

Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

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Scripture of the Week



Psalm 40:4-5

“How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood. Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count.” (NASB)

We each have many things in our lives to be thankful for, no matter what kinds of difficulties we may experience at any given time. We're all blessed in a multitude of ways, even though many of our blessings often go overlooked and underappreciated. It's just so much easier to focus on life's misfortunes, or on the things we want but don't have, instead of all the blessings God has showered upon us. The psalmist wrote that the ways God blesses His people are too numerous to count. But like song 68 in our song-books says, we should “count our many blessings” just the same. When you aren't feeling particularly blessed, take the time to make a list of all the

good gifts that God has given you, to remind yourself how blessed you are. God's greatest gift is Jesus, His Son, and all spiritual blessings we have through Him (Ephesians 1:3). God's people are the most blessed people in the world. Just think of the favor we are afforded in Christ—prayer, joy, peace, spiritual family, forgiveness, salvation and heaven. These are only a few, but they should be just what we need to turn our feelings of misfortune and discouragement into appreciation and hope. The psalmist tells us that the key to feeling blessed is trusting in the Lord in good times and bad. If you make the Lord your trust, He will never betray you.

Count Your Many Blessings

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tells us in the Bible, He has made every spiritual blessing available in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). If you have repented of your sins, have been baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3), and are living a life of faithful service to Him, you have all the blessings of heaven just waiting for you to take advantage of. Here is a list of the blessings that God has given us in Christ, revealed in just Ephesians chapter 1 alone...

Spiritual blessings in Ephesians 1

1. Adoption into God's family (verse 5)
2. Redemption thru Christ's blood (verse 7)
3. Forgiveness of sins (verse 7)
4. The riches of God's grace (verse 7)
5. Wisdom (verse 8)
6. Insight (verse 8)
7. An eternal inheritance (verse 11)
8. Hope in Christ (verse 12)
9. Salvation of the soul (verse 13)
10. The Spirit's seal & pledge (verses 14-15)

That just scratches the surface of all the wonderful, eternal blessings God has made available to His faithful children through the blood of His Only Begotten Son. God has poured His love out within our hearts in Christ (Romans 5:5). He has given us the

peace that surpasses all comprehension to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). He causes us to rejoice greatly with inexpressible joy in our Savior's love (1 Peter 1:8). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). In Christ we can be content in every circumstance we find ourselves in (Philippians 4:12). This is because, in Christ we have been born again to a living hope, and we know that we have in inheritance that's incorruptible and undefiled and that will not fade away, reserved for us in heaven through faith in Christ our Lord (1 Peter 1:3-4). Feel free to smile from ear to ear!

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Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:30
Sunday Evening Worship Service.....6:30
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:30



Keeping Your Balance

The Bible is unlike any book that man has ever written or could ever hope to write. The truths laid bare in Holy Scripture are obviously the revelation of the perfect mind of God. Within the books and letters of the Bible, God has placed “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*” (2 Peter 1:3). Our heavenly Father has told us everything He wants us to believe and do in order for us to live the best lives we can live, and be the most godly people we can be. In Romans 12:1-2, God gives us a glimpse into the well-balanced nature of the good life He wants His people to live. The Apostle Paul wrote, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, “*Therefore I urge you, 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. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”. Notice here that God has concern for our body, spirit and mind. I think that covers just about everything we are, don’t you? The Bible tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16). God’s temple, under His former covenant with Israel, was a place of sacred devotion. We should treat our body as a sacred place as well, and do our best to offer it to God as a living and holy sacrifice. We need to be taking care of our body as best we can if we hope to pull that off. God wants us to renew our mind in His word, day by day, as

well. There is only one way to prove what the good, acceptable and perfect will of God is, and that is to study His word regularly. When we expose ourselves to the living, powerful word of God, it sharpens our thinking and reshapes our mind. The aspect of our nature that God is most interested in is our spirit. That’s the part of our person He created in His own image, and that will exist eternally when we leave our body behind on earth. God saves and preserves our spirit through His Bible, when we dedicate our life to learning His will and obeying His commandments to the best of our ability. God wants us to serve Him with everything we have. That only makes sense, because He’s the One who gave us our body, mind and spirit to begin with.

BIBLE STUDIES — We are currently studying the Gospel according to John on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM, and the book of Genesis on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. We invite everyone to come to the Prairie Village church of Christ and participate in these important lessons from God’s perfect word. We have made the lesson books for these classes available on our website. On the left side of the web page, click the “Study Tools & Links” Tab. Within this page, click the lesson subject tab on the right side.