



Thought for the Week... —

Prayer: FREE Time on Your Hands?

We are bought with a price as we glorify God in our bodies and our spirits, which are His (I Corinthians 6:20). Although we are free moral agents of free choice, God desires that we choose and use our time wisely as we serve Him as the Body of Christ. We are His Hands, His Feet...His Body. Realistically, we take the time out or "free up the time" to do whatever we really have a strong desire to get done. In choosing, it sometimes becomes a matter of preference, passion, and priority. Have you or someone you know ever been in an emergency or a life or death situation, and you felt that God rescued "just in the nick of time?" We often say, "He's never too early, never too late, but always right on time!" Well, what quality "time" do we really give God in our communication and relationship with Him? He shows up on time for us, but do we show up on time for Him? Put time on your hands! I'm not talking about the watch on your wrist, secured slightly above your hand, which we often watch closely, because we are so conscious of time, in order to fulfill other temporal and less valuable duties on our schedules. Take off the watch; clasp your hands in prayer...there is "free time on your hands." It's a mindset...you are free to pray...you are free in Christ...you do have free time to pray!

When you look at your hands, imagine using them to turn over an hour glass filled with the "sands of time" and allowing it to be a simple reminder of how time flies, and let it give you the incentive to take a timeout to use your time wisely to pray. Ecclesiastes 9:10 states "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." In light of eternity, we really have "all the time in the world" allocated to seek the face of God and things pertaining to His kingdom! We often get caught up with the hustle and bustle of life and the demands of a fast-paced society. But, don't be so busy "making an earthly living," that you forget about "making an eternal life." Value the time you have before you...Yesterday is the past (gone), tomorrow is the future (unpromised), but today is the present (tangible). There is no time like the present! Psalm 69:13 declares "But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time:" Prayer is our lifeline to God, especially in this troubled world and these last days we live in.

Value every moment of time, and realize we are not in a "crunch time" for prayer. We can use time wisely, and pray! We sing the song "I Am Free," know this too, "Through you (Jesus) my heart screams, I am free; I am free to run; I am free to dance; I am free to live for you; I am free; I am free;" but...you are also FREE TO PRAY! So, let me ask that question again. Regarding prayer, do you have "free time on your hands?" I believe the answer for all of us is "Yes!"

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Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm

Make it a habit too hard to break!

Don't Forget!

Ladies Dues

This is just a reminder that the Ladies pay dues to the Ladies Auxillary \$2 a month or \$24 for the year. Please give your monies to Sis. Britain or Sis. Jeane – you can put it in a contribution envelope for credit. This money is used to send flowers, cards, special events, etc. Thank you for your support.

Second-Chance VISITOR CONTEST

Did you bring visitors today? Let Sis. Jeane know who they are and how many – so they can be counted for the Visitor Contest. Two teams - the MEN vs WOMEN. If you were not here last week...here's the scoop! ☺ The tally for the visitors from our June contest was not clear so we started over the first of July, BUT **WE WILL** count all the visitors brought in JUNE **IF** you will let her know who they were and how many...They WILL STILL count for the contest. It's our "calling" to win souls for the Kingdom – so compel them to come! The winners will have dinner cooked for them by the losing team. Be Blessed – Do your Best!



BUZZIN

NEWS

Time for

Mosquito Festival Cleanup



The annual Mosquito Festival Fundraiser Cleanup in Clute will be July 26, 27 and 28th (Thurs-Sat) . - YOUR help is needed and appreciated! Come on out -have fun and enjoy the fellowship while we work. More details will be announced so plan now and put this on your calendars!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Youth Activities will be going on this Friday night at 7:30pm. See Bro. LaVelle Jeane for more information and details.

Bring a friend and get ready for a great time of fellowship.

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

***Birthdays and Anniversary's
Week of July 8-14***



9 - Lou Wetzel
10 - Aautumn Tucker
Geri Strader



Who's Behind It?

At a cultural show in Bandung, Indonesia, we enjoyed a wonderful orchestra performance. Before the finale, the 200 people in the audience were each handed an angklung, a musical instrument made of bamboo. We were taught how to shake it in rhythm with the conductor's timing. Soon we thought we were performing like an orchestra; we felt so proud of how well we were doing! Then it dawned on me that we were not the ones who were good; it was the conductor who deserved the credit.

Similarly, when everything is going well in our lives, it's easy to feel proud. We're tempted to think that we are good and that it is by our abilities that we've achieved success. During such moments, we tend to forget that behind it all is our good God who prompts, prevents, provides, and protects.

David remembered that truth: "Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: 'Who am I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?'" (1 Chron. 17:16). David's heart swelled up in appreciation of God's goodness.

The next time we are tempted to take credit for the blessings we enjoy, let's pause and remember that it is the Lord who brings blessing.

No strength of our own, nor goodness we claim;
Our trust is all thrown on Jesus' name:
In this our strong tower for safety we hide;
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide." —Newton



Angklung

The hand of the Father is behind all good things.

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