

Looking for Men

God is looking for:

Men who are not for sale;

Men who will pray for and with his family;

Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core;

Men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole;

Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and earth reels.

Men who will lead their families in Bible devotions.

Men who can tell the truth and look the world in the eye.

Men who neither brag nor run;

Men who neither flag nor flinch;

Men who can have courage without shouting it;

Men whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong;

Men who know their message and will tell it;

Men who find their place and fill it;

Men who know their business and attend to it;

Men who will not lie, shirk or dodge;

Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor;

Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear that for which they have paid;

Men who are not ashamed to say "NO" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I'm Sorry" and mean it.

God is looking for MEN. He wants those who can unite together around a common faith – who can join hands in a common task – who can bring a need before his throne.

Are You Such A MAN?

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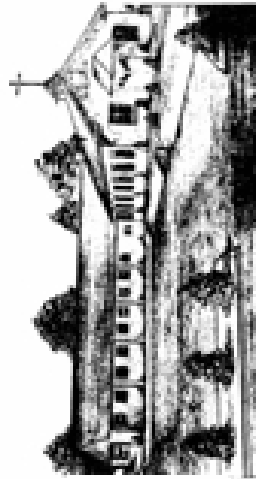
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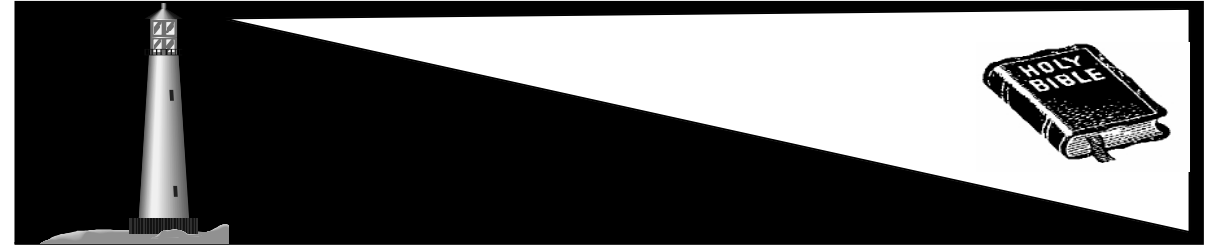
Sunday School 10:00 am – Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Sunday & Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm – Teen Insider 6:00 pm

“A Church That Bids You Welcome, Where Christ Is Made Known”



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A CHRISTIAN FATHER WILL....

1. Put God first in his life and teach the same to his family. (Matt. 6:33)
2. Teach his children to love, respect, and obey their parents.
3. Be a loving and considerate father and husband.
4. Provide not only physical things, but spiritual things for his family.
5. Be honest in all his dealings with others.
6. Set aside the first day of the week for his family to worship. (Hebrews 10:25)
7. Be big enough to respect and love the desires and freedoms of each family member.
8. Rule his household with great love.
9. Never speak or act in a manner that is unbecoming to a Christian father.

- Kenneth McClain



Happy Father's Day

Coming Events

Father & Son Cookout: Friday June 13th will be our Annual Father and Son cookout. It will be held here at the church at 6:00pm.

Father's Day: Make sure you join us in honoring Dad on June 15th. We will be honoring the oldest father and the father with the most family at church on this day.

Vacation Bible School: June 16th - 20th. Please remember this week in your prayers. Each evening will begin at 6:15pm. We will have classes for all children 1st - 12th grade.

Coming Events:

Teen Camp: July 7th - 12th

Junior Camp: August 4th - 8th
(See website to download camp form)

What a Great Summer God has
for Bible Baptist Temple

Examples of Praying Men

by E. M. Bounds

The act of praying is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable; praying, that is, with the total concentration of the faculties. The great mass of worldly men and of learned men are absolutely incapable of prayer. -- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

BISHOP WILSON says: In H. Martyn's journal the spirit of prayer, the time he devoted to the duty, and his fervor in it are the first things which strike me."

Payson wore the hard-wood boards into grooves where his knees pressed so often and so long. His biographer says: "His continuing instant in prayer, be his circumstances what they might, is the most noticeable fact in his history, and points out the duty of all who would rival his eminency. To his ardent and persevering prayers must no doubt be ascribed in a great measure his distinguished and almost uninterrupted success."

The Marquis DeRenty, to whom Christ was most precious, ordered his servant to call him from his devotions at the end of half an hour. The servant at the time saw his face through an aperture. It was marked with such holiness that he hated to arouse him. His lips were moving, but he was perfectly silent. He waited until three half hours had passed; then he called to him, when he arose from his knees, saying that the half hour was so short when he was communing with Christ.

Brainerd said: "I love to be alone in my cottage, where I can spend much time in prayer."

William Bramwell is famous in Methodist annals for personal holiness and for his wonderful success in preaching and for the marvelous answers to his prayers. For hours at a time he would pray. He almost lived on his knees. He went over his circuits like a flame of fire. The fire was kindled by the time he spent in prayer. He often spent as much as four hours in a single season of prayer in retirement.

Bishop Andrewes spent the greatest part of five hours every day in prayer and devotion.

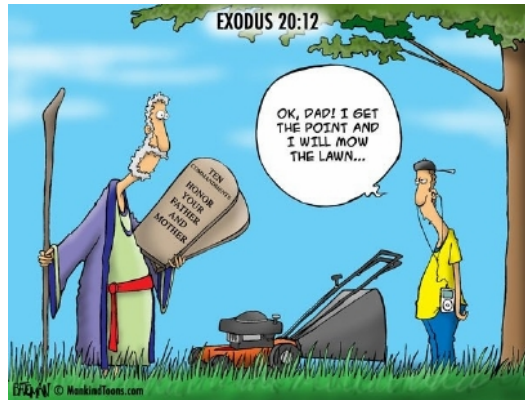
Sir Henry Havelock always spent the first two hours of each day alone with God. If the encampment was struck at 6 A.M., he would rise at four.

Earl Cairns rose daily at six o'clock to secure an hour and a half for the study of the Bible and for prayer, before conducting family worship at a quarter to eight.

Dr. Judson's success in prayer is attributable to the fact that he gave much time to prayer. He says on this point: "Arrange thy affairs, if possible, so that thou canst leisurely devote two or three hours every day not merely to devotional exercises but to the very act of secret prayer and communion with God. Endeavor seven times a day to withdraw from business and company and lift up thy soul to God in private retirement. Begin the day by rising after midnight and devoting some time amid the silence and darkness of the night to this sacred work. Let the hour of opening dawn find thee at the same work. Let the hours of nine, twelve, three, six, and nine at night witness the same. Be resolute in his cause. Make all practicable sacrifices to maintain it. Consider that thy time is short, and that business and company must not be

allowed to rob thee of thy God." Impossible, say we, fanatical directions! Dr. Judson impressed an empire for Christ and laid the foundations of God's kingdom with imperishable granite in the heart of Burmah. He was successful, one of the few men who mightily impressed the world for Christ. Many men of greater gifts and genius and learning than he have made no such impression; their religious work is like footsteps in the sands, but he has engraven his work on the adamant. The secret of its profundity and endurance is found in the fact that he gave time to prayer. He kept the iron red-hot with prayer, and God's skill fashioned it with enduring power. No man can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying.

Is it true that prayer is simply the compliance with habit, dull and mechanical? A petty performance into which we are trained till tameness, shortness, superficiality are its chief elements? "Is it true that prayer is, as is assumed, little else than the half-passive play of sentiment which flows languidly on through the minutes or hours of easy reverie?" Canon Liddon continues: "Let those who have really prayed give the answer. They sometimes describe prayer with the patriarch Jacob as a wrestling together with an Unseen Power which may last, not unfrequently in an earnest life, late into the night hours, or even to the break of day. Sometimes they refer to common intercession with St. Paul as a concerted struggle. They have, when praying, their eyes fixed on the Great Intercessor in Gethsemane, upon the drops of blood which fall to the ground in that agony of resignation and sacrifice. Importunity is of the essence of successful prayer. Importunity means not dreaminess but sustained work. It is through prayer especially that the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. It was a saying of the late Bishop Hamilton that "No man is likely to do much good in prayer who does not begin by looking upon it in the light of a work to be prepared for and persevered in with all the earnestness which we bring to bear upon subjects which are in our opinion at once most interesting and most necessary."



F aithful?
A lways there?
T rustworthy?
H onoring?
E ver-loving?
R ighteous?
S upportive?



"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding."

Proverbs 4:1

Hero Dad

You are my hero, Dad
You're my secure foundation.
When I think of you, I'm filled with love
And fond appreciation.
You make me feel protected;
I'm sheltered by your care.
You're always my true friend;
When I need you, you're always there.
You have a place of honor
Deep within my heart.
You've been my superhero, Dad,
Right from the very start.

-By Joanna Fuchs