

Friday Meditation

Read: Luke 14:7-11

Questions:

1. What did Jesus note about the people who were coming to the table?
2. In the parable Jesus then tells, what is it we should do and why?
3. In verse 11 what do you learn? Do you recall a time when you have been humbled? How about exalted?

C.S. Lewis said something to this effect, that True Humility moves you to a place where you can rejoice in all God has done the same... whether it is through a neighbor or even if it is done by you! God wants you to be in a place where you don't dwell on yourself more highly than you should, but rejoice in the Lord for all that is accomplished in your life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, how thankful I am for all you are working in me to do. Protect my mind from any form of pride, and help me to focus on others instead of seeking my own glory. In Jesus Name. Amen

May God be with you today my friend and rest on his unchanging love and grace for you. See you Sunday!

[Sermon Note Answers: waged, souls, moves, Jesus', pretender, better, pride, prideful, selfish, pride, permission fail, prays, fail, pure joy, mature]

Sermon Notes

April 9, 2017 -- Luke 22:1-6; 24-34

Behind the Curtain: Pride Before Destruction

In the spiritual realm there is a battle being _____ for the _____ of all people.

What are Satan's chief _____ in the lives of those who say they follow _____ teachings?

1. Judas.... Judas is a _____.
 - a. Judas was really saying, He had a _____ way than God's way... which is _____ talking.
2. The Devil took the disciples competitive nature and ratcheted it up to a _____ nature. He takes a good thing and makes it _____.

_____ is spiritual Cancer; it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense. -- C.S. Lewis

3. Jesus gives Satan _____ to vigorously agitate and shake Peter around in order to cause his faith to _____.
 - a. Jesus _____ that faith will not _____.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. – James 1:2-4

Challenge:

- Consider it _____ whenever you face trials of any kind.
- Consider how that trial will _____ your faith.

Monday Meditation

Read: Proverbs 16:17-19

Questions:

1. What are we to avoid and to guard in vs. 17?
2. How can you guard your soul from pride?
3. Pride becomes most manifest when we do not guard our speech, but pride begins in the mind, so guard your mind today from pride.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we put on the helmet of salvation to protect our minds and remind us that all we have comes from You! In His name. Amen*

Tuesday Meditation

Read: James 5:6-10

Questions:

1. In verse 6 what does God oppose and to whom does God give grace?
2. In verses 7 & 8, what actions can we take to protect ourselves from the evil one?
3. In verse 10 what are we asked to do and what is a result of that action?

Pride is not knowing that you are good at something, it is knowing you are good, but not be willing to recognize where your ability comes from.

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, help me to continue to submit my thoughts and life to You. Help me remain close to you and vigilant in my mind. In Jesus name. Amen*

Wednesday Meditation

Read: John 13:2-17

Questions:

1. Even though Jesus knew he had all power from God, what did he do?
2. Realize that in those times, washing another's feet of dust from the road was the lowliest servant in the houses job. Knowing this, what do you think about what Jesus did?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help me know that there is no job too low for me to perform today. Help me trust You always in all I think and do. In Jesus Name. Amen.*

Thursday Meditation

Read: John 13:2-17

Questions:

1. When Peter denies Jesus of washing his feet, what was Jesus' response and how does that shape your understanding of serving others?
2. What was Jesus trying to teach the disciples in the last 4 verses.
3. In the last verse, what does Jesus say we will receive if we follow his teaching here?

Prayer: *God, help me this day to seek to be a blessing to you in not just what I do, but the attitude I have in accepting and doing the work you call me to do today. To Your glory, in Jesus Name. Amen.*