

An Every Day Religion



Monday — Wash Day: Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead (1 Peter 5:6).

Tuesday — Ironing Day: Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others (James 2:1-3).

Wednesday — Mending Day: O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others (Matthew 5:14-16).

Thursday — Cleaning Day: Dear Lord, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart (Psalm 19:14).

Friday — Shopping Day: O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love (1 Corinthians 13).

Saturday — Cooking Day: Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness (Ephesians 4:32).

Sunday — The Lord's Day: O God, help me to worship Thee this day in spirit and in truth recognizing Thy greatness and my weakness (John 4:24); remembering Thy Son's death in the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11); giving generously as Thou hast been good to me (2 Corinthians 9:7,8); singing enthusiastically praise to Thy name (1 Corinthians 14:15); praying reverently (Hebrews 4:16); and studying carefully from Thy Word (Luke 8:10; Mark 4:24).

— *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL

ELDER'S PROBLEMS

Doctors tell us that more and more business men are afflicted with ulcers. Several causes are to blame such as labor problems, keen competition, high overhead, and other expenses. While sympathy is extended to business men bothered by these situations, I wonder what would happen if some of these men worked under the circumstances of some elders I know. Just suppose...

- That you were never able to see all your workers on the job at the same time.
- That a slight headache or "company coming" justified a worker taking the day off.
- That rain and threatening weather kept 30 to 40% of your workers away.
- That your workers worked only if they felt like it and when questioned about phases of their work, would immediately show their tempers and threaten to quit.
- That when slightly dissatisfied with some minor thing in the company they would threaten to quit and become part of another company.
- That after you have committed yourself for several thousand dollars worth of work during the year, only a faithful few helped you succeed.
- That week after week your employees would misappropriate funds belonging to the owner of the company, which would have gone into the working capital of the company.
- That most of your employees thought that just showing up was working.
- That your workers felt no obligation to explain where they had been when they were absent.

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Love is not one of the attributes of God, but the sum of them all.—J.M. Gibbon

News & Notes

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING: Tonight following the evening worship and Feb. 24th. All are welcome to participate.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Dan Williams (husband of Sharon and father of Brenda) will have surgery in the Cleveland Clinic on Friday, Feb. 22nd. Remember him and his family.

CHESTER'S SPRING MEETING: March 16-20 with Eddie Cooper.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & sauce.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: The Malcomsons request prayers for David's aunt, Bertha Sprague (89 years old). She fell and broke her clavicle, pelvis, some ribs and facial bones. She is in UPMC, Pittsburgh. Also, pray for Shirley Thomas (sister of Jean Larrimore and Harry Nice).

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Diane Robinson, Mabel Sprout

SICK: City Hospital: Lloyd Ferrell. Weirton Medical Center: Harry Nice. Beaver Co. Medical Center: Lloyd Cowdery. **AT HOME:** Bette Gentry, Ella Beagle, Geraldine Barrett, Linda Parkes, Ruth Brewer, Bertha Seaman, Dan Williams. Those who have been shut-in or in nursing homes for an extended period of time are posted on the bulletin board.

GETTING WHAT WE PRAY FOR

A mother sent her fifth grade boy up to bed. In a few minutes she went to make sure that he was getting in bed. When she stuck her head into his room, she saw that he was kneeling beside his bed in prayer. Pausing to listen to his prayers, she heard her son praying over and over again. "Let it be Tokyo! Please dear God, let it be Tokyo!"

When he finished his prayers, she asked him, "What did you mean, 'Let it be Tokyo?'"

"Oh," the boy said with embarrassment, we had our geography exam today and I was praying that God would make Tokyo the capital of France."

Prayer is not a magical means by which we get God to do what we want. While God desires that we bring our petitions to Him, He has not promised to give us everything that our heart desires. In fact, if an earthly father were to do that to a child ("Oh, you want to touch the hot stove? Go ahead!"), we would consider that father guilty of child abuse. We realize that a godly father sorts through the needs and the wants of his child and ultimately decides to give his child what is in his best interest and what will bring that child the most happiness in the long run.

William Temple was right when he said, "We do not pray in order to change His will, but to bring our own wills into harmony with His." As we make our requests to God, we remain open to the idea that God may have something better in mind for us. His purpose may be fulfilled in our lives in a way we cannot even imagine. So, if we pray like we ought, we come away feeling blessed, knowing that God has received our petition, but confident as well knowing that if God knows a better path for our lives, He will lead us in that direction.

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and he knelt down and prayed, saying, 'Father, if it is your will, take this cup from me, nevertheless not my will, but yours be done.'" (Luke 22:41,42) - Alan Smith, Fayetteville, NC, via *Bulletin Digest*