

Insight...

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”

Psalm 86:5

- † **Pastor Dave’s grandfather**, Dr. Lee A. Clinton, was a minister in the Milwaukee area in the early 1970s when gas shortages and long lines at full service gas stations were common. One day, after waiting in a particularly long line, Dr. Clinton chatted with the attendant while he was checking the oil. *“Pretty busy today aren’t you son,”* commented the minister. *“You bet Reverend,”* said the attendant, *“I’m really sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”* *“Yes. I understand.”* said the minister, *“It’s often works that way in my business too.”*
- † **Prayer Notes:** Milwaukee Bucks All-Star guard Michael Redd says prayer plays an important role in his personal walk with the Lord. *“I don’t necessarily get on my knees all day,”* Redd said. *“I just pray to God help me with [myself] . . . God, you know my issues, you know my weaknesses, continue to cleanse me, continue to purge me, help me to be the best father I can be, best husband I can be every day, be the best teammate. Also, I pray for my family all the time (and) my friends.”* Kathy Orton, http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/prayingfields/2008/04/an_nba_allstar_and_his_faith.html (7/ 14/10).
- † **Bible Notes:** Men’s professional golf is another forum ripe with Bible study and prayer. Christians on the PGA Tour gather to study the Scriptures each Wednesday night on the road, and many players say personal Bible study is part of their normal routine. One such golfer is 2002 PGA Tour rookie of the year Jonathan Byrd, who has a goal of reading God’s Word daily and carries a verse in his yardage book during tournaments. At one 2008 tournament, he carried Matthew 5:16 and meditated on being a light for Jesus throughout the week. [Kathy Orton, “God and Golf on the PGA Tour,” Washington Post Website, July 4, 2008]
- † **Been beaten for your faith lately?** In the developing world, the Church would simply disappear if believers stayed down when beaten down. “In the missionary briefing book Operation World, 2 one reads that, in Bali, *“The cost of discipleship is high, and converts to Christianity often face ostracism, persecution and financial loss”*; that, in Pakistan, *“a whole Christian village of 30,000 was razed by a Muslim mob”*; that, in Sudan, *“Deliberate attempts to eliminate a viable Christian presence have been extreme, and have included bombing of Sunday church services... killing of pastors and leaders and a food-for-conversion policy for refugees...”* These persecuted believers can readily identify with Paul, and many follow his example (II Cor. 11:24-28).

- † **What's in Your Closet...**and what difference does it make? "The genealogy Jesus, in the book of Matthew, includes some outcasts and notorious sinners—reminding us that at times God accepts and uses unlikely people to accomplish His purposes. Bathsheba and David committed adultery. Then David murdered Bathsheba's husband in an attempt to cover up his sin. Rahab was a prostitute. Judah fathered Perez and Zerah through an act of sexual immorality. And Ruth was part of a people (the Moabites) who originated from an act of incest. Who would have thought God could use such people to establish the earthly family of His Son?"
- † **What's the problem?** *"The problem with most Christians is they want "microwave" answers to "crock pot" prayers."* Original quote by Pastor Dan Schaefer, Puyallup WA.
- † **Trivia Question:** According to Open Doors Ministries, how many Christians are currently imprisoned in North Korea because of their faith?
 - A. 70 B. 700 C. 7,000 D. 70,000

For Prayer...

- ...Paul (a friend of WHBC) passed away suddenly (in Iowa) leaving a wife and three children (7, 5,& 3). Please pray for this family.
- ...Maike, an exchange student living with Jeff and Kathy. We pray for a full recovery. Drs. Have successfully removed a portion of her life support.
- ...Sue (John) – is home. Hoping for a satisfying diagnosis.
- ...Mike (Linde's father) – hospitalized in ICU and on life support.
- ...Mexico Missions Team's preparation.
- ...VBS Committee being reformed – about half are not returning.
- ...Space Planning & Church growth...clarity of leading, meeting this evening (2/1).
- ...Sale of Homes for a number of our members.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

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| Jeff & Laurie | Daryl & LaVern | Christy (Mike) | Norm & Peg |
| Cheryl (Deane) | Renee (Dick) | | |
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

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| Anna (Nathan) | Sarah (Kelly) | Daisy (Aaron) | Christine (Ben) |
| Sarah (Beaner) | Paige (Matt) | Terra (Ronnie) | Diana (Steven) |

Passing on before we pass on...

This very obvious fact—that each generation is taught by an earlier generation—must be kept very firmly in mind . . . None can give to another what he does not possess himself. No generation can bequeath to its successor what it has not got. You may frame the syllabus as you please. But when you have planned and reported ad nauseam, if we are skeptical we shall teach only skepticism to our pupils, if fools only folly, if vulgar only vulgarity, if saints sanctity, if heroes heroism.

C. S. Lewis, from *God in the Dock*

Trivia Answer: C. 70,000