

December 28, 2014

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14a,16

⇒ ***Watch, Listen, and don't learn*** – The young father had just picked up his daughter from kindergarten when he accidentally beeped his horn. “*Oops,*” he said as he glanced at his little girl “*...didn't mean to do that.*” “*I know daddy.*” “*How do you know?*” He asked. “*You didn't shout, JERK'* afterwards.”

⇒ ***When Robert Louis Stevenson was a boy*** he once remarked to his mother, “*Momma, you can't be good without praying.*” “*How do you know, Robert?*” she asked. “*Because I've tried!*” he answered.

⇒ ***Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758),*** from the Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1

“*Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humble entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. [I will] remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.*”

- Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.
- Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.
- Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
- Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.
- Resolved, Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.
- Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge.
- Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.
- Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.
- Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.
- Resolved, To ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.
- Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.

- Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them; what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.
 - Resolved, Always to do that which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it. Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.
- ⇒ **Prayer Request:** Attending church in Kentucky, we watched an especially verbal and boisterous boy being hurried out, slung under his irate father's arm. No one in the congregation even raised an eyebrow -- until the child captured everyone's attention by crying out in a charming Southern accent, "Ya'll pray for me now!"
- ⇒ **"Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor."** Benjamin Franklin.
- ⇒ **Trivia Question:** How many quilts did Walnut Hill's Dorcas Quilters make for orphans in Zimbabwe? A. > 25 B. > 50 C. > 75 D. > 100

For Prayer...

- ...Giving thanks for the many blessings of mercy and grace this Christmas and praying for broken hearts and healing for the sadness and pain from the ugliness and pain wrought in this world's forges of deception.
- ...Bobbie requests prayer for her sister Jo Ann who is very ill and not expected to live long. We give thanks that she was able to visit family during the holidays.
- ...Joan (Wayne) – is home and doing wonderfully well after a debilitating stroke last week. We continue to pray for improved strength, mobility and timely recovery on her left side.
- ...Nathan fighting pain and fatigue. We are praying for a firm diagnosis and good prognosis for treatment.
- ...Elaina asks for continued prayer for her mother. Giving thank that she does not have cancer but she is still having trouble eating without pain.
- ...Adam continues to recover after last week's reconstructive ACL surgery. This is his 3rd operation and we pray for a strong and good outcome.
- ...Janey (Dave) – recovering at SSHCC from total knee. Giving thanks she was able to join her church family for our Christmas Eve service.
- ...The Buzz – that the Lord, in His mercy and grace, would continue to use this outreach for His glory.
- ...Sale of Homes for several in our churchfamily.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

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| Daryl & LaVern | Christy (Mike) | Cheryl (Deane) |
| Norm & Peg | Lloyd (Karen) | |
- ...Joy to the World - Peter John was born Monday, 12/22, 9 pounds 8 ounces to Nathan & Sarah.
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

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| Anna (Nathan) | Paige (Matt) | Katie (Brian) |
| Christine (Ben) | Sarah (Beaner) | Daisy (Aaron) |
| Sarah (Kelly) | | |

Note Your Prayers...

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Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving it all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.

C.S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: Over 100. The quilts were presented to Susan (David) Rousseau yesterday (Saturday, 12/27).