But, how long, how long, will we allow the sinful desires of our hearts to cause us to lose our way? My brothers and sisters in Christ, we cannot afford to lose our way, we cannot allow the yearnings of our hearts to cause us to miss out on the goodness of the Lord. The temptations of long ago are still the same, so why is it so hard for us to recognize them? It seems like we are forever veiled in sin and the evil way, but my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us seek the things of God, let us seek God, because we are reminded in second Corinthians chapter three and verse sixteen, that when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Amen! We must be vigilant, we must try harder to make the right choices, understanding that every bad choice we make has consequences. God richly provides us with everything that we need, and we must be grateful and content. Therefore, let us fight the good fight of faith, let us aspire to do good works, to be generous, and always ready to share; because in so doing we will be storing up heavenly treasures for ourselves. There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.

**G**od satisfies my every need and I am full of praise indeed! (Another Jewel Greer original poem)



When I was living far away from God.  
I failed to believe in His Holy Word.  
My days were filled with longings,  
My nights were sleepless with yearnings,  
But when Jesus came to live in my heart,  
He gave me a brand new start,  
Now He satisfies my every need,  
No more is my heart filled with greed;  
And I am full of praise indeed!



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

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak!

**Frances R. Havergal — 1872**

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak, in living echoes of Thy tone; as Thou hast sought, so let me seek, Thy erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead, the wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me, Lord, that I may feed, Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand, firm on the rock, and strong in Thee, I may stretch out a loving hand, to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach, the precious things Thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach, the hidden depths of many a heart.

O give Thine own sweet rest to me, that I may speak with soothing power, a word in season, as from Thee, to weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow, in kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where, until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share!



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# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

I now understand what it means to love God, and to have him use me according to his purpose.

God richly provides us with everything that we need, and we must be grateful and content.

We can effectively help someone through a rough time if we have been there before.

We cannot allow the yearnings of our hearts to cause us to miss out on the goodness of the Lord.

Every day I look for opportunities to make God's love known to others.

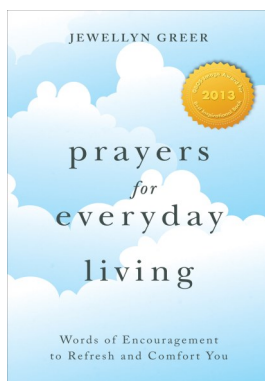
God will make certain each step we take is sure, even when to us the steps seem unsure.

Nothing that we go through is a mistake, there is a lesson to be learned.

When we are in a position to lift someone up, we must be humble.

God determined our patience threshold long before we were born, therefore, we must be patient.

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**O**ur Spotlight is on you! When your faith is small and your strength fails, who is your all in all?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, remember this verse from Psalm seventy-nine and verse nine, “My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever more!” The next time you are faced with a situation that seems impossible, a situation that is causing your faith to shrink, remember, that the battle is not yours, but the Lord’s, and let this verse be your battle cry. Shout this from the rooftop! God will be the source of your strength, He will refresh you, and rekindle your faith, so that you will be able to carry on. His word reminds us, that, He gives strength to the weary and increase the strength of the weak. There is a quote that reads like this, “If what lies ahead scares you, and what’s behind hurts you, then look above, for God will never fail you.” Take courage in times of weakness, because we cannot do anything in our own strength, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. When our faith is small and our strength fails, God is our all in all? Thank you, Lord!

**C**hildren’s Corner: Fall is here! Yeah! Welcome the change!



For many of us, fall is a time to get creative with our decorating and costume making, it’s a time to rake leaves, or just watch the changing colors. Many of us will make caramel apples and bake pumpkin pies, oh and don’t forget have Bonfires. But for many of us, it also send us a reminder, that, Thanksgiving is just around the corner as is Winter. Wow! How time flies. But, before we begin to focus on what is ahead, let us enjoy the moment. However you plan to celebrate the season, have fun!

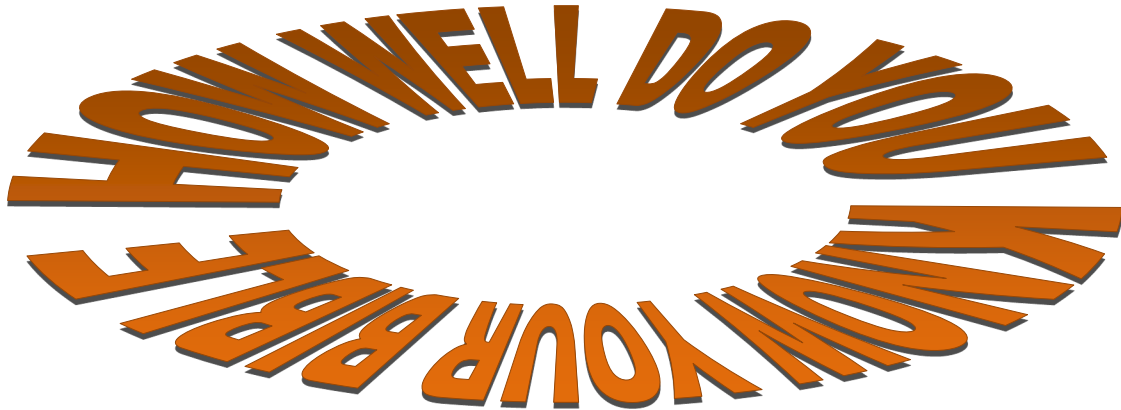
Check off what you would be doing from the activities I have listed below:

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| Go apple picking         | Drink lots of hot chocolate  | Go for a hike         |
| Go leaf-peeping          | Collect colorful fall leaves | Make a costume        |
| Get lost in a corn maze. | Bake apple pies              | Pick pumpkins         |
| Carve Jack o’lanterns    | Go trick or treating         | Go to a football game |



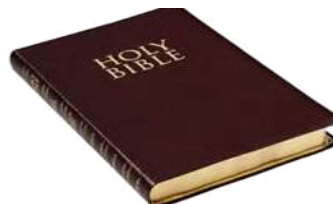
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**Match the correct answers to the verses**

<b>Bible Verses</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
Do all things that will bring God glory and ...	Deceit
God hears and answer us when we...	Judgment
Acknowledge God, and he will make your path...	Godly
The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the...	Jealousy
We should do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain...	Praise
I magnify my ministry in the hope, that I may provoke my own people to...	Call
We must accept him whose faith is weak, without passing...	Lord
The Lord directs the steps of the...	Straight



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**C**hildhood 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 one of mine learned in Sunday School.

## We Are But Little Children Weak! **Cecil F. Alexander - 1818**

We are but little children weak, nor born in any high estate,  
What can we do for Jesus sake, who is so high and good and great.

Oh, day by day each Christian child, has much to do without within,  
A death to die for Jesus sake, a weary war to wage with sin.

When deep within our swelling hearts, the thoughts of pride and anger rise,  
When bitter words are on our tongues, and tears of passion in our eyes.

Then we may stay the angry blow, then we may check the hasty word,  
Give gentle answers back again, and fight the battle for our Lord.

With smiles of peace and looks of love, light in our dwellings we may make,  
Bid kind good humor brighten there, and still do all for Jesus sake.



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