Shine

Let the light of The Lord shine through you

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To GOD be the Glory.

31 Daily Messages

(1 Month Exhortations)

JESUS is The Light of the World.

Luke 2:30-32 *2 Corinthians* 4:6

New Life in Christ

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. For GOD sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through Him might be saved.(John 3:16-17)...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9b) If we confess our sins, GOD is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (see 1 John 1:9) When we repent to GOD and receive forgiveness from GOD, through faith in JESUS shed blood on the cross for our sins; by His grace we are born again. If you have walked with The Lord in the past and wandered away, you can Return. Come to JESUS Today.

<u>Let The Light of The Lord</u> <u>Shine Through You</u>

...but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. (Matthew 25:4 NKJV) One of the ways that I think of the oil is -- our inner light (JESUS is in us by His Spirit). He empowers us to do what He says. [There's a statement "sell yourself" as to say, Be the best that you can be.] In acts of love, and service to others (as we walk by faith and in obedience to GOD), we spend ourselves spiritually. Sharing our testimony... is spiritual currency that is spent as well (when we tell others of how GOD has brought us out of circumstances). It is about letting the light of The Lord shine through-- in all that we say and do. To GOD be the Glory! In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 3 Shine for JESUS

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16 KJV) JESUS is The Light of the world. (see John 8:12) As believers in The Lord JESUS, we are lights in this world. (see Matthew 5:14) We are to live in such a way that others see JESUS in us. The life that we live is unto The Lord, to please and glorify Him. Let us not do anything in an attempt to satisfy one's own ego, or to think that we can do anything independently. We need GOD for everything. It's all about JESUS! As we abide in our Savior JESUS. we bring forth fruit. (see John 15:5)

Day 4Walk in the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25) There's a statement: What's in you comes out of you. The Word of GOD says, He that believeth in ME (JESUS) as the scripture hath said, out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water. (John 7:38) JESUS is the Living Water that flows out by His Spirit. (see John 4:10,14) JESUS told the woman at the well, that the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship The Father in spirit and in truth. (see John 4:23a) *In spirit - is where the heart is. In truth - this* is the real you. We do not worship only in a building or on a certain day only. We can worship The Lord anywhere at any time.

The fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23) Love gives and gives. GOD loved us so much that He sent His Son JESUS to die for the sin of the world so that we may have new life through Him. (see John 3:16, Romans 5:8) Joy is an inner delight that expresses confidence in GOD. (The joy of The Lord is our strength, see Nehemiah 8:10) GOD gives us peace in the midst of storms of life. (We pray to GOD to keep our hearts and minds in Christ JESUS, see Philippians 4:6-7) Longsuffering is patient persistence in the midst of pressures and problems. (GOD strengthens us to endure trials, see Job) Gentleness is how we handle matters with a steady, calm resolve. GOD is Good. We reflect the goodness of GOD as we respond in ways that please GOD. Faith believes GOD and obeys Him. (see Hebrews chapter 11, Romans 10:16-17) Meekness is a humble attitude. Temperance balances us out. We learn how to do things in moderation.

<u>Confess and Be Cleansed</u>

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. (James 5:16a) I can recall a situation that I did not handle in the best possible way. As a matter of fact, I failed the test. When we fail, we are to return to JESUS, repent of wrongdoing, ask GOD to forgive us, and ask Him to help us to do His Will; including making things right with those we have wronged, as we are able to do so. [If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18)] We are to come clean - [If we confess our sin, He (GOD) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (see 1 John 1:9)] We are to have a heart of repentance... not just saying "I'm sorry" but meaning it. Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of behavior. GOD wants us to have a relationship with Him and one another.

Day 7That Good Part

But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:42)
Mary and Martha were sisters of Lazarus (all friends of JESUS). When JESUS came to their house with His disciples, Martha became cumbered (distracted with much serving, KJV Bible, Commentary Footnote p.1335,©2017, Thomas Nelson). We might find ourselves like Martha at times: anxious, stressed, frustrated - distracted. Martha was busy, yet it was not beneficial.

It was not working toward that good part - which was needful. It is needful to spend time with JESUS (in the Presence of GOD). It is needful to trust Him with our cares and wait on Him to instruct us. We must realize that there is a time to serve and a time to sit and listen. When we sit and listen to JESUS we can learn what we are to do.

Life and Godliness

According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue. (2 Peter 1:3) The turnaround and transformation that takes place in the lives of a believer in the Lord JESUS is by The Spirit of GOD. We grow and develop as we continue in the Lord and obey The Word of GOD. We are to put on Christ; the mind of Christ and His Ways. (see Romans 6:4, Romans 12:2, Romans 13:14, Philippians 2:5). We cooperate with GOD as we humble ourselves before The Lord and yield to His leading; not insisting our own way in life. [The steps of a good man are ordered by The Lord: and he delighteth in his way. (Psalm 37:23)] GOD empowers us by HIs Spirit to live the life that He is calling for. Let us live for JESUS in godly character and conduct. May we delight in The Lord, desire His Will, and do what He says. [For it is GOD] which worketh in you (us) both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (see Philippians 2:13)

Work the Works of GOD

JESUS answered and said unto them, This is the work of GOD, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. (John 6:29) The Spirit of GOD draws us unto Himself that we may have faith to believe in JESUS to be saved. (see John 6:44) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship. created in Christ JESUS unto good works, which GOD hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:8-10) We are to live in such a way that others see JESUS in us and desire to know Him. [...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12b-13)] A minister of the gospel once stated how we are to work out what GOD has put in us.We are to exercise (put to practice) what GOD has given us to do. We do not live unto ourselves. [...but yield yourselves unto GOD, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto GOD. (Romans 6:13b)]

As we yield unto The Lord, we produce spiritual fruit for the kingdom of GOD. It matters what we do and say; and how we handle matters that come our way.

Let us be fruit bearers, bringing glory to GOD our Father in heaven. (see John 15:8)

Good Works

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16) Good works are not just nice deeds done, though they may consist of them. Good works also consist of godly character and conduct. The characteristics of GOD is expressed by The Spirit of GOD that indwell the lives of believers in the Lord JESUS. Our conduct is on display in daily living for JESUS. Attitude matters. How we treat people is important. What we do with our families, in our communities, on the job, etc. are all relevant. Good works are seen when we are patient, gentle and kind (and when we are not, we repent, and do not make excuses for it); when we are punctual to work, diligent and hard working, respectful, courteous, and hospitable. Good works are shown forth even when they are not received by others or reciprocated. The preceding are some of the ways in which good works may be demonstrated in the lives of those that put their trust in JESUS.

Greater Works

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will shew Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will. (John 5:20-21) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. (John 14:12) While greater works may be looked for with anticipation (naturally, limbs growing out,...) let us not miss the spiritual manifestation of what GOD is doing before our eyes even now. Salvation is a Miracle: From death -To New Life in Christ; From blindness (in darkness of unbelief and hatred) To faith and love; From paralysis (mindset immobilized by worldly views, philosophies, ideologies...) To a renewed mind, that transforms one's life; From being crippled by sin, To righteous living in Christ; From selfishness To selflessness (to caring, helping, serving - loving) Others lives are impacted as we live for JESUS everyday, for the glory of GOD.

...greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4b) Thank GOD for the Move of GOD: for the Wonderful Things He is Doing by His Spirit.

GOD is Great

For The LORD Is great, and greatly to be praised (see Psalm 96:4a).

That which GOD is doing and able to do is more than we can imagine.

Our minds can only think so much (finite). GOD is infinite.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Ephesians 3:20)

O the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of GOD! how unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out! (Romans 11:33)

GOD is Great. GOD does great things. There is even more to see and expect.

Let us have believing faith that takes GOD at His Word, line up with His Will and obey what He says.

Pray in Faith

Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?(Luke 18:8b) JESUS spoke a parable (story) about how men ought to pray and not faint...

A widow woman went to a judge to avenge her of her adversaries.

(see Luke 18:1-8)[avenge;Luke 18:3, vindicate, KJV Bible Thomas Nelson (c)2017 Footnote Commentary p.1349]

The widow woman wanted justice. She wanted to be alleviated from the pressures, problems, and troubles that were afflicted upon her. Like the widow woman, we are to cry out to GOD continuously (not just now and then; yet, always -- till the end) and consistently (not half heartedly; yet, passionately persevering)desiring GOD to intervene.

Are we trusting GOD? He cares.
GOD is faithful. (see 2 Thessalonians 3:3)
GOD wants His people to faithfully wait for
Him. Will we be found (people of GOD)
pursuing GOD in prayer?
Let us continue to walk by faith as we persist
in prayer. Glory to GOD.

Work for The Lord

Obedience to GOD is key to understanding our work. What has GOD given us to do? 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 says, For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord JESUS Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. The people of GOD were admonished to walk orderly. If we walk disorderly, we eat the bread of idleness and reap the consequences of spiritual malnutrition. We eat spiritually as we do what GOD says. Productivity in Christ ~ doing good from the heart matters. [GOD is working in the lives of those that do His Will.] When we live as GOD instructs and help build up others, we both benefit. Rather we work on a natural job, with our families (at home), in our communities or concerning church related activities; let us be obedient to GOD and serve others well in all that we do.

Look to JESUS

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. (John 12:32) [Lifted up from the earth- Crucified, KJV Bible, Thomas Nelson (c)2017, Footnote Commentary, p.1387] We were all born in sin through the first man and woman (Adam and Eve). They disobeyed GOD in the garden of Eden; by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (see Genesis 3:6) Adam and Eve sinned by doing what GOD told them not to do. We inherited the sin nature. JESUS obeyed GOD perfectly. He suffered and died for our sin and rose again on the third day. For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of GOD in Him.

(2 Corinthians 5:21) For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one shall many be made righteous. (Romans 5:19)Look to JESUS, believe on Him and live. JESUS is the only way to be saved. Thank GOD for His saving grace.

Redeemed

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalm 107:2) Have you been redeemed? Redeemed means to "buy back". We were sold into slavery (into captivity to sin). Adam, the first man, fell into sin in the garden of Eden when he disobeyed GOD's command by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:16-17;3:6) GOD had a plan for man to come back to Him. JESUS is the Rescue Plan. JESUS is our Redeemer! We can be reconciled to GOD through a relationship with JESUS. We have been bought with a price. JESUS showed His love for us. He shed His blood for us on the cross at Calvary. (Luke 23:33; Hebrews 9:14-15) Our members (bodies) are no longer bound to sin and unrighteousness. (see Romans 6:13-18) We can express our liberty (freedom) in Christ JESUS. Let us walk as redeemed children of GOD.

The Cross of Christ

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (1 Corinthians 13:13) As I thought about soul winning, the Cross of Christ came to mind. and the words hope, faith and love. *Hope*-Those that look to JESUS, to the Cross of Christ, have hope. JESUS is **The Only Way** to be saved. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) Faith-The finished work of the cross makes us able to come to GOD through faith in JESUS to save us. JESUS is The Author and Finisher of our faith. (see Hebrews 12:2) Love-GOD is love. (see 1 John 4:8) Love never fails. (see 1 Corinthians 13:8, NIV) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.(John 15:13) Praise GOD for JESUS, for His sacrificial death on the cross for our sin.

One in Christ

JESUS tore down the dividing wall, making one new man. Both have access by one Spirit (see Ephesians 2:13-19)

JESUS unfies believers by way of the cross.

Each person is important to GOD and may be reconciled to The Father through faith in JESUS. No one is better than or less than; more special or insignificant.

JESUS view of us and love for us is not based on worldly standards.

[May we continue to grow in love as we walk by faith that we may understand more and more the oneness that we share through faith in JESUS.] Let us not have denominational divides. Yet, let us see one another and live in such a way that our Father approves; as His dear children: united: one in Him.

Are You a Prodigal Child?

Luke chapter 15 speaks of a father that had two sons [(both prodigals), Jill Briscoe of Telling the Truth Ministries stated concerning.] The younger son received his inheritance from his dad, while his dad lived; then went away and spent his inheritance on *riotous living. [Riotous (wasteful) vs.13 KJV Bible, Thomas Nelson (c)2017 Footnote Commentary, p.1345] The older son remained home, yet distant at heart. The younger son returned home with a made up mind, willing to serve his father. The loving father received him home with open arms and gave him a party. As the older son returned from the field he heard the party going on and refused to go inside of the house. The loving father went outside and *intreated his older son to come inside.[Intreated (begged) vs.28 KJV Bible, Thomas Nelson,(c)2017 Footnote Commentary p.1345] The father insisted with care and concern that his older son join the celebration. The lost prodded to return-- prod: to push, poke, pry (nudge) to do something.

If you went away to your old way of living, remained home; yet distant at heart (participating in Christian practices, or coming to JESUS for the first time...

Will you come to The Father today?

Dressed to Express

There's a statement: Dressed to Impress. Yet, in GOD, we are not to try to impress anyone ~ as men pleasers. (see Colossians 3:22) We are to compel men to come to Christ. (see Luke 14:23) The prodigal son that returned home from riotous living received a robe, ring and shoes from his father. (see Luke 15:13, 22) The items in the passage symbolize what the father had done for his son in receiving him home. The robe, a symbol of covering and protection. The ring is a symbol of commitment and provision. GOD promises to never leave, nor forsake His people. (see Hebrews 13:5) In JESUS all our needs are met. (see Philippians 4:19) Shoes shield our feet from dirt and debris; I also think of preparedness for the Christian faith walk... We can walk in our Father's Will and do things His Way. The purpose that GOD has for our lives, He helps us to accomplish. We do not walk alone. We do not walk on our own. The life that we live for The Lord JESUS expresses where we stand and what we truly believe. GOD is on the inside of His people. We have protection, provision and purpose. Live your GOD given purpose. Will you come to JESUS Today.

Good and Faithful

His lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant. (see Matthew 25:21a) Good is a quality attributed to GOD our Father in heaven. GOD is good. (see Mark 10:18) We reflect the goodness of GOD as we live for the Lord JESUS and follow the leading of The Holy Spirit. In school or at work when a person completes a task as assigned, it may be said, 'Good Job' or 'You did well'. I see the word 'well' relate to 'good' and the word 'done' relate to 'faithful'. Pastor Rick Warren stated how the scripture does not say, Well done thou good and successful servant. We may look at success as doing something big or better than others. Success is not about numbers: who has more... It's about JESUS being in the midst of what we do and say. It's about being in the will of GOD; with little or much, with plain or fancy things. Faithfulness (true success) is doing what GOD says with what He has given us; using time, skills, resources, etc. to spread the gospel and do good from the heart). To be faithful is to be obedient to GOD. Be not weary in well doing. (see 2Thessalonians 3:13) Let us be found so doing that which is well pleasing in our Father's sight.

Abide in JESUS

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7) To abide in - to live in; stau in. A sister in Christ stated how it is one thing to read The Word (The Bible), it is another thing to have The Word read you. When The Word of GOD reads us, The Spotlight shines in our inner parts and shows us what we look like. When confronted: we are convicted. Through repentance, we admit our sins, turn to GOD, and desire to do what's right. [In the movie War Room, by the Kendrick Brothers, one of the characters stated to his friend "See you in church." The response was "I would like to see the church in you bru."] To see the church in us ~ is not only to attend a building; rather be a building (to show the world JESUS).

GOD is in us by His Spirit.

(see 1 Corinthians 3:16, see 2 Corinthians 4:6) May each and every believer in The Lord JESUS abide in Him

(welcome Him into our hearts, acknowledge Him in all of our ways, hear His Word, heed His commands, and continue in Him, always). Praise GOD for JESUS.

At Home In My Heart

Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:11) Imagine putting scripture on the wall with tape, but they fall down. Now, think of The Word of GOD being within the recesses of our heart. GOD lets us know that His Word will be written in our hearts and in our minds. (see Hebrews 10:16) Do welcome the Presence of The Lord in our lives, or crowd Him out with busyness and preoccupation with cares of life (worries, fears, or other)? [This is personal examination for me (and maybe you too): though fear stops by, it can not stay; knowing that GOD is with us and trusting Him to see us through whatever we face. In Him we have confidence and peace.] The Word of GOD is our Instruction Manual, Hope and Guidance. GOD deals with us as we pursue His Will for our lives. He speaks to our hearts about what needs to be changed in our lives. GOD knows what is best for us. JESUS is Lord. He rules. We are His. He is welcome in our hearts and lives. We submit to JESUS, Who Is Head of the house. May we surrender ourselves unto The Lord entirely and serve Him completely.

Christian Living

Walking with JESUS is a relationship that is expressed in communication, education, unification, application, and reconciliation. **Communication-**Prayer to GOD (Petitioning) ...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto GOD. (Philippians 4:6) **Education-**Read the Bible, Watch and/or Listen to Christian Ministry (Growing) Study to shew thyself approved unto GOD, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15) Unification-Connect with other believers (Assembling) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25) Application-Live according to The Word of GOD (Daily Living) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (James 1:22) **Reconciliation**- Let others know about JESUS. And all things are of GOD, who hath reconciled us to Himself by JESUS Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18)

<u>Demonstration of Discipleship</u>

Then said JESUS to those Jews which believed on Him, if ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed. (John 8:31) Disciples of JESUS follow Him. We are to learn, grow and develop in our walk with JESUS. Our relationship with The Lord is on an ongoing basis. We are to help other believers grow; and make new disciples [John 10:27 says, My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.] Our spiritual gifts are to be used to build up other believers in the faith. [1 Corinthians 14:12 says, Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the Body of Christ.] We are to be a living witness for The Lord. We have been given a charge to go into the world and tell others about JESUS (this is known as The Great Commission). [Matthew 28:19-20 says, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy *Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things* whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.] GOD empowers His people to demonstrate christian discipleship.

True Praise

This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me. (Matthew 15:8) Do we offer true praise unto GOD? Are our words meaningful, or do our actions prove otherwise? If we say that we love GOD, yet are disrespectful to our parents, that's hypocrisy. (see Matthew 15:5-9) How do we treat our parents and others? Do we honour The Lord with our lips and life? What is our attitude like? There was a song that stated...Praise is what I do...[I thought of not only jumping and shouting, rather actively living for The Lord.] The Word of GOD says, Bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. (1 Timothy 4:8) Let us live unto The Lord a life of praise: loving our Savior and expressing the love that we have for Him

through a life of love for others.

Day 27Do and Teach

Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:19) Scribes and Pharisees thought themselves to be righteous based on external rituals. Many held to the traditions of men rather than place their faith in The Lord JESUS. We are to please GOD, not desire the applause of people. When Christ likeness is exemplified those that witness such may observe the gospel message through godly living. As we obey The Word of GOD others can learn the importance of obedience to GOD. Let us do and teach The Word of GOD, that others may be compelled to come to Christ, desire to know The Lord JESUS, and grow in the faith.

My Meat Is To Do

JESUS saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. (John 4:34) JESUS spoke to a woman at a well while His disciples were away getting food. He told her about relationships that she had with men that were not her husband. When the disciples returned with food, the woman went into the village to let the villagers know about JESUS. JESUS spoke to His disciples about having received meat while they were away. JESUS had eaten spiritual food. The woman at the well heard JESUS and received what He had to say, JESUS said, My meat is to do...[JESUS' food was to do the will of The Father.] When we do (obey GOD), we eat spiritually. Naturally, we eat food that which comes into our physical mouths. Spiritually so, we eat by receiving The Word and doing (that which comes out of our lives). The dialogue that JESUS had with the woman at the well was nourishment for Him. The woman believed-- and Ran With It! Will we do the same? Let us be a living witness for JESUS and feast on the harvest of souls coming to Christ. (see John 4:6-39)

Work While It Is Day

I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. (John 9:4) The work that we are called to: Live our GOD given purpose. Day lifetime; ability to see and experience productivity. Night - opportunity to do stops. When the day is over (life on this side of eternity ends); opportunities cease. We live unto The Lord in obedience to our Father's Will, as labourers together with GOD. (see 1 Corinthians 3:9) As we do good from the heart, we can express the love of GOD towards others. While it is day (as we live at this present time) may we serve one another as unto The Lord. [And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to The Lord, and not unto men. (Colossians 3:23)] Let us do the work that GOD is calling for while we have time (using gifts, skills and abilities; even trades or other occupations as an opportunity to let others know about JESUS).

Confess JESUS Publicly

Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him: lest they should be put out of the synagogues: (John 12:42) [confess-publicly acknowledge, KJV Bible, Thomas Nelson (c)2017 p.1388, Footnote Commentary] When we come to JESUS in a church setting and accept JESUS into our heart it may be stated as making a confession of faith. Coming down an aisle in church is one way that we may come to Christ. People may receive JESUS into their hearts at home, in a car, at a supermarket (various places). To confess means to admit that we have done wrong. We admit that we are sinners and need JESUS to save us. When we come to JESUS publicly (openly), it is to commit our lives to Him. Our confession of faith in The Lord JESUS is expressed in everyday living for Him. We are to put to practice what we say we believe.

Ready When JESUS Returns

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. (Matthew 25:7-9) ...go ye rather to them that sell... How do we spend our time? Do we recognize the worth and value of others? Are we preoccupied with what we feel is important, or doing the work that our heavenly Father has called for us to do? There's a statement: buying time (as to say, "stalling"). Do we procrastinate to do good things? We are not to have misplaced priorities, or wait until it is too late, to say, Can I have some of what you've got? We are to share the good news about JESUS while we have time. May each of us, as GOD's children, live in such a way that people see JESUS in us. Let us be ready when JESUS returns.

Prayer for Salvation

If you do not know JESUS personally as Savior and Lord, you may say the following prayer:

Dear GOD, Thank you for sending Your Son JESUS to die on the cross for the sins of the world and Him rising again on the third day. I ask that You forgive me of my sins.

Please come into my heart and help me to live for You.

In JESUS' Name, I pray. Amen.

If you said the prayer and meant it in your heart, Welcome to the Family of GOD.

Continue in The Lord. Let others see JESUS in you.