

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No,
It is not for me to take away,
But for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped
child whole.
God said, No,
His spirit is whole, his
Body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No,
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No,
I gave you blessings, happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No,
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares
and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No,
You must grow on your own,
But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No.
I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others
As much as He loves me.
God said.....AHHH,
Finally you have the idea.

In Christ,
Bro. Warren

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FROM BRO. TIM:

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Col. 3:2

One afternoon a young lady came home with a new dog that she just adored. She fed him, washed him, and played with him every day. But very quickly, the dog developed a bad habit of pulling down the clothes hanging from the clothesline.

So the girl came up with a clever idea: She put a white kitchen towel on the line and waited. Every time the dog pulled it off, she scolded him. After two weeks, the towel was untouched. So she hung out a large load of laundry and left to do some errands. When she came home, her clean clothes were scattered everywhere. But left hanging on the line was her white kitchen towel!

Like that dog, many people become very good at learning the routines of the Christian life, yet they completely miss the point. They wake up early to have their devotional times, they go to church on Sunday, and they pray at night. But when it comes to knowing God, the routine often takes precedence over the relationship.

Read your Bible... go to church... pray. But do all of these out of a heartfelt relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Don't do the routine for the sake of routine. Instead, let the routine simply be worship of the almighty God who loves you!

If you find yourself in this place in life pray and ask God to show you where your 'Christian routine' falls short of heartfelt worship. Ask Him to give you a new focus as you live each day walking with Jesus Christ.

Also, what are some things you do as part of your 'Christian routine' that are at risk of losing their meaning if you don't refocus? Can you think of some changes you can make that will help you refocus your routine on heartfelt worship of God?

Blessings, Bro. Tim
Jer. 29:11 NIV

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- OCT. 5th - Joe & Diane Peterson
- 9th - Doug & Shirley Jackson
- 10th - Lee & Patsy Presnell
- 14th - Howard & Pam Palmer
- 19th - Melvin & Jean Horton
- 19th - Erik & Mabel Stickles
- 20th - William & Kathy Bittle
- 22nd - Wayne & Betty Bloodsworth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- OCT. 2nd - Colleen Yarbrough
- 3rd - Leanne Burroughs
- 3rd - Donna Collins
- 3rd - Hilda Fowler
- 3rd - Donna Gocek
- 3rd - Don Warming
- 6th - John Presley
- 6th - Lisa Stevenson
- 7th - Kenneth Hollingsworth

- OCT. 9th - Gwen Ellis
- 9th - Debbie Mathews
- 9th - Sylvia Williams
- 10th - Sharon Bass
- 11th - Bruce Smith
- 13th - Betty Sexton
- 14th - Linda Boyd
- 15th - Jean Godsmark
- 16th - Joel Buzbee
- 16th - Gary Cary
- 17th - Cliff Tusing
- 18th - Linda Hiatt
- 19th - Vernon Shearer
- 20th - Jimmy Thomas
- 21st - Chris Deason
- 21st - Karen Parrish
- 22nd - Connie Johnson
- 23rd - Pat Long
- 24th - Delores McNeill
- 24th - Randall Stevenson
- 26th - Reta Pearl
- 28th - Stella Bureson
- 29th - Jake Lindsey
- 29th - G. W. Parrish
- 29th - Randy Sommers
- 30th - Faye Pfeiffer

DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCT. 9th - 14th - Fall Trip – Pigeon Forge
- APRIL 3rd - 5th, 2017 - Senior Fest Lake Yale – Watch for More info

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY



The family of Maudine Douglas on her passing.

The family of Don Piper on his passing.



Pray for our Student Pastor Search Committee and for the one He has chosen for this position. Pray for our staff as they shoulder the load while we are without a student pastor. Pray for our church to support our staff during this time.

Pray for the group going to Pigeon Forge next week for safety as they travel and that they will experience a great time while there.

You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.

Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.

It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

The best is yet to come!!