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A Devotional Study Guide

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When quoting the Holy Scriptures, The King James Version of the Bible has been used throughout this book. This book is dedicated to God Almighty who gave us His Holy Word to tell us what we should know, how we should live, and what we should believe. It is also dedicated to my family (especially my wife, Debra) and to the many people who have supported and encouraged me through the years.

Thank you for the kind words!

Without you (and you know who you are) this book would not have been published!

Introduction

This book is designed to be used as a devotional guide to help with daily prayers. Be sure to date each page in the space provided at the top. This will help you look back and reflect on a given day and serve as a reminder of your thoughts during the devotion.

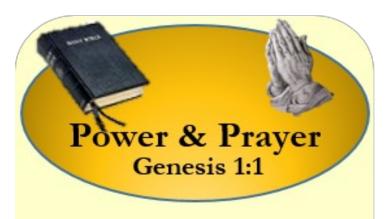
The reader is encouraged to read the Scripture referenced in the oval at the top of each page. This is the "POWER" portion of the devotion. After thinking about the passage, read the comment section for a focused thought.

The "PRAYER" given at the bottom of each devotion is designed to guide the reader into further prayer of their own. The suggested prayer can be used to get the prayer started and the reader is urged to continue to pray to God for the duration of the devotional period.

The "NOTES" section at the bottom of each page is provided to allow the reader to write down a thought, prayer, other scripture references, or anything else that will help the devotion period become personalized to the reader.

May God bless you through these devotional periods.

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Everything begins with God.

"God, we recognize you as the Creator. You are worthy to be worshipped and adored.

We commit to taking care of your creation and appreciating its wonderful beauty.

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Through the sin of Adam, we must die, but through the obedience of Jesus, we have hope of life!

"God, we acknowledge our fate in Adam, but we give you thanksgiving and praise for our future in Christ!

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We earn the death penalty by committing sin, but eternal life is a gift from God which can never be earned.

"God, we know we deserve to die, but we are so thankful for your gift of eternal life through your Son, Jesus!

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All spiritual blessings are in Christ. There are no spiritual blessings outside of Him.

"God, we know you bless us with many physical blessings

However, we understand that spiritual blessings are only given to those in Christ. We are most grateful for them!

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There is no condemnation to all who are in Christ. This is one of the most reassuring promises given in the Bible!

"God, though we deserve condemnation because of our sin, we trust in this promise!

We want to be in Christ so we will not be condemned!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Sin is the transgression of God's Law (I John 3:4). We have all sinned!

"God, we confess today that we have all sinned. We have said and done things that are not according to your will.

We seek your forgiveness!

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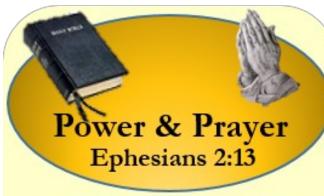


Those that are baptized into Christ are free from sin and no longer serve sin!

"God, we know we were set free from sin when we were baptized into Christ, which is where all spiritual blessings exist. We refuse to continue in sin and death!

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It is impossible for us to approach Almighty God with our weak and pitiful work, but in Christ Jesus, we are close to Him.

"God, we are in awe to be so close to such a powerful and mighty being as you. Thank you for this access in Christ!

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Our old sinful nature kept us separated from God, but in Christ, we are a New Creature "God, we were miserable creatures when we were living in sin. Help us follow the new path you have set before us in Christ!

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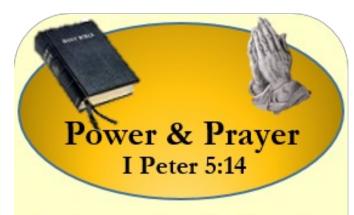


We can not truly experience joy unless we are in Christ.

"God, when we rejoice in our own accomplishments and accumulations, it doesn't last long and we are dissatisfied again. We thank you for the rejoicing we have in Christ!

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Real peace is only offered to those who are in Christ

"God, we are so worried and fearful when we depend on others or ourselves for our peace. Only you can offer the serenity we seek and we know it is found in Christ!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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We were trapped in sin, guilt, fear, and anxiety outside of Christ. In Christ, we are free!

"God, we are being attacked on every side by forces that want to enslave us. Please defeat those forces! We are thankful for our liberty in Christ

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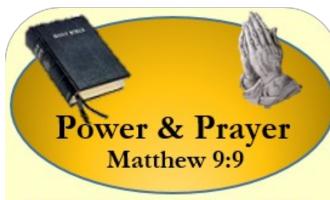


We are not perfect through our own power, but we are perfect in Christ!

"God, we recognize our short comings and imperfections in the flesh, but through your Son, Jesus, we are made perfect! Thank you so much!

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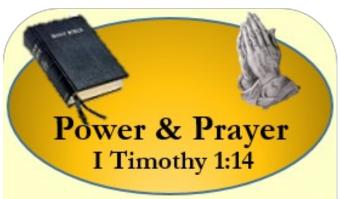


Matthew was a tax collector, a despised profession often associated with sinners. Yet Jesus called Matthew to follow Him.

"God, we, like Matthew, are unworthy, yet you have called us anyway! Help us to follow you every day!

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God's grace is extended to us abundantly, and with that grace comes faith and love which are found in Christ.

"God, we need your grace and, being in Christ, we are so thankful for it. Help us to live in and express the faith and love that comes with it!

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Many miss the point and claim we can do "all things" as long as we "trust Christ" Not so! There are many things we can't do or have!

"God, we trust you to give us the strength to serve Christ whether we can do or have "all things" or not!

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We who love God and serve His purpose know that all things work out for good. But let's understand that it is for God's greater good, and that "good" doesn't always feel so good!

"God, you are so good! Help us to trust your goodness!

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God wants us to have peace.

"God, we feel bad when things happen that seem to take away our peace. We know that you want us to have peace. Help us to trust you during times when your word seems to contradict our feelings

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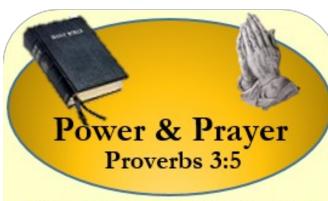


We have physical needs and we have spiritual needs. Our anxiety and stress comes from getting priorities wrong.

"God, you know what we need before we even ask you for them. We will serve you first and trust you to take care of the rest!

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Many want to understand a thing before they are willing to trust it. The problem is they are trusting their own understanding which they don't even understand!!

"God, we understand we don't understand! Help us to trust you anyway!

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Many organizations exists as a union, but it is obvious there is no unity! We should not only come together, we should work together.

"God, help us do our part as a member of the Body of Christ and work with all the other members in unity.

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Some feel the part they play is really all that matters and other roles are not important.

"God, help us recognize the value of all the members of the Body of Christ, especially those that some think are not important when, in fact, they are extremely necessary.

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There are times we don't feel like rejoicing, but God says we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord always.

"God, in this world there are many things that bring us sorrow, but in Christ, there is much to rejoice about in spite of this world's woes.

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Jesus promised us peace. However this peace is not the kind of peace the world searches for. It is far greater than anything the world has to offer!

"God, we embrace Jesus' promise to bring real peace to our lives!

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Look at it. Does it steal, kill, or destroy? Then it is from Satan. Leave it alone!

"God, we know Satan wants to take away our lives and destroy us. We know Christ came to give us an abundant life. Thank you for the life we enjoy in Christ.

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Jesus is the only way to the Father. Since this is true, why not stop trying to reach Him some other way?

"God, we acknowledge that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Thank you for granting us access to you through Him!

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Which comes first, the fruit or the tree? The tree. The fruit is produced by the tree. The fruit identifies the tree!

"God, you have given us your Spirit. People see the fruit of the Spirit produced in our lives. Help us produce even more fruit!

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Someone said, "Eat anything you want in moderation". Do you think they meant we can eat arsenic or cyanide?

"God, we know that even the smallest amount of evil and corruption will destroy us. Help us purge those things from our lives!

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Sometimes when we get so tired and weak, we just want to quit. That is the time to trust God all the more!

"God, we trust you so much! We realize that trusting you is where we get the strength to keep going!

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We are commanded to have strength and courage. We are commanded to not be afraid or dismayed. We can keep those commands when we realize God is with us!

"God, we thank you for being with us wherever we go!

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When Paul was in Corinth God told him, "I have much people in this city". Isn't it comforting to know that God knows His own, even before we meet them?

"God, give us the opportunity to meet your people today!

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"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

"God, we don't know who will listen to the Gospel and be baptized, but we believe you do. Give us the opportunity and boldness to obey this great commission today.

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A popular group sang the song, "I'm in a hurry". It suggested that rushing takes all the fun out of life. When God tells us to "Be still", He wants us to pay attention to Him, the giver of real life!

"God, help us to be still and pay more attention to you.

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Are we struggling and loaded down with a heavy burden? Do we need rest? Jesus promised to give us rest if we come to Him.

"God, thank you for the rest that is available to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to lead others to that rest.

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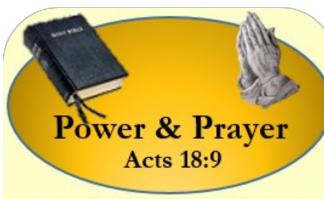


When we, as Christians, talk about God, Jesus, the Bible, Worship, Doctrine, etc. it will offend somebody! Let's pray for boldness to talk about them in spite of the world's views!

"God, grant us the boldness to speak up and defend your truth to a world that needs it!

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Paul needed encouragement. Jesus told him, "Be not afraid but speak, and hold not thy peace."

"God, we are often afraid to speak out for you and your truth. Like Paul, we need encouragement to overcome whatever fears we have.

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Jesus told his disciples to teach those who believe and are baptized into Christ to keep His commands. He then promised to always be with them.

"God, we don't always teach others like we should. Help us rely on Jesus' promise!

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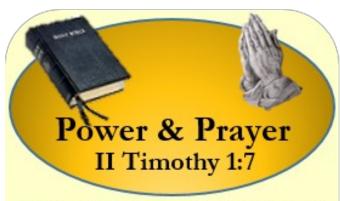


The Bible was given by God. It has everything we need for truth, showing us what is wrong in our lives, correcting our mistakes, and teaching us the right way to live.

"God, thank you so much for the Bible! Help us not be afraid to share it with others.

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The spirit that God gave us is not the spirit of fear. It is the spirit of power, love, and self control.

"God, we confess that we have a spirit of fear from time to time, but we recognize it is not from you! We pray that we will operate in your spirit.

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God inspired Paul to teach Jews and Gentiles to have a spirit of unity. He said this unity can be achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"God, we know you want us to live in unity and peace, not fear and division. We are so thankful for the Holy Spirit.

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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

"God, thank you for the unity that can be enjoyed among brethren. We, as brothers and sisters in Christ, pray for a strong unity and a pleasant peace to exist between us!

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When we are absolutely sure of things we are hoping for and are certain about things we can't see, we have faith. Faith can be misplaced if we trust something that's untrue, but our faith is in Jesus!

"God, we, know that our faith in Jesus is not misplaced!

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The Lord promised never to leave us or let us down! That's why our lives are not to be consumed with the love of money and worldly things.

"God, our confidence is not in what the world has to offer, it is in you and your Son, Jesus Christ!

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Paul begged God to remove a "thorn" from his flesh. God said, "No". Instead, God used Paul's "weakness" to display His own power.

"God, help us to be like Paul and be happy to be "weak" while you use us to get glory and power for yourself.

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Our bodies are sacred places where God's Spirit operates. We don't belong to ourselves

"God, we are so ashamed when we use our bodies to sin against you. We realize you gave us these bodies to honor you. Help us to use our bodies for your glory!

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Christ was given a body to glorify God. That's exactly what He did with it!

"God, there are no words to express how grateful we are to you for giving your Son to die for us. Help us to use our bodies in your service as your Son used His.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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We all have needs. Some of them are physical. Others are emotional and spiritual. God has promised to meet our needs in Christ.

"God, you created us. We know you are very aware of all our needs. We believe you can and will meet them!

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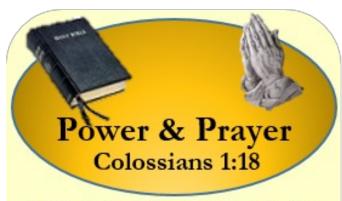


Without faith, it is impossible to please God. When we are sure and certain God exists and takes care of our needs, we please Him!

"God, we want to please you! We know you exist, but we often fail to trust you to take care of us. Please forgive us!

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Christ is the head of the body, which is the church. We are members of the body of Christ. We each have an important duty in the church!

"God, give us the strength to accomplish the part we are designed to do in the body of Christ as we glorify Him!

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We want to know the best ways to foster relationships, raise our families, advance in our careers, etc. If we acknowledge that God has the answers for all our ways, He will direct our path!

"God, we depend on you to guide us throughout our lives

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The peace of God is beyond our comprehension! But it is through Christ we can have peace that the world can not take from us!

"God, thank you for guarding our hearts and minds from the anxieties and troubles of this world!

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The peace we enjoy in Christ isn't free! Jesus was beaten, wounded, and punished so we can have peace with God

"God, we know we deserve your wrath because of our sin, but you crushed your Son to grant us peace! This is beyond our understanding!

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Jesus endured the cross and accepted its shame. He saw the joy that was beyond it!

"God, our faith is in Christ, from beginning to end! Help us to be like Him and see the joy that awaits us if we are faithful to Him in spite of what we may have to endure

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God is a worker! He created everything, even us! God created us to be workers too!

"God, you have created us to do something for your glory. Help us find out what that is, prepare and train ourselves, and do the work! We know you have already planned it!

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God gives us a measure of time, talent, and resources to do our work. Workers use them wisely. Lazy folks don't!

"God, we know that you have great expectations from your servants and have equipped each of us according to our abilities. Help us to be wise!

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When King Saul began to sin and disobey God, The Spirit of the Lord departed from him. When that happened, God allowed an evil spirit to come into his life.

"God, please don't take away your Spirt from us. Help us yield to your will for our lives!

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God doesn't want us to act like the world. How can we accomplish this? Think new thoughts! By changing our minds, we will experience God's good, pleasing, and complete will for our lives!

"God, we want to please you.
Help us renew our thinking!

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Our thoughts dictate our behavior. What should we think about? Things that are true, pure, beautiful, and valuable!

"God, help us to think on these things so we will behave morally and give you the praise you deserve!

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As we change our thinking, our behavior will be marked by mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and endurance.

"God, we know you possess all these qualities and more. Help us show the world your goodness by our behavior as your saints!

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God promised to give peace to everyone who keeps their minds focused on Him.

"God, we see a lot of evil all around us in this world. This often causes us to worry and threatens our peace of mind. Help us stay focused on you and trust you for our peace!

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Christ laid down his life for us. This is how we know He loves us. When we offer our lives for our brethren, we are expressing His kind of love.

"God, we have committed ourselves to follow your Son, Jesus. Help us love others like he loves us.

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God doesn't think like we think. He doesn't act like we act. He far exceeds anything we can imagine!

"God, we know we can never understand all your thoughts and behaviors, but we are committed to becoming as much like you as possible!

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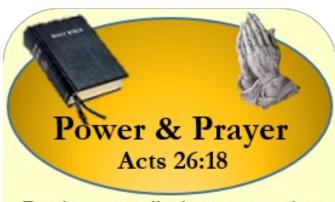


Things spiral out of control quickly when everyone does what seems right in their own eyes. When we disrespect proper authority, we will lose all peace and fall into chaos!

"God, we recognize you as the authority in our lives. We will follow your guidance.

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Paul was called to open the eyes of people and turn them from darkness to light, from Satan to God, so their sins will be forgiven and they will go to heaven. Shouldn't we want to help people too?

"God, give us the opportunity and courage to open eyes!

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It's a matter of life and death! That's what we say when we are faced with a crisis and we need to know what will make the difference between living and dying!

"God, we know that our trust in Jesus is the difference between life and death!

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The choice between eternal life and eternal death rests in our decision to die to sin and live to righteousness. What decision have we made?

"God, your Son, Jesus, died so we might live! We believe that with all our heart! Help us to live for Him today!

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Living for Jesus means doing the right things! When folks see our good works, they will glorify God!

"God, we want to glorify you in everything we do and say. Help our "light" to shine in this dark world so those we meet will give you glory!

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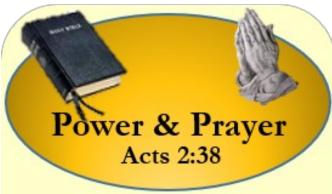


There are many things we do that indicate we are disciples of Christ. Jesus said one of the greatest indicators is our love for each other! Do we love each other?

"God, we want to follow your Son, Jesus. Help us to love others more every day!

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"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

"God, thank you for making access to the blood of Christ and forgiveness so simple!

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Why was Jesus lost? Can you imagine losing your child for three days! That's what happened to Joseph & Mary!

"God, we know that if Jesus is not in our lives, it is we who have lost Him! Please help us to live life in a way that never loses sight of Him!

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When two oxen are yoked, one is usually experienced, trained, and carries most of the load, while the other one learns. Soon they are pulling together and accomplishing amazing things!

"God, we are so thankful for being "yoked" with your Son!

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As we live our life, let's make decisions to live for Christ. It is not us that live, it is Christ that lives in us!

"God, you have given us this life to live. You have given us the choice as to how we will live it. We choose to live for Jesus since He died for us!

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God expressed His love for us by sending His Son to die for us even though we were sinners!

"God, we confess our sins to you. Since you loved us so much to allow your Son to die for us, it is clear that you will forgive us! Thank you!

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Jesus never sinned! He lived in the flesh yet did not yield to sin. Then He took our sin upon Himself that we may be made righteous!

"God, we, being unrighteous sinners, are so thankful that through Jesus' sacrifice, we are made righteous

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Sheep are known to wander away from the flock and end up lost! Like sheep, we are rebellious sinners! Yet the Lord lays upon Jesus, the sin of us all!

"God, we were lost, but now we are found because Jesus took our sins upon Himself!

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"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

"God, we are indeed loved by Jesus Christ! He gave His life for us! It is a great comfort to know that He calls us His friend! Help us to be a friend to Him!

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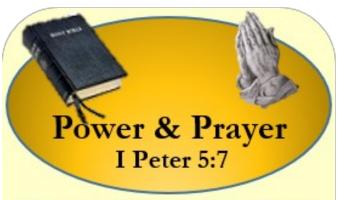


"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." What a comforting thought! We know that shepherds take personal interest in their sheep. They provide for them and they protect them.

"God, we are safe because of your Son, our Shepherd!

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We can cast all our cares on Jesus because He cares for us! What cares, worries, and anxieties do we need to cast on Him today?

"God, we are so grateful for your Son, Jesus, who cares so much for us that He gave His life for us!

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God told us not to be afraid because He is with us. He promised to strengthen and help us.

"God, we are so sorry that we doubt you from time to time. Not only do you want to keep your promises, you are certainly able to!

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There is absolutely nothing that will cause God to stop loving us! How sad He must be when we don't love Him!

"God, we understand that the love you have for us is found in Jesus Christ. Those of us who are in Christ are so thankful to you for loving us!

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God pours out blessings on His people covering them as fresh dew covers the earth!

"God, your blessings can't be counted. In fact, they are more like a blanket of dew that covers the ground than a list of things that can be counted! Thank you!

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We can come boldly before God's throne of grace and can receive help in times of need. When is the last time we have been to His throne?

"God, you are on your throne and rule your creation. There is nothing you can't do! We know you can help us!

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"Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Can you believe that the God of the universe has given us such a promise? Let's enjoy serving Him more!

"God, we love to serve you. Getting blessings is a bonus! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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We get so afraid of what can happen to us in this world. These feelings can distract us from trusting God. Let's deal with our feelings by trusting Him to do what He says He will do!

"God, we trust you especially in the dark times of our lives.

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Paul said we don't have to worry about anything. We can let our requests be made known to God through prayer

"God, why do we worry so much? We know you have promised to hear our prayers We also know how powerful you are! Help us trust you!

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We want to have strong faith, but when we learn that going through hard times is what strengthens faith, we tend to have second thoughts!

"God, we know the trial we are facing will strengthen our faith. Help us trust you while we are having growing pains!

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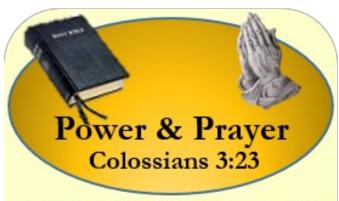


If we are involved in a good work, don't forget that God started it, and has promised to finish it.

"God, we often feel very sad and discouraged in our work because we think we aren't doing it well enough! Help us remember that it's your work!

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Is it possible that we are not satisfied in our work because we are trying to please men instead of God? Men can't be pleased most of the time!

"God, you know our heart. We want to please you in our work! May our hearts be in the right place as we work!

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God wants our work and our service, but what pleases Him more is our praise and thanksgiving!

"God, we worship, praise, and thank you! We confess that we get so wrapped up in our service and work for you that we fail to do these more!

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The word "Praise" is used in the psalms 150 times. There are 150 psalms! "Praise" is used an average of one time in ALL the psalms! Don't you think it is important to God?

"God, we praise you for all your mighty acts according to your excellent greatness!

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"One man should die for the people!" When Caiaphas, the high priest, said that, his intention was to have Jesus killed and preserve his own power. God's intention was actually to save the people!

"God, thank you for salvation through one man, Jesus!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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The people that led Jesus to the judgment hall refused to enter themselves because it would defile them. They did not even consider that killing an innocent man was wrong!

"God, forgive us when we try to justify ourselves while we are sinning against you!

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We don't like to confess our faults. It makes us feel weak and imperfect. Guess what? We are weak and imperfect! If we confess our sins He will forgive us and cleanse us!

"God, we confess our faults to you. Thank you for your forgiveness and cleansing!

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Repentance is more than feeling sorry for our sins, it is also deciding to stop sinning!

"God, we are so sorry for the sins we commit. This sorrow causes us to want to change! Help us be the person you want us to be. We know we will not perish if we repent!

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How can I have faith? Faith is birthed in us when we read the Bible. As we begin to see the truth found in God's word our faith is born. Faith gets stronger the more we read, hear, and study!

"God, thank you so much for the Bible! We know it is true!

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Christians have died for their faith ever since Jesus taught the truth. He expected His followers to be persecuted and killed by unbelievers. Jesus promised eternal life to those who remain faithful, even if they are put to death!

"God, we believe Jesus!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." We don't suggest anyone can be saved without believing! Let's not think we can be saved without being baptized! Be baptized now!

"God, we will obey your will! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Am I a "Body with a Soul" or a "Soul with a Body"? It all depends. Physical thinkers view themselves as a body with a distant soul. Spiritual thinkers know they are really a soul in a temporary body.

"God, we are looking forward to our eternal body!

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Our earthly bodies could last 70 or 80 years, more or less.

"God, we understand that our earthly bodies will wear out. You didn't design them to last forever. We know you have designed a body for us that will last forever. We are looking forward to that body!

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When we take time to think about our limited time on this earth, it helps us realize how frail we really are. This will keep our lives in perspective and give us the ability to see what is really important.

"God, forgive us when we fail to focus on what's important.

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God says we should all walk "circumspectly". This means to live life carefully, choosing each step wisely.

"God, we know you have all the answers to our questions but sometimes we step into things foolishly. Help us live our lives with more wisdom!

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What should we do with our lives? Do we Plant? Water? Whatever we do, let's trust God for the best outcome! This is what wise folks do!

"God, we know we can't do it all, but we can do something! Use our lives for your glory as you accomplish your will!

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Pilate presented Jesus to the Jews and said, "Behold your King"! They were outraged! A king has complete control over his subjects. They were not about to recognize Jesus as having such authority!

"God, Jesus is our King! We yield to His sovereignty!

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Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. If we believe this is true, there would be a lot less fighting and hating among us! Our selfish pride would kneel to His glory. We would see the foolishness of our back biting and vanity!

"God, we kneel to your Son! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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God's Grace is "Manifold"! It has more that one quality or characteristic. Simply put, it is "Unmerited Favor", but this unearned gift manifests itself in so many ways! God wants us to use our gifts to show grace to others also!

"God, help us to be graceful! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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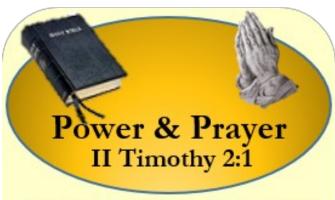


MERCY is <u>withholding</u> what is deserved. We deserve the sting of death! GRACE is giving what is needed. We need victory over sin!

"God, we thank you for your Mercy and your Grace. With them we get what we need, instead of what we deserve!

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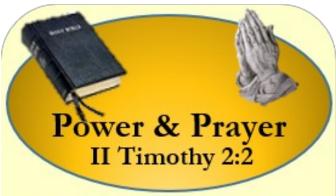


Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "SON"! A son will take on the work of his father in many cases. Since we are God's children, shouldn't we do our Father's work?

"God, you are working for the salvation of man. Help us, as your children, to do that too!

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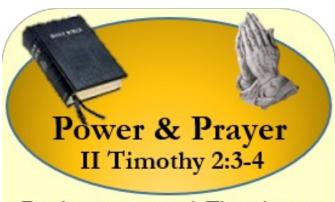


Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "TEACHER"! We know what God has done for us. Shouldn't we tell others?

"God, you gave your Son to save the world from sin! Help us teach the world this good news. Give us an opportunity today to share the gospel!

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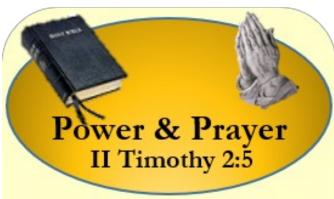


Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "SOLDIER"! A soldier is dedicated to the mission. He carries out the orders of his commanding officer without question. The mission is the most important thing for him!

"God, we are dedicated to do what you have commanded!

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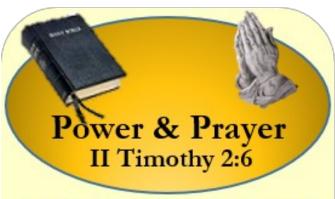


Paul encouraged Timothy to be an "ATHLETE"! Paul said an athlete can only win the race if he plays by the rules!

"God, thank you for the Bible which is the "Rule Book" for our lives! If we ignore your word and follow our own "rules", we will certainly lose!

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Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "FARMER"! The farmer expects to enjoy the fruit of his labors, but he would not expect a crop from a field he has not worked!

"God, we know you will give us a home in heaven. Help us to do your work on earth!

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Wise people will listen to Jesus and do what He tells them to do. It is foolish to do otherwise! The Sermon on the Mount is filled with Jesus' most basic teachings.

"God, help us build our lives upon the "Rock" of Jesus' principles and teachings.

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Those who are truly happy, and are part of the kingdom of heaven, recognize their spiritual poverty! If we think we are "good" and "deserve" God's blessings, we are in a sad shape!

"God, thank you for saving us from spiritual destitution!

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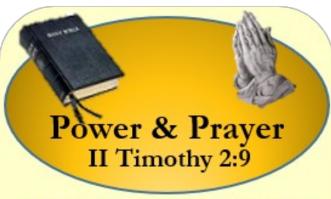


The wise focus on laying up spiritual treasure in heaven. The foolish are focused on getting physical treasure on earth. Which one will last?

"God, we appreciate you for all the physical blessings we enjoy here on earth, but our focus is on heavenly things!

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Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "PRISONER"! Are we willing to lose our physical freedom to gain true freedom in Christ? Paul was, and he encouraged us to be also!

"God, thank you for freedom here in America, but our true freedom is in Jesus Christ!

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Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "WORKMAN"! A true craftsman wants his product to be right! He is careful to make sure every detail is in place so when it is presented he will not be ashamed.

"God, we confess we are not perfect, but we do all for you!

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Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "VESSEL"! In a house there are different types of containers. Some are used for expensive things, others are used for the garbage. Whatever God chooses us to do shouldn't we do our best?

"God, use us for your glory! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Paul encouraged Timothy to be a "SERVANT"! A slave yields to his master's will so the purpose of his master will be achieved.

"God, we confess we want to serve ourselves. This often causes us to resist you and your will. Please forgive us.

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Moses predicted the people would want a king when they settled in the promised land. He insisted no king should gather to himself gold, silver, horses, or wives! Solomon did all those things. He fell!

"God, we know it is not wise to disobey you! Forgive us!

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Solomon recognized that a life worth living is one that is giving! Selflessness is a key attitude for true happiness!

"God, we confess our focus is often on ourselves. Help us have a spirit of giving so we can not only help others, but find joy in our own lives!

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Find meaningful work! This is crucial to living a happy life. Solomon did so many things, but in the end, he concluded it was all "Vanity"! Why? He lost the joy that should be found in meaningful work!

"God, we know our work for you is not worthless!

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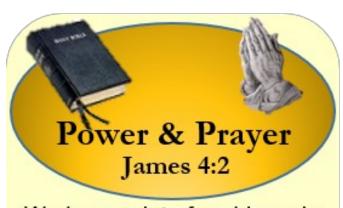


Solomon had a lot of time, talent, and resources to do anything he wanted ... and he did! His final conclusion was that serving God and keeping His commandments is the whole duty of man!

"God, we understand true joy comes from serving you!

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We have a lot of problems in this world. War, famine, hate, prejudice, disease, hunger, etc. It is all because of sin in the heart and lives of man. However, God can overcome so much! Let's ask Him to!

"God, we have not, because we ask not! Today, we ask!

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Faith is powerful, regardless of its size. Why? It is not in the one with the faith, it is in the One with the power!

"God, our faith in you is so small compared to the power you have! Help us to grow in faith as we watch you move mountains in our lives!

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"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Can it really be that simple? YES!

"God, forgive our foolishness when we fail to simply ask you for the things we need!

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If we try to keep all the commandments of the Bible by the power of our flesh, we will fail. If we live our lives by the power of the Spirit, we will succeed.

"God, we know that when we walk in the Spirit, we will not be guided by our flesh!

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Jesus was not baptized for the forgiveness of His sins because he had no sins. He was baptized to "fulfil all righteousness"! It was the right thing to do!

"God, no one is exempt from doing right, not even Jesus! Help us do right like He did!

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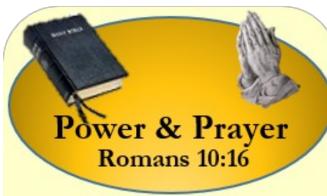
The Gospel can be summed up by the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. When Jesus was baptized at the beginning of His ministry, it foreshadowed what would happen on the cross at the end of His ministry!

"God, we believe the Gospel!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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How do we OBEY the Gospel? The Gospel can be summed up by the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All who are buried with Him in baptism, and rise to walk a new life, have obeyed the Gospel.

"God, we believe the Gospel! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Jesus will "take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel" This statement shows how important it is to know God and obey the Gospel

"God, open our minds and our hearts to know you and obey the Gospel of Christ!

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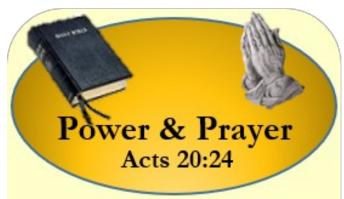


When we obey the Gospel, it is not an act of our works to earn salvation. Salvation is not of works! The Gospel is given by God's amazing grace. It is through our faith that we obey the Gospel!

"God, thank you for giving us the Gospel of your grace!

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Paul sacrificed so much to be able to share the Gospel of the grace of God. He even put his life at risk for it.

"God, we love you so much, and we are grateful for your Gospel of grace. Thank you for allowing us to share the Gospel so freely in America!

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Listen to your mother! She is not God, but she wants what is best for you. If we have a mother that follows God, we are truly blessed!

"God, we follow you first and foremost, but thank you for the mothers that teach their children about you!

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"Mama Tried" is a country song about a man who made mistakes all through life. He finally recognized his Mama did everything she could to save him, but she couldn't!

"God, we know if we come to Jesus, He is able to save us to the "uttermost"!

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A foolish son is "heaviness" for his mother, but that does not stop her from loving him! Sadly, it just stops him from experiencing her love.

"God, you love us so much, you gave your Son to die for us. It is foolish to reject your love. We love you so much!

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The life is in the blood! If we lose our blood, we lose our life. Jesus shed His precious life's blood so our lives would not be lost!

"God, thank you for sending Jesus to suffer, bleed, and die for us on the cross. It is His blood that gives us life!

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We are not bought by gold and silver, we are redeemed with the blood of Christ.

"God, we confess our sins to you and know that there is no amount of money that can pay for our offenses. We are so grateful for the precious blood of Christ that paid it all!

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A branch can't produce fruit unless it is connected to the vine! We can't do anything unless we are connected to Christ. Are we connected?

"God, your Son, Jesus, is our source. He is the vine that is rooted in you and your Holy will. Help us stay connected!

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It is sad to watch anyone or anything wandering around without guidance or purpose. They are more likely to fall off a cliff or come to harm than to stumble into safety.

"God, we are lost without you We yield to your guidance and direction. Lead us Lord!

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Keeping the commandments of God shows that we love Him, but are they "grievous" to us? That depends on how we view His commandments.

"God, we know that the laws and commandments given in your word are good for us! We thank you for all of them!

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If we live our lives to fulfill the lusts of our flesh, God is our enemy! His word warns us of the dangers of following our fleshly desires. Those who follow the flesh will not obey God's commandments.

"God, we will obey your word and defeat our flesh!

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Those who view God's word as rules to be strictly kept will be frustrated all the time because we can't be perfect Paul described his frustration calling himself "wretched"!

"God, you require us to obey all your commandments, but guard us against legalism!

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It is liberating when we view God's word as a "light unto my path"! God's word will set us free from the frustration we feel when fighting against our flesh!

"God, we will keep your holy commandments knowing our path will be much brighter!

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We are free from any law that brings us sin and death when we submit to the law of the Sprit of life in Christ!

"God, the New Testament is the true law of life, peace, and freedom secured by the blood of your Son, Jesus. Help us surrender to this law!

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The law of Christ gives us liberty! When we finally see it, we must obey it! We must be a doer of the work to be blessed in our deeds.

"God, we know that when we obey your commands and keep your laws, our lives will be so much better!

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"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." A person with a lustful or a legal minded view of God's will can never find the delight that a liberating view of God's word brings!

"God, help us to see your will as the liberating force it is!

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Elijah asked Elisha what he wanted before he was taken. Elisha asked for a "double portion" of the spirit Elijah had. He would need it to do the work set before him.

"God, the "mantle" is passed to us. Give us the Spirit we need to do the work.

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Mankind's greatest problem is our sin problem. Jesus is able to take away our sins! He can solve the problem!

"God, thank you so much for sending your Son, Jesus, to solve our greatest problem by removing our sin! Give us opportunities to tell others!

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When Paul "reasoned" with Felix about righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled. The reasoning made sense to him! Unfortunately, he didn't find it convenient to obey!

"God, open our hearts and minds to obey the Gospel!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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When Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him, Peter assured him that he did. Then Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep.

"God, everyone that follows your Son, Jesus Christ, is a part of His flock. Help us to bring more people into that fold and feed them!

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It often shocks and saddens us when people don't believe Jesus. Let's not forget that His own brothers refused to believe in Him at first. Later, James and Jude wrote New Testament letters!

"God, help us never give up on our non-believing family!

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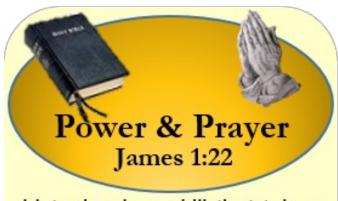


Mama said it should tell us something that God gave us two ears and one mouth! If we listen more than we talk, we will have more control over our anger and emotions

"God, you don't want us to have a hateful heart. Help us to be better listeners!

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Listening is a skill that takes discipline. Good listeners are good learners! Don't forget there comes a time to take action on what we've learned otherwise our learning is vain

"God, we promise to be a "doer" of your Word and not a "hearer" only!

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Lordship is the life principle where we surrender our lives to God. He is our Lord!

"God, you are the Lord of our lives. We yield our bodies, minds, and spirits to you. We will follow you wherever your word leads. Help us to see what you want us to do.

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Membership is a principle of life where we understand we are part of a whole. We know there are other members that are also a part of the Body of Christ and we cherish them! We love all the members!

"God, we are so thankful for our membership in the Body!

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Stewardship is a principle of life where we understand we are created with a purpose and must perform the work for which God intended. We know if we don't do what God has designed us to do, the entire Body will suffer!

"God, help us manage well! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Fellowship is a life principle where we not only serve the other members of the Body of Christ with our abilities, we closely cooperate with them to fulfill the will of God which is our shared goal!

"God, help us achieve your will as we serve each other.

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We show partiality in our job choices, politics, and even in our food preferences! But we should never show partiality between the members of the Body of Christ!

"God, you have given us the power to make choices, we choose to favor each other!

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Are we saved by faith? YES! Are we saved by a professed faith that is not active? NO! The members of the Body of Christ depend on each other. If we don't do our part is that a living faith?

"God, help us to have a living faith that serves you!

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To be "Blessed" means to be "Happy" being in a position favored by God. Some think they are "blessed" because they have things and stuff, but only those who put their trust and hope in God are truly blessed.

"God, you are our only hope! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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God's power establishes us according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ It is no longer a secret!

"God, we know you sent your Son to die for the sins of the world. This has finally been revealed by the Holy Spirit. We trust your power to save!

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God deserves our praise and worship! Let's exalt Him!

"God, we give you adoration, glory, and honor today. You are all powerful. You are the Almighty! You deserve all the worship we and the creation can give! Your name is great above all! We love you!

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All power has been given to Jesus in heaven and earth! He is absolutely worthy to be worshiped! Let's praise Him!

"God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus, whom you have given all power and authority We give Him honor, praise, and worship! He is worthy!

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Before Jesus ascended into heaven He promised to send a powerful "Comforter". He did! He sent the Holy Ghost who revealed everything we need to know in the Bible!

"God, thank you for the Holy Spirit! We give Him honor, praise, and worship!

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The Holy Ghost guided the writers of the Bible to record the Gospel. The Gospel is God's power to save us!

"God, we thank you so much for the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! His death, burial, and resurrection has given us powerful assurance!

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The Holy Ghost guided the writers of the Bible to tell us about the Kingdom of God! It came, not only in word, but in power!

"God, your Son, Jesus, built His Kingdom, the church, in power and with authority! We are blessed to be a part of it!

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God can do so much more than we can imagine! He can do it through the power that works in us!

"God, our power and ability is in you. Give us the power to do everything you want us to do in life, even though it is beyond our imagination!

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The Holy Spirit is a witness with our spirit that we are the children of God! Shouldn't our "Happy Father's Day" go first and foremost to God?

"God we are so thankful that you are our Father! We know you sacrificed your Son, so we could be your children!

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Since we are God's children, we are also His heirs. Just take a moment to think about that! Heirs of God! Amazing!

"God, there is no way we can understand what it means to receive an inheritance from you, but we are so thankful to be your heirs!

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We are to live our lives so the world will have nothing to blame us about. This makes us shine as lights in a dark and corrupt world.

"God, we know you are pure light. There is no darkness in you. Help us to show a little bit of you in this dark world!

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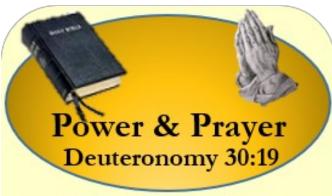


What do you think we will be like when Christ returns? Will we know each other? Will we even have a face? Perhaps. What we know for certain is we are God's children, and since Jesus is the Son of God, we will be like Him!

"God, we will see you soon! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Salvation! It is God's gift, but it is our choice to receive it.

"God, you put the choice in front of us. We choose your blessing instead of a cursing. We choose life over death. We choose you and the truth about your Son instead of Satan and his lies!

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Be patient. That means don't give up. Let's stand firm in our faith. The coming of the Lord is getting close!

"God, we don't know when Jesus will return, but we do know if we are patient we will be ready when He comes. It won't be very long.

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The fervent prayers of God's righteous people accomplish a great deal. Let's remember that the power of prayer is in the one who is prayed to, not the one who is praying.

"God, we live to be righteous but we humbly submit to you and your will when we pray!

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Let's listen to a wise word from a wise person today. Let's learn something new!

"God, we don't know all the answers to life's problems, but you do. You have given many people great wisdom. Send them our way so we can listen and learn!

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If we have the means to help someone, why not do it now? God gives. We can too!

"God, you have given us so much. Everything we have is yours. Is there someone you want to bless today? Send them our way to bless them through us.

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Choose to love our spouses and be faithful to them. Let them satisfy us in every way. Let's "Drink water from our own well"!

"God, you know the best way for us to be happy in our marriage. We will follow your way and be faithful!

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People who gossip can't be trusted! If they are talking about others to us, then rest assured they are talking about us to others!

"God, when people pour their hearts out to us, sharing their secret pain, help us to be trustworthy and confidential!

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Let's not form relationships with people who don't know what they are talking about! These "friends" will hurt us in the long run.

"God, Jesus ate with sinners, but they followed Him. Jesus didn't form relationships with Pharisees who refused Him!

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"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.". Keeping this in mind will change us!

"God, there is nothing secret to you. You know everything about us. We are sorry for our sins. We want you to be happy with our behavior!

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Pride is an abomination to God! He will punish prideful people. Let's be humble!

"God, pride is disgusting to you! You hate it! We confess our sinful pride. We hate the thought of being separated from you. Please forgive us of the pride in our hearts.

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"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" Aren't you looking forward to the rest that is coming?

"God, we are committed to the work you have given us to do here on earth, but we often get so tired and weary! We yearn for your REST!

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Farmers would team up the older and more experienced oxen with the younger ones. The older bore the work load while training the younger.

"God, we are so happy to be yoked with Jesus! He bears our burdens while teaching us the right way to live!

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While it is true we find rest for our souls being yoked to Jesus, we must be careful lest we come short of the rest God has prepared for us

"God, help us never take our rest for granted! Help us live our lives with great fear and reverence toward you!

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Every 50 years the Hebrews enjoyed "Jubilee"! It was a year of "Liberty"! The nation would rest and people in bondage would be set free!

"God, we thank you for our nation's freedom, but our real hope is in the rest and freedom we have in Christ!

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God had prepared the land of Canaan for His people to enjoy rest from war and the peaceful life His law would bring to their society. Sadly, they didn't have enough faith to enter into that rest!

"God, we faithfully surrender to your will as we rest in you!

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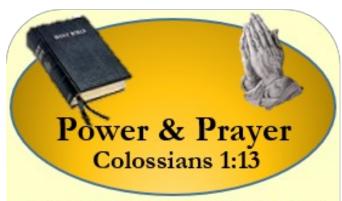


The truth of God's Gospel gives us hope of heaven!

"God, we have hope! It's not because we are perfect. It is not because we have a good "feeling". Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness! Your Bible tells us so!

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Let us not underestimate the power of darkness! It causes death in this life as well as in the life to come!

"God, we are so thankful that you have transferred us from the power of darkness to the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus! It is the only safe place to be!

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Naaman had leprosy. He was told to wash in the Jordan river seven times to be cured. That was not the instruction he wanted, but when he finally did what he was told, he was healed!

"God, help us to do what we are told, not what we want!

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God commanded the light to shine through the darkness, but that light shines in our hearts to give knowledge to the dark world!

"God, we are humbled that you have put your light in our hearts to shine in the world. Let your light shine in us!

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Why would God deposit His valuable treasure, the light of His Gospel, into us? We are just clay pots! He wants to make it clear that the power is in HIM, not us!

"God, you have entrusted us with your powerful Gospel! Let your light shine in us!

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If our hearts are not broken, God will not be close to us! He wants us to have a heart that is penitent and humble!

"God, we humble our hearts before you as we repent of our sins and wicked deeds! Please forgive us and be close beside us today!

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There are many things that Jesus did that are not written in the Bible, but enough has been written to convince us to become a believer! If folks would read they may believe!

"God, we believe what you have written in your Bible! We will read it every day!

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Who can argue with God? Nobody! Why, then, do we do it? We do things we know God is not happy with. Is He wrong? Are we right?

"God, you are always right! We are so sorry for arguing with you! Please forgive us when we insist on our way!

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Don't think that we can know everything there is to know about God. If we could, then we would be equal to God! We are not!

"God, we search to know you better because we love you. We look forward to the day we will fully know you!

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A wise person will take to heart honest correction, but you can't beat it into a fool!

"God, your Bible exposes the errors of our ways. We read it because we understand it makes a positive difference in our lives. It is foolish to ignore your correction!

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Some friends can be closer to us than our blood kinfolks! If we want friends like that, we must be friends like that!

"God, we thank you for the good people you send into our lives. Help us to be good friends to them. Of course, our best friend is your Son!

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"Look before you leap" is very good advice! A wise person gathers information before taking action. Once the research is done, don't sit still, take the leap!

"God, you have given us all the information we need to take the "Leap of faith"!

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Many people quickly make a promise that they later don't keep! Why? They didn't think the promise through! If we have promised something to God, let's be sure to keep it!

"God, we promised to serve you. Please forgive us when we don't follow through!

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It's best not to even respond to a foolish person. We stoop to their level when we do. If we feel we must respond, we better be sure to fully expose their foolishness!

"God, help us to be wise in our dealings with people who refuse to learn your truth!

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If we listen to God's law and obey it, God will hear our prayers. If we don't, our prayers disgusts Him.

"God, we love your Bible that tells us your will and wisdom! We lift up our prayers to you knowing you listen to them as we listen to you!

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If you have found a virtuous woman, appreciate her and treat her like a RUBY!!

"God, we thank you for the women in our lives. They are our wives, mothers, sisters, best friends, etc.! Help us not take them for granted. They are your gifts to mankind!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and it includes STUDY (the apostle's doctrine)! This is a must if we expect to grow as a Christian! Learn it!

"God, we recognize we can't know everything, but we are committed to study the Bible!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and FELLOWSHIP is part of it! We are to build up the church of Jesus Christ which consists of fellow believers!

"God, help us use our time, talent, and resources to offer strength to fellow Christians!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth. WORSHIP is a critical part of our growth! "Breaking of bread" in this text refers to the Communion which is part of our Worship to God.

"God, we will worship you in the assembly of the saints!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and PRAYER should never be ignored! God talks to us through His Bible, but we talk to Him through our prayers!

"God, we humbly approach you in prayer and thank you for the privilege to do so!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and SERVICE not only helps others, it strengthens us! The first Christians shared in a crisis. Shouldn't we?

"God, help us to grow as we learn to be a servant to you and to those around us!

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and we will grow when we ASSOCIATE with Christians. We need to be around folks that share our faith in Christ. The first Christians ate meals together. We should too!

"God, we love your people! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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I am a Christian! What Now? There is a pattern for growth, and we must closely guard our REPUTATION if we want to grow! Having "favour with all the people" allows us to have a positive influence!

"God, we want others to see you through us!

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God has a PLAN and we are a part of it! God put Esther in a position to save the entire Jewish nation! He can put us in positions to do things He wants done!

"God, we know you plan your work and work your plan. We invite you to use us!

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Esther understood she could be killed if she did what she had to do to save her people. She asked for everyone to PRAY and fast for her. We should do the same thing!

"God, we humble ourselves in prayer to you asking for protection as we serve you!

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God had a plan for Esther! He heard all the prayers to protect her, but she still had to PROCEED! She did, and salvation came!

"God, we want to follow your plan and trust your protection Help us have the courage to do what we should do!

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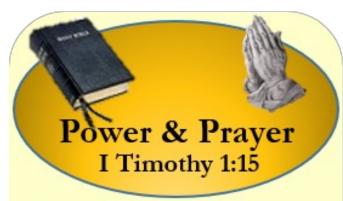


It is a serious problem when we are not ashamed of our sins! A hardened heart can't blush with shame over sin!

"God, we know you removed all our guilt at baptism but we still feel ashamed! We know there is a difference between guilt and shame!

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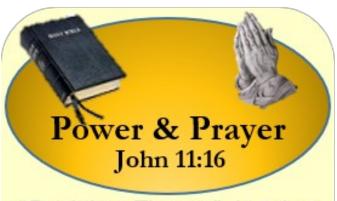


Paul knew he was forgiven, but he never forgot what he had done and how he sinned against God! Should we?

"God, we thank you for the forgiveness we have through Christ! Our sins are behind us, but we remember what we are so we won't go back!

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"Doubting Thomas" is what we call him, but he is the one who said, "Let's go and die with Him"! This sounds like a man with no doubts! It is ok to doubt if it leads us to ask questions and find answers!

"God, help our doubts lead us to search for your way!

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God made sure things were written down that we may believe. God gave Thomas what he needed to believe. He did! Do we?

"God, you knew your Bible is all we needed to believe in Christ even though we have never seen Him! Thank you!

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Be Honorable! How? God said if we do right and have mercy, we will find honor as we live a righteous life!

"God, we honor you! You are the source of mercy and all that is right! Help us live our lives as a reflection of your righteousness and mercy!

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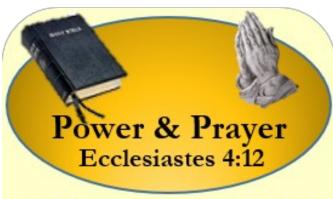


Be Honest! How? "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" God knows it!

"God, our hearts will lie to us and lead us to wickedness. You know our hearts! Being honest with ourselves begins with being honest with you!

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Get Help! How? Realize that we can't do it alone! We will be easily overtaken if we do not have help!

"God, you are our true helper You sent your Son, Jesus, to save us! Send people into our lives to help us. Give us strength to help them!

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Our "Tomorrows" will reflect the decisions of our "Todays" We not only sin against God if we refuse to do good, we sin against our future selves!

"God, help us to do good in our lives today! We trust your goodness for tomorrow! We know you are already there!

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Many say, "Someday I'll ..."

If we refuse to listen to God today, what makes us think we will listen tomorrow? The fact is every day we wait, the harder our hearts become!

"God, we know your anger is provoked when we refuse to listen! We are listening!

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God is our helper! He wants to save us all! When? NOW! Today is the day of salvation!

"God, thank you for salvation from sin and death! Help us share your saving message to others! Help them to open their eyes today and see the hope that you are offering!

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What if the thief on the cross beside Jesus waited until the next day to ask Jesus to save him? Wait! He didn't have tomorrow! We may not have tomorrow either!

"God, today may be our last day. If it is, we trust we will be with you today!

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Satan is POWERFUL! The whole world is wallowing in wickedness! Satan has a lot of influence over that!

"God, we know you are far more powerful than Satan! We don't want to follow the ways of the wicked world! We choose to follow you!

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Satan is PREPARED! When he sifts us like wheat, he discovers a lot about us. It allows him to know us better than we know ourselves!

"God, we know that Satan is prepared to do battle against us. We trust you to fight for us and deliver us from evil!

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Satan is PRACTICAL! He is never good, but he is good at what he does. He doesn't use impractical things to trap us, he uses T.V., music, the internet, computers, etc.

"God, thank you for our gifts and blessings. Help us guard against Satan's use of them!

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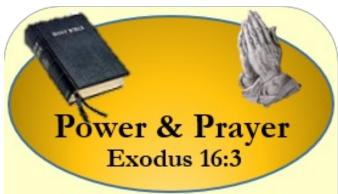


Satan is a PROWLER! He is a spiritual terrorist that wants to destroy us! He wants us to live in fear and dread!

"God, we know you will keep us safe! Satan seeks for our destruction, but you seek our salvation! We are at peace and rest in your protection!

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Satan is POISON! He tries to poison our thinking when he tells us our life was better before we confessed Christ and became a Christian. He wants us to go back!

"God, you have changed our lives for the better! We will not listen to "stinkin' thinkin'"!

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Satan is a PROSECUTOR! He accuses us of being bad and unworthy of salvation! He wants us to quit!

"God, we confess our sins before you. We can never be worthy of salvation! We are grateful for your grace and we will not let Satan steal it!

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Satan is a PERSUADER! He uses a lot of tricks and lies to distract us from seeing the urgency of getting right and staying right with God.

"God, keep us from the tricks and lies which Satan uses to persuade us. We will only be persuaded by the Gospel!

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God is merciful and He loves us. He restored our lives by His grace. He raised us up to sit in heavenly places. Why? So He could show HIS grace and kindness!

"God, it is all about YOU! We are just thankful to receive your love through Christ!

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God's plan for His fellowship with mankind was hid for a long time! Why? His intention was to reveal His plan to the world by the church of His Son, Jesus Christ!

"God, everyone needs to be in fellowship with you! Help us, the church, teach them.

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The Old Testament prophets and even the angels desired to understand God's plan of salvation through Christ!

"God, we are so thankful for your grace! You gave Jesus, your only begotten Son, to save everyone who believes and obeys your saving plan!

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Young people, listen up! You will get old one day if you live long enough! Bad things will happen to your body as age creeps in! Serve God now, while you are young, giving Him full use of your strength!

"God, we give our bodies in service to you! Young or old!

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God is our "Master". He is our "Shepherd". His wisdom is the prompting that moves us in the right direction!

"God, we listen to your wise words! They are like nails that hold everything in place! Help us speak your wisdom! Help us trust your words!

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When we embrace wisdom from God and learn as much as we can, we will be a lot happier and our lives will be more pleasant!

"God, you designed us! You know what will bring joy and happiness to our lives. Help us understand your wisdom!

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What is the most important thing? Wisdom! If we have it, we will do everything we can to understand truth!

"God, we thank you for love, forgiveness, salvation, etc. but without wisdom, we tend to foolishly ignore them all! Give us wisdom from above!

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Through faith, people of God have been conquerors! They have been saved from a lot of things, from being eaten by lions to being overtaken by their enemies!

"God, increase our faith! We trust you to give us victory over the evils of this world!

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Through faith, people of God continued to serve in spite of persecution and loss!

"God, increase our faith! We trust you even when it looks like the evils of this world are winning! We will be faithful to you and continue our service no matter what happens!

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Through faith, people of God gained approval from God! Though they never received God's promises here on earth, they were convinced God would keep His word!

"God, we want your approval above all things! You want us to trust you to the end!

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Jesus didn't say, "IF ye fast", He said, "WHEN ye fast"! Be careful to do your fasting in secret! It was never intended to be "seen of men" as some kind of righteous symbol!

"God, we humble ourselves before you in our giving, our prayers, and our fasting!

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Why did the disciples of John and the Pharisees fast but Jesus' disciples did not fast? Jesus explained they had no reason to fast! When the time came, and they had a reason, they would fast!

"God, thank you for teaching us about fasting for a reason!

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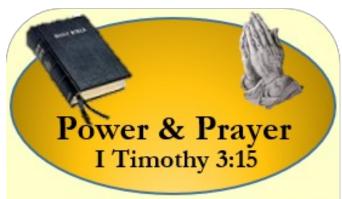


What kind of citizen should a Christian be? One who does not speak evil of anyone and is not contentious, but gentle to everyone they meet!

"God, help us be the kind of Christian in our community you would have us to be! We want them to see you in us!

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Paul said the church is the Pillar (Support) and Ground (Foundation) of the truth! If we remove the church from our lives we have lost our support and foundation!

"God, we thank you for the truth which is supported by the church of Jesus Christ!

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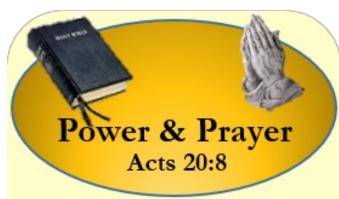


The Church has the right PLAN! God planned to send Jesus to build His church from the beginning of time! When the time was just right, He executed the plan!

"God, thank you so much for the Church of Jesus Christ! It is the perfect plan!

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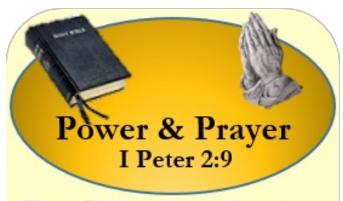


The Church has the right PRICE! It was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ! This shows how valuable the Church is to God!

"God, we are the church, so we understand how valuable we are to you! Thank you for paying such a price for us!

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The Church has the right PEOPLE! God describes us as chosen, royal, holy, and peculiar (special)!

"God, you are holy, royal, and very special! It amazes us that you chose us! It also amazes us that you describe us with those same words!

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The Church has the right PLEA! Jesus said to His apostles, "preach the gospel" so they pleaded with folks to obey the gospel! We are the church. We continue to make the same plea!

"God, give us opportunities to plead with others!

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The Church has the right PURPOSE! God wants us to "hold fast the profession of our faith". In a real sense, we are "professionals"! We are dedicated to our purpose!

"God, we will worship you, be benevolent, edify each other, and preach the truth.

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The Church has the right PROMISES! God has given unto us exceeding great and precious promises! Everyone who has been added to the church has these promises!

"God, thank you so much for your promises! We know you will keep them all!

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God's wisdom is absolutely true. There is nothing twisted about anything He says! He will not try to trick us or make things difficult. We just need to listen, trust, and obey!

"God, we commit to paying close attention to your wise words. Help us follow them!

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Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Singing! As we sing "I'll Fly Away", we are teaching and admonishing each other!

"God, we enjoy the four part harmony of those good old fashioned songs, but we sing as an act of worship to you!

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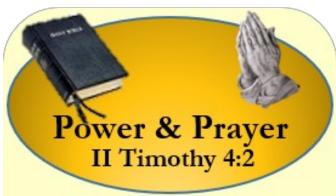


Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Praying! God wants us to pray with the spirit and the understanding! Let's not get out of balance in our prayers!

"God, we are so grateful for the access we have to you in prayer through Jesus Christ!

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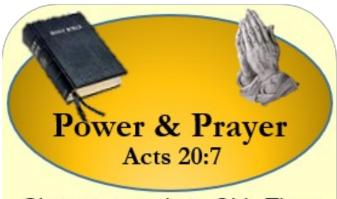


Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Preaching! Let's preach when it is in season or out of season – whether they like it or not!

"God, we know you have all the answers! Help us listen closely to your word!

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Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Communion! The earliest Christians took communion upon the first day of the week. We should too! Let's be Old Fashioned!

"God, we know the Lord's Supper is an act worship!

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Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Giving! The Christians in the first century gave upon the first day of the week. We should too! Let's be Old Fashioned!

"God, we know our giving is an act of worship to you!

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Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Benevolence! Worship on Sundays include Singing, Praying, Preaching, Giving, and Communion, but during the entire week we help the folks! We will be judged by it!

"God, help us help others! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Gimme me that Old Time Religion and Old Fashioned Edification! What can we do to build up the body of Jesus Christ, the Church, today?

"God, you gave us the gifts we need to accomplish our ministry. Help us use these gifts to edify Christ's Church!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must know what is right! Paul said his righteousness, which he had through law keeping, was nothing to him! He trusted Christ to be right!

"God, we know that we can only be right if we are in Christ! Thank you for Jesus!

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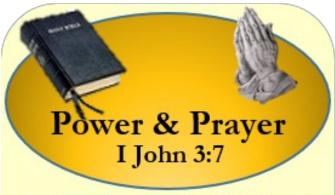


For Old Time Righteousness we must know what is right! It is not by the works of righteousness that we have done, but it is by his mercy that we are saved!

"God, thank you so much for your mercy! We can not do enough to deserve it!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must do what is right! He that does right is right!

"God, we understand that the righteous works we do can not save us, but we also know you expect us to do right! Help us do the right thing today as we serve you!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must do what is right! Let not sin, therefore, rule in our bodies! Let's not do things that simply satisfy our lusts!

"God, we want to serve you with our bodies! Help us use our bodies for righteousness instead of doing wrong!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must do what is right! We become a slave to whom ever we yield ourselves to obey. We can choose to do wrong or we can choose to do right! Do right!

"God, we choose to be your servants, so we will do right!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must do what is right! Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness!

"God, we crave to know and to do what is right! Thank you for your promise that we will be filled We are weak in our bodies, but right in your eyes!

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For Old Time Righteousness we must do what is right! The Church is the Bride of Christ! She is dressed in the fine linen of righteousness! We are the Church! Are we dressed for the wedding?

"God, we will do right today as we prepare to meet Jesus!

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The night before Jesus was crucified He crossed over the brook Kidron and came to the Garden of Gethsemane. Scripture tells about things that took place in Kidron that foreshadowed Jesus Christ!

"God, thank you for Jesus who fulfilled the scripture!

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King David had to run from his own son, Absalom, and was rejected by most of his followers. He crossed over the brook Kidron in sadness and despair. His faithful few went with him!

"God, help us remain faithful even in the difficult times!

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The High Priest would put his hands on a goat's head and confess sins. The goat would be released into the wilderness, never to be seen again. It symbolized the sins being carried far away.

"God, thank you for Jesus who is our Scapegoat!

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When a hen takes her chicks beneath her wings, she gives them the love and protection they need. Jesus offers such love and protection to all of us. Why do most reject it?

"God, we are so grateful for the love and protection we have from your Son, Jesus!

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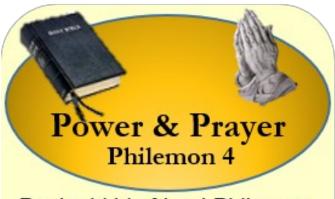


When the Lord comes again, the dead in Christ will rise first, then all which are alive will meet them in the clouds as we meet Jesus in the air. This comforts us at the death of fellow Christians!.

"God, dead or alive, we look forward to Christ's return.

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Paul told his friend Philemon, that he mentioned him in his prayers. Isn't it a wonderful thing to pray for each other by name? Who are we going to mention to God today?

"God, we know you listen to our prayers as we mention people's names to you!

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Many deceivers are in the world who refuse to believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came in the flesh, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and is now at God's right hand waiting to return.

"God, we pray for the lost antichrists that they may see!

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"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." There are at least two things God expects mankind to do. We should work well, and work wisely.

"God, help us do what you put us in charge of doing!

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What we do on this earth, and with the resources we have here, will determine our role in the new place God has planned for us after this earth is gone.

"God, thank you for this earth and its blessings. We look forward to our new home!

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The Jews worshiped God in Jerusalem on this earth. In the new earth there is a new Jerusalem where Christians are presented to Christ as a bride is to her husband!

"God, we are the church, the bride of Christ. Our worship is new and everlasting!

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The Jews' relationship with God was governed by the Old Testament. The church's relationship is governed by the New Testament.

"God, thank you so much for your New Covenant in Christ where we are your children and not just your servants.

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Now that we are in Christ, we are a New Man, renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created us. We behave differently!

"God, we want to know more about you so we will be more like you! Our old man is dead and our new man lives!

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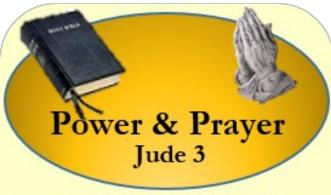


We are a New Creature! We don't just behave differently, we are different!

"God, thank you for changing us into a brand new creature! As a new creation, we are so very different than we used to be. We think, talk, and act differently because we are!

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We fight for family, freedom, and friends, but we must also contend for the Faith!

"God, our faith is in you who gave us the Faith! You gave the Christian Faith to those folks in the first century. Give us strength to fight for it in this century and beyond!

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God deserves to be glorified! He created the universe! We should glorify Him! Sadly, many do not glorify Him as God. There is no excuse for that! Why can't they see?

"God, we glorify you as the one and only true God! You are worthy to be worshipped!

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God glorifies Himself when He redeems His people! We should sing praises to the Lord for saving us!

"God, we praise you for our salvation through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ! You have glorified yourself by sacrificing Him for us!

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Jesus obeyed God's will and endured the cross. He has been glorified, and God is glorified in Him!

"God, words can not express how much we love you for saving us through your Son! We can't even imagine why you did it! We glorify you!

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We are bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit!

"God, thank you so much for your Son who purchased our salvation with His blood! We glorify you in our body and in our spirit!

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Today's Date:	



There is no doubt that God wants and deserves to be glorified and admired! When Jesus returns to gather His followers, God will get the full glory He is entitled to!

"God, one day we will stand before you in all your glory! Even now, we glorify you!

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Today's Date:	



God told His people to build a house of worship for Him. He said it would glorify Him! If we want to give God glory, we should worship Him!

"God, each Sunday, we look forward to worshipping you! We know you will be glorified as we sing praises to you!

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Today's Date:	



As disciples of Christ, we live to bear fruit. This means we are to be productive servants in His kingdom. When we do this, we glorify God!

"God, we want you to get glory for yourself in our lives! We will glorify you in the ministry you have given us!

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God made an incredible promise to Abraham! He said that all families of the earth shall be blessed in him! God fulfilled that promise when Jesus was born through the seed of Abraham!

"God, thank you for blessing the world through Christ!

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Today's Date:	



Moses was certainly one of the greatest followers of God that ever lived. Even he let the passions of human flesh blind him when he failed to sanctify God in his ministry!

"God, our ministry is about you, not us! Please forgive us when we forget that!

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Today's Date:	



We admire Ruth for her hard work and service to Naomi. However, the real hero of the book of Ruth was Boaz! He redeemed Ruth! Without the redeemer we can't be saved!

"God, you have redeemed us through your Son! We will honor you with our service!

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Today's Date:	



How many times have we justified ourselves when we did wrong? Sometimes we need God to send someone to expose our mistakes and tell us, "Thou art the man"!

"God, thank you for helping us see our sins! We repent and beg your forgiveness

Today's Date:	



Solomon loved the Lord and followed the example of his father, David, with only one exception, he worshipped in the high places! This mistake altered the course of his life!

"God, help us stay focused on you in our worship! Keep us from false doctrine!

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God sent a plague to punish David for his sin. He was told to offer a sacrifice to stop the death. David offered it on the threshing floor of Ornan at Mount Moriah. This is where Jesus was later crucified!

"God, your sacrifice stopped the death our sins cause!

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Today's Date:	



Solomon built a magnificent temple. When he dedicated it, the glory of the Lord came down and filled the temple.

"God, we know that we are your temple today! We ask that you fill us with your glory that we may serve you and glorify you with our lives!

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God sent Ezra to oversee the rebuilding of the temple. Artaxerxes, king of Persia, ordered funds to be taken from the local governments' treasuries and given to Ezra to pay for the construction!

"God, we trust you to provide what we need to do our work! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Today's Date:	



God sent Nehemiah to build the wall around Jerusalem. They built the wall, for the people had a mind to work!

"God, we know you will give us everything we need to do the work you have set before us. Help us have the willing mind to do it!

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Solomon had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines! However, there may have been one woman, a Shulamite, that had his heart! What did Solomon see in her that was so special?

"God, we are grateful Jesus gave his heart and life for us!

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When we think about our sin and our pitiful lives, it makes us wonder why God doesn't just consume us! His mercy and unfailing compassion is the only reason He doesn't!

"God, thank you so much for your mercy and compassion! Help us become better!

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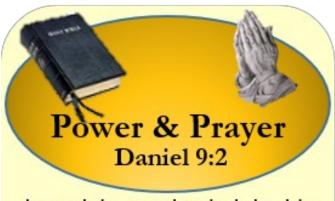


God showed Ezekiel a valley full of dry bones. God asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" It seemed impossible, but when Ezekiel began speaking the word of God, they came to life!

"God, your word gives us life! Keep us focused on it today!

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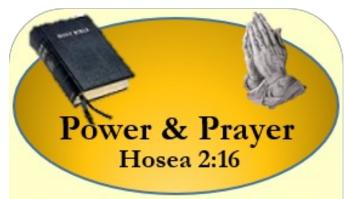
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Jeremiah prophesied in his book the people would be in captivity for seventy years. Seventy years later, Daniel read the book! He confessed sin and put his trust in God!

"God, as we read your Book, we confess our sins and trust and obey your word!

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Ishi means Master and Baali means Husband. God is our Ishi, but he wants us to call him Baali!

"God, we bow to you as our master and lord, but we are so grateful that we have a relationship with you like a marriage! It is overwhelming!

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Amos was not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but God told him to go preach, so he did!

"God, we feel so inadequate when we are trying to do the work you have given us to do, but you gave it, so we will do it! Help us as we do it!

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Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Jacob's people became known as Israelites and Esau's people were the Edomites. The Edomites oppressed the Israelites and were punished for it!

"God, help us be kind to our Christian family!

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Today's Date:		



God determined to punish Nineveh for its sins. When Jonah preached to them, they repented! There was a National Reformation! God decided not to destroy them!

"God, we confess the sins of our nation and repent before you! Please forgive us!

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Only one hundred and sixty years after Jonah, Nineveh had reverted back to its sinful lifestyle. Their National Reformation had faded away so God destroyed them!

"God, help our nation remain faithful to you! Help us truly say, "In God we trust"!

Today's Date:	



Bethlehem, though you are small, among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel.

"God, we know you often use the smallest and weakest among us to accomplish the greatest things! Use us!

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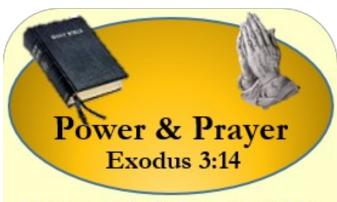


Mankind tends to worship things that bring them the most wealth and comfort! We sometimes feel we simply can not give these things up!

"God, we thank you so much for our blessings, but you are the object of our worship, not the material blessings!

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Moses asked God what his name was. God said He can be called, "I AM".

"God, we can never know all there is to know about you on this side of eternity, but we believe you exist simply because you exist and "I AM" describes you very well!

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During a debate with some religious leaders, Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM"! They tried to kill him because he had used the term "I AM" as a reference to himself, making himself equal to God.

"God, we believe you and your Son are one!

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After feeding a multitude with a few loaves and fish, Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life". All who come to Him will never hunger or thirst again!

"God, we know Jesus cares for our physical well being, but his primary concern is for our spiritual life!

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A woman was brought to Jesus caught in the very act of adultery. Instead of condemning her, He urged her to sin no more. Then he said, "I Am the Light of the World". All who follow him will never walk in darkness.

"God, thank you for the Light! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Today's Date:	



We tend to criticize others and "throw stones"! The next time we are tempted to do that, remember what Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

"God, help us see our own faults before we cast stones!

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God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we want to be Godly, then we must rid ourselves of darkness. Since light repels darkness, and Jesus is Light, then we must fill ourselves with Christ!

"God, help us to walk in the Light as He is in the Light!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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Today's Date:	



Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world"! We all have sin in our lives and walk in this dark world. How can we be the world's light? Whenever we behave like Christ, the dark world is illuminated!

"God, help us be a reflection of the Light of Christ to all!

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Today's Date:	



Our sins separate us from God. When this happens, It's not that God can not hear our prayers, it's that He will not hear them!

"God, we repent of our sins and ask you to forgive us! We humbly ask you to hear our prayers and petitions!

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People try to access God through religion, philosophy, even idols and saints! Jesus said, "I am the door"! Any other avenue that claims to give access to God is a lie!

"God, we come to you in the name of Jesus! We know he is the only way to you!

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Diotrephes, one who loved to have the preeminence in the church, refused to let John's letter be read! He tried to stop God's word from being shared with the church!

"God, we humble ourselves before you as we read and share your word!

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Zephaniah wrote about 630 years before Christ. He warned the Jews to repent of their national sins! Their money would not save them when God came to judge!

"God, we confess our sins and repent! We put our trust in your power to save!

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Today's Date:	



God brought the Jews back to Jerusalem after 70 years of captivity. Zechariah told them to build the temple! God loved them, but He fully expected their worship!

"God, we thank you for the blessings you have given us! We will surely worship you!

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The Jews had not been back in Jerusalem long and they had already gone back into sin that caused their captivity in the first place! Malachi warned them to repent or be subject to more punishment!

"God, help us never forget to serve you with thanksgiving!

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Matthew showed that Jesus did things that fulfilled the prophecies! Jesus was, and is, the Messiah, the Christ, that all the prophets foretold would come to save us!

"God, we know Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies! He is indeed your Son!

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We know the deal is sealed when the buyer gives us earnest money! It is their guarantee of the transaction that will soon be finalized!

"God, you have given us the Spirit! In doing so, you have sealed us! We pledge never to back out of the deal!

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When we pray, we never know what we should pray for or how we ought to pray! The good news is The Spirit helps us in this weakness by making intercession for us!

"God, we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ trusting the Holy Spirit to intercede!

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Today's Date:	



Our hope of eternal life rests upon the promise God made. Since He can't lie, we have blessed assurance!

"God, we know you can't lie and you always keep your promises. Thank you for the promise we have of eternal life through your Son, Jesus!

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It is possible to look good on the outside and be very ugly on the inside! It is good to present ourselves in the best possible way, but we should remember the condition of our heart is what matters!

"God, we serve you with our heart as well as our outside! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"

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We put on gloves, coats, helmets, and other gear for protection. We should put on Christ! How? All that have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ!

"God, we have put on Christ in baptism and are so happy for the protection he gives!

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Today's Date:	



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"God, we don't know why you did it, but we are so glad you did! Thank you!

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Today's Date:	



"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The "Word" is Jesus who became flesh and dwelt among men (John 1:14).

"God, you and Jesus are the same! He became a man so you could save us! Amazing!

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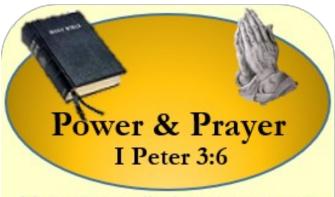


God ordained man to leave his father and mother and become one with his wife. This mystery speaks of the church's relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ!

"God, we are one with your Son, Jesus, and have put Him above all relationships!

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Men generally have a strong need to feel significant and worthwhile. Sara called her husband, Abraham, "lord"! This, no doubt, helped fill his need for significance!

"God, please help wives fill the needs of their husbands to strengthen their marriage!

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Women generally have a strong need to feel safe and secure! Abraham loved and honored his wife, Sarah! No doubt, this helped fill her need for security!

"God, please help husbands fill the needs of their wives to strengthen their marriage!

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Every temptation has already been experienced by other people! We are not exempt from any of them! However, God promised to provide a way to escape temptations!

"God, help us see the way to escape the temptations we will face today!

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Peace! Such a sweet word! We all yearn for peace in our minds, body, and spirit! This world offers tribulation and trouble! Jesus said He has overcome the world and will give us peace!

"God, we rest in Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

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Today's Date:	



When Paul preached to the people in Berea, they studied the scriptures to see if what he said was true! Was Paul offended? No! He said they were "noble"!

"God, help us check behind those who preach to see if they are teaching the truth!

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Today's Date:	



The Word of God, the Bible, is the most powerful truth in the universe! It can open our hearts and minds to see far more than we could see with our own ideas about life!

"God, help us understand the Bible and its great truths! We know it contains your words!

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The Jews were chosen by God and given promises that foreshadowed the spiritual promises we have in Christ. All Jews refusing Christ were cut off from the promises and Gentiles were grafted in!

"God, thank you for grafting us in to enjoy your promises!

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Today's Date:	



We need to listen to God's wisdom! Man's wisdom is confined by earthly limits and affected by sensual desires. Man's wisdom is marred by devilish thinking!

"God, we pray for your truth and wisdom. We know your ways are better than ours!

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Everyone that uses natural means to reason and search out wisdom, will believe that spiritual things are foolish! In fact, it is impossible for them to truly know spiritual things!

"God, open our spiritual eyes to see your wisdom! Keep us from the folly of man's ways!

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God is special to us! Always be ready to give a reason why we have the hope we have, but give your answer with gentleness and respect!

"God, we know we are saved by your grace as we obey your will. Help us to be kind to the lost who refuse you!

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All who confess that Jesus is the Lord, and believes that God raised him from the dead, will be saved! These people have seen the truth of God's word and will obey it!

"God, we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we know you raised Him from death!

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Throughout history faithful people have lived their lives for God! They are examples to us to stop sinning and live our lives for God!

"God, thank you for telling us about all the faithful men and women who served you. We will serve you faithfully too!

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Today's Date:	



We simply can't do it alone! God knows that! That's why He told us to assemble! Let's not forsake the assembly! It's for our own good!

"God, we know the church is your people! We love being with fellow Christians as we regularly worship you!

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Today's Date:	



The Law of Moses was given by God. It was a good Law! However, mankind could not keep it perfectly. Jesus took away that Law so He could establish a New Covenant!

"God, we will obey the New Testament commands to be saved by grace through faith!

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The Old Testament priests had ministries and served before God, but Jesus has a more excellent ministry! He is the mediator of a better covenant, established upon better promises.

"God, we are so happy to be under the New Testament!

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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew God was able to deliver them from the fiery furnace, but even if God did not deliver them, they still refused to serve false gods!

"God, many are faithful if you do certain things. We will be faithful even if you don't!

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"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the only authority for our salvation.

"God, we come to you by the authority of Jesus Christ. We know He is the only way to access your saving grace!

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"The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

"God, when we begin to think we are wiser and stronger than we really are, help us to see your "foolishness" and "weakness" ... it is far better!

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"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble." That means all of us! Don't expect to live in this world in perfect joy forever!

"God, we thank you for the blessings here on earth, but we are looking forward to our eternal life in heaven!

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A shadow is not the actual body. The Old Testament is simply a shadow of the New Testament. The old shadow can't save us, but the New Testament certainly can!

"God, we are so thankful for the New Testament! It can make us perfect!

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If you patch an old shirt with a new piece of cloth, the hole will get worse when the new cloth shrinks! You will make things worse if you try to mix the Old Testament and the New Testament!

"God, prepare our hearts to receive the New Testament!

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Today's Date:	



The Spirit of God dwelt in the Temple when mankind was under the Old Testament. Now that we are under the New Testament, God's Spirit dwells in us!

"God, we wonder how your Spirit dwells in us, but we don't doubt that He does!

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Many people like to pray in the mornings. It gets their day off to a great start. Why? We believe God hears us! After we pray, let's look up!

"God, we know you hear our prayers. We don't know how or when you will answer! We will look up and trust you!

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Today's Date:	



It doesn't matter what we do or say, if we don't have love, we are nothing!

"God, thank you so much for the gifts you have given us. We will use them in your service. However, help us to have a loving heart! Without love our service is worthless!

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Today's Date:		



God describes the love He expects us to have for each other. We express this love for each other because we choose to! It is an act of obedience, not emotions!

"God, we will learn about the love you want us to have for each other and express it!

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When we get into trouble, we look for help. Unfortunately, the help isn't always there when we really need it!

"God, you are our refuge, the place we find security. Your strength is sure! The best part is, you are present! You are there when we need you!

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Today's Date:	



Immanuel means "God with us". Isaiah prophesied of the birth of a special child called Immanuel. Matthew shows that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of his prophecy!

"God, thank you so much for being with us through the person of your Son, Jesus!

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Isaiah prophesied of a child who would become a great ruler. His name shall be Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!

"God, we believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy! We will serve Him!

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Today's Date:	



Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for Him anywhere else! Are we making room for Him in our lives?

"God, we are so thankful that your Son was willing to come to this earth, be cast aside by most, to save us!

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All things were created by Jesus and for Jesus, but He gave it all up to be born in a borrowed barn and buried in a borrowed tomb!

"God, we humble ourselves to serve your Son, Jesus, who was willing to humble Himself to save us!

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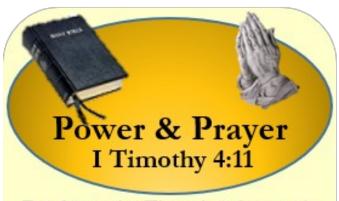


Jesus ascended into heaven as witnesses watched. The angels said He would return in the same way! Make no mistake about it, every eye will see Him coming back!

"God, we are looking forward to the day when we see Jesus coming in the clouds!

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Today's Date:	



Paul taught Timothy the truth and told him to command and teach those things to others.

"God, help us stay focused on your truth, learn it, and teach it! Give us courage to command others to embrace your truth and not despise it!

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Jesus said that many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. It is sad to see what is being taught and accepted by folks, but it is not surprising! We knew it was going to happen!

"God, keep us from darkness as we walk in your light!

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It is easy to point fingers and judge folks! Who are we to judge God's servants? They will stand or fall based on how God sees them.

"God, we will keep ourselves focused on teaching your truth, but we will stay away from your place as Judge!

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Most of us have made bad mistakes. We wonder if we can ever make them right! Sometimes we can't, but God promises to make everything new! Let Him!

"God, we have decided to follow Jesus! Help us as we walk this path for a new life!

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It is my hope and prayer that you have had a wonderful year as you experienced the power of God's Word and approached Him in Prayer.

May your new year be blessed with renewed strength!

Perhaps you would like to take another journey through this book for the next year. You could reflect on the notes you have taken from the previous year as you reflect on your progress. It may even surprise you as you see new insights from the Power of His Word giving you more to think about as you pray!

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