

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEP 20, 2009

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

GOSPEL MEETING AT CURRY, SEP 20-23

DESSERTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24: SHEILA WINDHAM

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

(1 Timothy 2:1-5)

I. It is _____ (vs. 1-2).

- A. Paul is giving a _____ in this passage.
- B. What is the difference in the types of prayers that are mentioned by Paul?
 - 1. Supplications are request for some type of _____ from God.
 - 2. Prayers are requests made from a sense of _____ - we need something in particular and ask God to grant that request.
 - 3. Intercessions are requests made on behalf of _____.
 - 4. Giving of thanks refers to be thankful for those things God has done and prayers already _____.
- C. We are to ask these prayers on behalf of all _____ first of all.
- D. We are also to do this for those in positions of _____ power.

II. It is _____ (vs. 2).

- A. We pray so that _____ can lead quiet and peaceable lives.
 - 1. Quiet carries the idea of _____.
 - 2. Peaceable carries the idea of _____.
- B. We need to pray for our leaders so we can continue with our spiritual lives with no _____ for being a Christian.
- C. All we want is to be left alone to _____ God as He has commanded.
- D. We are to pray for the rulers over us whether they are _____ or _____.

III. It is _____ (vs. 3-4).

- A. Praying for those in authority is in _____ with God's will.
- B. It ought to be the goal of all Christians to _____ as many of the lost as possible.
- C. Some nations and leaders enact laws that make the spread of the gospel easier to _____.
 - 1. When the borders of Russia were opened, the schools would allow missionaries to come in and use the _____ to teach English.
 - 2. This allowed great _____ for missionaries.

IV. It is _____ (vs. 5).

- A. The prayer of saints is powerful because we are the only ones on speaking terms with man's only _____.
- B. During the _____ of Nebuchadnezzar, he had a dream.
 - 1. Only Daniel and his friends could give the dream and its _____.

2. The reason for this is because they were the only ones who knew the God who revealed _____ (Daniel 2:24-30).
- C. Today, Christians are the ones who have the _____ to God who rules the universe.
- D. James 5:16.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? (Pt. 1)

Ben Wright

Our Lord was the Master Teacher. One of the teaching tools He used was that of the parable. The parable has been defined as an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus would use a parable when attempting to get some spiritual truth across to His audience or in answer to a question. Recorded for us in Luke chapter ten is the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus was asked by a man who his neighbor was that he was to love as himself. The man did this in order to try and show that he was righteous, which is the idea of the word justify found in verse 29 (The Complete Word Study New Testament, pg. 905). Jesus, using this parable, laid out very plainly who was the neighbor of this man and all men, including us.

From this parable we first see that our neighbor is not one that has to look or talk like us. The Samaritans and Jews did not get along with one another at all. There were great religious differences between the two groups. There were also racial differences between the two. Jews would walk around the area of Samaria in order not to have to be near the Samaritans. This despite the fact that added a great deal of distance to their journey. This Samaritan saw someone who was not like him and still helped the Jew despite these differences.

Racism, classism, sexism and any other discriminatory actions are sinful according to this parable. If we hold an idea that keeps us from being a neighbor, it is an idea that needs to be discarded immediately. Every individual with whom we come into contact has a soul, regardless of their race, social position or economic status. This is something our young people need to learn while in school with a diverse group of students. This is something Christians in the business world need to learn while hiring someone for a job. This is something Christians need to learn in all walks of life. Man is made in the image of God, having an eternal soul (Genesis 1:27). We must never be guilty of being unneighborly to anyone because we sin when we do so.

From this parable we also see that my neighbor is one in need of compassion. The Samaritan found this man lying on the side of the road. He was wounded and in need of medical attention. He was unable to care for himself and needed compassion shown to him by someone. Care and aid was given this man by the Samaritan because he did not see someone unlike him, he simply saw someone in need of compassion, which is the idea of showing pity or sympathy (Strong's Concordance).