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## Thought for the Week... —

### *Keepers of the Lighthouse!*

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The Bible declares that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" James 5:16b. The word "fervent" indicates something aflame. Where there is a fire, there is usually light being emitted. Psalm 105:39 relays that God led His people by "spreading a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night." Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12). As God's people today, we are to let His light shine through us as it radiates outward to touch a lost world in this mid-night hour, as His coming draws nigh (Acts 26:18). Fervent prayer releases light. We are as a spiritual temple that houses the Light of God, or rather, as "Keepers of the Lighthouse."

Some definitions of "Light" include electromagnetic radiation than can be perceived by the human eye that brings visibility; exposure that suppresses darkness; illumination to enlighten understanding; etc. What is the purpose of light? Light dispels darkness. Biblically speaking, light helps people, whom the god of this world (Satan) has blinded, to see spiritual things that before could never be seen when in darkness. A "Lighthouse" is a tower, beacon, or building with a powerful light at the top, erected at the entrance of a port or main point on a coast to guide or navigate mariners at night. Sailors largely depend on it in stormy weather or darkness to get to shore safely. A "Lighthouse Keeper" is the keeper or custodian of the Lighthouse.

Matthew 5:14 says "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." As we pray the Word of God for lost souls, the light of God can reach out to guide them in the storms of life and rescue them from the sea of destruction (Psalm 119:105, Luke 1:79). Surely, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" Psalm 119:130.

God is our Guiding Light in all affairs of life. As you fervently pray for those at the crossroads of life or at a point of intersection on their journey, they may look up, and a lighted arrow can lead the way, or the lit circle may bring complete direction as it flashes "green," or "yellow" or "red." Thomas Edison, inventor of the light bulb, said "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." If he believed this much in a natural principle, as he labored persistently in his hope to see light manifest, then how much more should we believe God as we give ourselves to Him in prayer to see His Light manifest to the lost, and a vast harvest reaped?

Likewise, spiritually, let us not give up, but let's believe God that His light will manifest as we pray for souls to be impacted. So spiritually, turn up your faith, and let God shine through your prayer life. Will you be a 40 watt, 60 watt, or 100 watt light bulb? Be all that God has called you to be in prayer!

Give yourselves to fervent prayer, for "God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar" Psalm 118:27. God is more than just a Lighthouse in a world of darkness, so you stand as an intercessor and pray for those who are:

- .....on the road of life Broken Down: God can be their Flashlight.
- .....the Head of the House: God can be their Headlight.
- .....unsaved and Lost on the Streets: God can be their Streetlight.
- .....are reaching Souls Everywhere: God can be their Searchlight.
- .....trying to keep their Bowed Heads Up: God can be their Skylight.
- .....tired of the Devil "Raining on their Parade": God can be their Sunlight.
- .....sure All Hope is Gone: God can be their Light at the End of the Tunnel.

Remember, Jesus is the Light Source as you stand in the gap as "Keepers of the Lighthouse!"

# Prayer Practice

*Tues night 7:30 pm*



Make it a habit too hard to break!

## POSF Hosting District Sunday School Conference

The South Texas District Sunday School Conference will be hosted by POSF here on September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22 (Friday & Saturday.) Open to all teachers, youth leaders, pastors or anyone that would like to IGNITE their ministry for souls. Preregistration is \$15 thru Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. See Bro. Custer for more details. The event is swiftly approaching so make your plans now to attend – you will be blessed!



## Outreach Assignment

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of Outreach. We have two residents at the Winchester Lodge nursing home in Alvin and we are asking YOU to keep these names and addresses handy and just drop a card in the mail and make their day a little brighter by showing someone is praying for them and thinking of them



## You Are Invited



*Everyone is invited to the Marriage Celebration of Sue Ellen and Walter Hamilton on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm At The Pentecostals of Santa Fe and afterward at the Reception. Save this date on your calendar and witness the beauty of God's wondrous blessings.*

**Tune in for Great Gospel Music**  
**KJIC 90.5 FM**  
**King Jesus is Coming**

## *Birthdays and Anniversary's*

*Week of August 19-25*



19 - Kenneth Dearmond  
25 - Ninfa Carrizales  
Shannon McClure  
Teresa Schanzer

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### **Quiet Encouragers**

One of the qualities I most admire in others is the gift of quiet, behind-the-scenes encouragement. I remember arriving home from a stay in the hospital and finding that my friend Jackie (who had surgery a few days earlier) sent me a book of God's promises.

My Uncle Bob was so thankful for the people who cared for him at the cancer center that he sent hundreds of complimentary notes to their work supervisors.

My cousin Brenda experienced the agonizing loss of a child almost 20 years ago, and now her quiet deeds of compassion are treasured by many.

Often it is the very people who have experienced the most suffering—physical and emotional—who are the most abundant providers of encouragement to others.

In Acts, we read about Barnabas, who was known as the “Son of Encouragement” (4:36). He was “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (11:24) and encouraged others so “that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord” (v.23). His acts of encouragement must have had a wide and strong sphere of influence.

Just as we have been blessed with encouragement, let's be a modern-day Daughter or Son of Encouragement to others.

Teach me to love—this is my plea;  
May all the Spirit's graces shine through me;  
Tear from my heart all hate, foolish pride;  
Help me to live like Christ the crucified. —Peterson



**The human spirit rings with hope at the sound  
of an encouraging word.**

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