

Good News Daily

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Sunday, May 22

Acts 8:14-25 *"You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."*(vv.21-23 NIV)

Sin always takes you further than you wanted to go, lasts longer than you want it to last, and costs you more than you were willing to pay. Serving God, in any ministry, requires us to remain open channels for a constant filling by the Holy Spirit. Daily confession is our way to uninterrupted communion with our Heavenly Father. The fullness of God is available to you today.

Proverbs 9:1-12; Psalms 148, 149, 150; Luke 10:25-28, 38-42

Birthdays: Grace Wong

Anniversaries: John & Leslie Bell and Gordon & Laura Chuck

Monday, May 23

Psalm 25 *Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.* (vv.12-13)

If you are having trouble holding on to your money, check God's principals on money. The Bible tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 1:7a). Without wisdom, God's way of living, it is impossible to accumulate wealth and to keep what is accumulated. God tells us that tithing protects what we accumulate and that what we give, over and above our tithe, increases our prosperity. The secret to financial prosperity is found in God's Word.

Proverbs 10:1-12; 1 Timothy 1:1-17; Matthew 12:22-32

Birthdays: Craig Francis and Kimberly Wilbanks

Anniversaries: Ben & Alejandra Studdart

Tuesday, May 24

Matthew 12:33-42 *"But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words*

you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."(vv.36-37)

It is so easy to speak negatively about someone or something. Several years ago my wife, Kitty, and I made a promise that we would stop inviting negativity into our lives. If one of us slips and says something negative or doubtful, we renounce all the spoken words that were not positive and uplifting. As a result, our life together has become much richer, full of peace and joy and optimism.

Proverbs 15:16-33; Psalms 26, 28; 1 Timothy 1:18—2:8

Birthdays: Hopelyn Gray-Haughton, Van Hulmes, Gene McLymont, Ben Stoddart and Ashley Vaz

Anniversaries: Phillip & Heather Swann

Wednesday, May 25

Matthew 12:43-50 *"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order."*(vv.43-44)

When we pray, through the power of Christ, to remove a negative spirit (things like doubt, abandonment, judgment, etc.), it is imperative that we replace that negative spirit with something positive. I have found God's Holy Word to be an excellent replacement. Also, positive actions like helping others works well and creates peace and joy in your life.

Proverbs 17:1-20; Psalm 38; 1 Timothy 3:1-16

Birthdays: Marlyn Ally and Jim rugg

Anniversaries: Wesley & Marcia Bonnito and Louis & Whitney DeNicholas

Thursday, May 26

Psalm 37:1-18 *Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.* (v.4)

Have you ever prayed and it appeared that God did not answer your prayer? Chances were that you were either praying for something for yourself or you just did not recognize God's answer to your petition. When you pray for someone other than yourself, a prayer for uplifting, a prayer based on the welfare and growth of someone, you can be assured that it is a result of delighting yourself in the Lord.

Proverb 21:30—22:6; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Matthew 13:24-30

Birthdays: Adam Ashterman, Patricia Bennett, Lloyd McBean, Maureen Roach, Myrtle Shepherd, Everton Sibblis and Andrew Valere

Anniversaries: None

Friday, May 27

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2 *Listen, my son, and be wise, and set your heart on the right path: Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.* (vv.19-21)

I have an addictive personality. It runs in my family of origin. I addressed my addiction to alcohol many, many years ago, resulting in complete abstinence since then. I could easily have the same problem with food if I would let myself go. Today, my addiction is with sugar. I have suddenly become a candyholic!

Psalm 31; 1 Timothy 5:17-25; Matthew 13:31-35

Birthdays: Rochelle Comissiong, Taylor Corris, Gillian Grey, Barbara Sehi and Edith Wild

Anniversaries: Anita Lowe, Everton & Alicia Sibblis and Jeffery & Jill Thompson

Saturday, May 28

1 Timothy 6:6-21 *Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.* (vv.9-10)

I committed my life to Christ in 1975. My first year as a Christian was a great growth year for me. However, in the fall of 1976 I went to work as Area Representative for one of the fastest growing companies of that time, NIKE. As time went by, I slowly but steadily "wandered from the faith and pierced myself with many griefs." Fortunately, God is always faithful, even if I am not. I rededicated by life to God in 1988 and have walked and grown in Him since.

Proverb 25:15-28; Psalms 30, 32; Matthew 13:36-43

Birthdays: Lauren Neita, Janette Phillip and Tonisha Simon

Anniversaries: None

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