

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil"
1 Peter 3:12.

Get In The

LOOP

(Life Of Organized Prayer)

REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS WRONG TO...

- * Chew gum in church
- * Walk around during the services
- * Wear shorts to church
- * Wear hats in church
- * Talk during preaching
- * Smoke cigarettes on church property
- * Bring tv's to church

WELL, IT STILL IS!

READING THE BIBLE

I was talking to our custodian one morning before work (we pray, talk about the bible and God's blessings) and she said that her supervisor had told her she is going to have to read her bible in the closet. She said, "I wanted to tell him that I didn't have to read it in the closet because God is everywhere...." she paused, kinda chuckled and said, "....then he got in trouble later in the day!" Amen! God protects His own

MAKE THIS YOUR PRAYER?

"O God, stir my heart!
O God, move me!
O God, let me be what
You want me to be!"

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PRAYING FOR TEARS

The Word of God tells us of the day when tears shall be gone forever. Until we come to that day, we move through this world in the midst of tears.

Let us not scoff at the man who cries. Some of the world's greatest people have shed tears. Such a one was Gladstone of England. He was a man of great mental power, of strong physique and of great religious experience. But we are told that one of the most marked things about Mr. Gladstone was his crying. It was said by those who were associated with him in the cabinet, that often as they sat together around the table and meditated on England's national problems, he would drop his head, take his handkerchief and wipe tears from his eyes.

On one occasion, when he was prime minister, as Mr. Gladstone approached the House of Parliament, he stopped at the front door and talked with an old street sweeper who had been engaged in that business at the same place for a number of years.

As Gladstone stood there talking, he learned of the death of this man's wife. As the street sweeper told him of her splendid and beautiful career and how she had helped him in his hard struggle, the great statesman took his handkerchief out and wept like a child.

This was not a sign of weakness. This was a sign of strength.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "I knew but two men who boasted that so far as they knew, they had never shed a tear. I watched the careers of those two men. One died in a lunatic asylum, and the other spent his life in the penitentiary."

Don't boast about your hardheartedness or refusal to shed tears. Instead, pray that God will give you a tender heart which will sympathize with others.

THE BENEFITS OF TALKING TO THE LORD

As you know, satan loves to bring up our sins from the past to make us feel lousy, unloved and unforgiven. I was in such a condition recently. He made me feel like God didn't love me and hasn't forgive me and blah! Blah! Blah! I asked God to kick him across the universe then I went and got my Bible and started reading in Deuteronomy, where I left off as I am reading the Bible through in a year, but satan kept taunting me.

God and I have a little game we play. I will ask Him a question and say, "If that is true, let me see the word "yea" or "yes" on this page, as I am reading. Sometimes he lets me see one of those words and sometimes He just answers me. As satan continued bothering me I said, "Lord, if I am cursed let me see "yea" or "yes" on this page. I read a few verses and then saw, "...the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee." **PRAISE HIS NAME!**

Thousands of years ago - before God had man write the Bible - He knew that one day in April of 2008 I was going to be asking Him that question so He put the answer in the Bible for me to see. Isn't that wonderful? He will do it for your too, but you have to spend time in prayer for it to happen. And, you can't find those jewels in any man-made book - only in God's Word, the King James Bible.

Ask God something then open the Bible at random to find the answer. As a warning, however, when you ask for that million dollars remember - the word "nay" is in the Bible too!

**A REVIVAL GENERATES, STIRS, AND MOVES US
TO DO WHAT GOD WANTS DONE.**

HE TURNED ON YOU!

God's people were so excited to have one of their own running for President, but when he didn't make it, he blamed the religious groups for it according to the following article:

[Huckabee Faults Evangelical Leaders For Failed Bid, Looks To 2012

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By Aaron Sadler Stephens Washington Bureau WASHINGTON]

— Mike Huckabee on Thursday lashed out at religious leaders who did not support his failed run for the presidency, saying their help may have kept him in the race. ■

Of course, the fact that he turned his back on God and "stepped DOWN" from his pastoral position to become governor (in the first place) had nothing to do with it. He, (like most of God's children today), thinks he can live for the world and still reap God's blessings but God said, *"COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE YE SEPARATE!"* You cannot serve God and mammon.

People may spurn our appeals, reject our messages, oppose our arguments, despise our persons; but they are helpless against our prayers.

THE RIGHT KIND OF REVIVAL

Do you remember Evangelist Mordecai Ham, famous in years gone by? Mordecai Ham was a great preacher! He held a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. I think he was there for three months in one location. The first month he preached, he never gave a single invitation. Preachers came to him, people came to him and begged, "Please give an invitation." After a great song service, he would preach his sermon and close the service; and he kept this up. After four long weeks, he gave an invitation, and literally hundreds and thousands were saved. The whole city of Nashville was stirred by that revival meeting of Mordecai Ham years ago. Why did he wait? I heard his explanation. He was waiting to give an invitation until he felt God had worked on the hearts of the people and they were ready to turn themselves over to Him and turn away from their sins and selfishness and let God into their lives.

When a revival comes, dead churches are awakened, broken homes are restored, empty lives are filled, and condemned souls are saved. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chron. 7:14.

Then the promise of God is revival!

Revival begins in the individual's heart. Let it begin with you on your face alone before God. Turn from every sin that might hinder. Renew yourself to a new devotion to the Saviour. Ask Him to take you and use you and bless you and guide you.

IF YOU DON'T PRAY - IT'S YOUR LOSS!

I will never forget - and my colleagues will never forget either - what happened a few years ago when the interim-chair of my department announced that they had hired a woman to be our next boss. After a few questions I discovered that "woman" was a homosexual and I very loudly said I was not going to work for a lesbian and gave them scripture to back me up.

I was called into the dean's office a few days later to meet with him, the associate dean and the interim-chair about my decision. They ganged up on me but I was more than ready to meet with them! They did not know that the night before I went to God's throne and walked into the meeting with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit on my side!

I told them a lesbian would fit in with the atheists and alcoholics that I had to work with but I was drawing the line there. I would keep looking for another job until she got there.

She came and put money down on a house and was ready to come. A few days later one of the professors came to my office and said, "Your prayers were answered!" I said, "What prayers?" He said, "The lesbian is not coming!" I said, *"HALLELUJAH!!!"* ...and had a shouting spell right there in front of all of them. And, God got rid of that dean and interim-chairman and demoted the associate dean to teaching.

Stay on praying ground!!!



FLORIDA CONSIDERS CHRISTIAN LICENSE PLATE

MIAMI, FLORIDA (AP) -- Florida drivers can order more than 100 specialty license plates celebrating everything from manatees to the Miami Heat, but one now under consideration would be the first in the nation to explicitly promote a specific religion.

The Florida Legislature is considering a specialty plate with a design that includes a Christian cross, a stained glass window and the words "I Believe." Rep. Edward Bullard, the plate's sponsor, said people who "believe in their college or university" or "believe in their football team" already have license plates they can buy. The new design is a chance for others to put a tag on their cars with "something they believe in," he said. ■ Amen! Pray for this to come to pass nationwide!

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