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"The unfolding of thy words give light; it gives understanding to the simple"

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GOD'S VISION

My, where did the first quarter of 2007 go? It seems that every year that goes by, time moves faster.

Pneuma Bible Institute is finishing up its 2006/2007 trimesters of study this month (May) and will be graduating its students in June. This year has been an interesting and challenging year at PBI. We see it as a year of preparation for our 2007/2008 school year. We continue to be blessed with a gifted and dedicated faculty and a student body that are committed to personal growth in the Lord in order to be better equipped to help others in their areas of need.

Some of our students come to PBI for training and then return to their local churches and communities to enrich them with that which they have learned at PBI.

This summer will be a crucial time for our faculty and staff to recruit new students throughout Hampton Roads for our new school year which starts mid-September.

Our desire and vision is to see our student body reflective of our community and beyond. God has raised up PBI as an institution to train up the body of Christ at large and not to be an exclusive school attended by a few.

Our school mandate is spelled out very clearly in Ephesians 4:11-13, "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to God's people for works of service, so that the body

of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

This also applies to our Apostolic role in teaching and ministering to those in fulltime vocational ministry in order for them to reach their full potential in Christ and fulfill the vision God has called them too.

Titus 2:1,7 – You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

The books we have been inspired to write are for the sole purpose "--that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:17

What a joy it is to know that God is using us to be a small part of fulfilling His purposes on this earth in building up the Kingdom of God in these last days.

We want to encourage you who read this column to allow God to stretch you into new levels and seasons of growth and service regardless of your age or education. When you do, your trust level in Christ soars into the heavens and He works in you and through you His wonders to behold.

Ken & Doreen

COUNTING THE COST

What a privilege it is to trust God for His daily provision and see Him fulfill His promises. Walking by faith is not a tangible thing that you can see or touch. It is exactly what God tells us in His Word. Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we don't see.

God is not through with any of us when it comes to trusting Him in all of life's circumstances and challenges. This includes trusting Him for our daily provision.

So many times we look in our billfolds or purses and we make our decisions on giving based upon what we have in hand. When we do that, we remove the element of faith and exclude God from the process and miss His blessing.

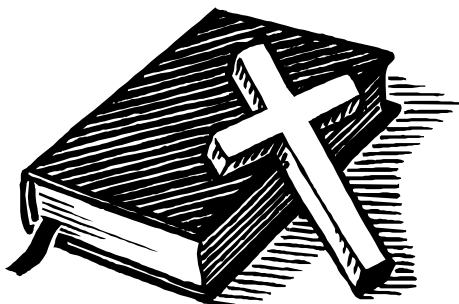
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GOD BLESS YOU for CARING!



FEED MY SHEEP

Prayer: The Greatest Work

Everything that has ever been accomplished for the Kingdom of God has had its roots in prayer. Every soul saved, every church begun, every missionary sent were all the result of earnest, prevailing prayer – its vastness is a reflection of the origin of prayer – God Himself.

The more I pray, the more I read about prayer, it seems the less I know. When I have established a plan of prayer God comes by the power of the Holy Spirit and shows me something new.

As I share with you some of the principles I have learned in the past fifty years, I am aware that there is so much more that could be shared. However, I pray that you who read these words will find help for your prayer life.

As Andrew Murray says, it is: "With Christ In The School of Prayer" – a school that we never graduate from!!

The Place of Prayer in the Life of the Believer.

Andrew Murray wrote, "People think that what God wills must inevitably take place. This is by no means the case. God wills a great deal of blessing to His people which never comes to them... This is the great mystery of man's creation with a free will... that God has made the execution of His will, in many things, dependent on the will of man."

The Power of Prayer

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things that you do not know."

The power of prayer is no more or less than the mighty power of God released through the life of a believer who stops being an obstacle to God. **The power is God's alone.**

"Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power. All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of prayer." - R.A. Torrey

"The one concern of Satan is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, or prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." - Samuel Chadwick

"Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, only how to pray. To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to man. Not power with men, but power with God is the first thing." - Andrew Murray

"Prayer is the way the life of God within is nourished. The Bible idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself. Prayer doesn't change things – prayer changes me and I change things; my concept of God, myself and others." - Oswald Chambers

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

Prayer Is – Points and Scriptures

1. *Communication with God (Mathew 6:9)* “Our Father Who is in Heaven.”
2. *Based on Relationship (John 14:6)* “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the father, but through Me.’”
3. *Getting God’s Viewpoint (Isaiah 55:8)* “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
4. *Submitting to God (Romans 12:1)* “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”
5. *Seeking God’s Will (Luke 22:42)* “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will, but (always) Yours, be done.”

The essential act of prayer is not the bending of God’s will to ours, but the bending of our will to His.

Not – “Please do for me what I want.”

But – “Please do in me, with me, and through me what you want.”

1 John 5:14 states, “And this is the confidence – the assurance, the (privilege of) boldness – which we have in Him: (we are sure) that if we ask anything (make any request) **according to His will**, in agreement with His own plan He listens to and hears us.”

We have this promise: (verse 15) “And (since) we (positively) know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know (with settled and absolute knowledge) that we have (granted us as our present possessions) the requests made of Him.”

Prayer Is – Recognizing the presence of God and our need of Him

II Chronicles 15:2 “The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him (inquiring for and of Him, craving Him as your soul’s first necessity), He will be found of you; but if you (become indifferent and) forsake Him, He will forsake you.”

Prayer Is – The Breath of our Spiritual Life

David Hubbard says, “If we think prayer is something we do only in dignified ceremonies or desperate emergencies, we have missed its value. We treat prayer as though it was the spice of life, but the Bible prescribes it as a vital staple in our diet. We are content with a dash of praise, a pinch of petition, a drop of confession to bring a slight flavor to our secularity. We sprinkle a shake or two of the supernatural over our basic humanism and call the mixture religion. But God sees prayer as the breath of spiritual life.”

The Word in Prayer

John 15:7 “If you live in Me (abide vitally united to Me) and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.”

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

Before Prayer: The Word prepares my heart.

In Prayer: The Word strengthens my faith.

After Prayer: The Word confirms the answer.

“All the mighty achievements wrought by men of God have been accomplished by faith in the written Word.” - E.W. Kenyon

“Real prayer is taking **His Word** into the Throne Room and letting **His words** speak through your lips to Him on the throne, calling **His** attention to **His own promises.**”

Doreen

PRAYER FOCUS

True prayer is a spiritual business from beginning to end, and its aim and object end not with man but reach to God Himself.

Charles Spurgeon

Please pray for the following:

- Our country to return to Godly values and morality based upon the Word of God
- A restoration of Biblical manhood, womanhood, fatherhood, motherhood, marriage and family life
- Open doors for ministry (domestic and foreign)
- Protection to help us stand firm against the enemy
- Anointing for consulting services, ministry, teaching, writing new materials and publications
- Financial needs to be met
- Divine health, strength, wisdom, guidance and protection
- Fulfilling our Apostolic role to Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries
- School of Biblical Living; that it might change the lives of its students for His glory
- Pneuma Bible Institute; that it would transform the lives of its students in preparation for fulfilling their calling

Proverbs 10:24 ---What the righteous desire will be granted.

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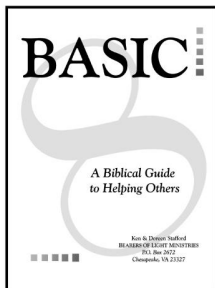
---Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

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- BOOKS (Counseling materials and publications to challenge and strengthen the Body of Christ)
- APOSTOLIC (Providing services, resources, ministry and accountability for independent Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries)

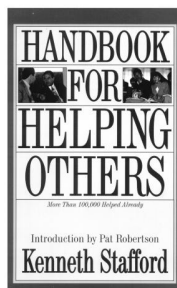
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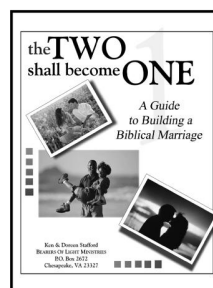
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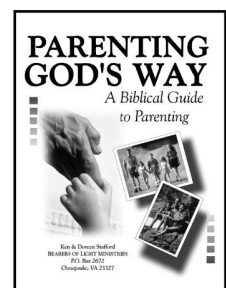
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