

Insight...

“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1b

- **C. S. Lewis**...was once asked why so many Christians fall so far short of perfection. Lewis pulled his pipe from his mouth, smiled and said, *“You should have known them before they became Christians.”*
- **My Church History professor**, Bruce Shelly, taught me that what we think of God determines how we pray. *“Feeble faith,”* he once wrote, *“is the father of feeble prayers. Muscular faith produces muscular prayers.”*

George Herbert lived during the reign of England’s King James I. At this time the Puritans were pressuring the Crown and separating from the state church. After the death of King James, Herbert decided to enter the ministry, staying in the Anglican church in hopes that he could be a sanctifying presence. Below is a partial example of one of Herbert’s prayers. Note the importance Herbert places on perspective.

*Oh Almighty and everlasting Lord God! Majesty, and Power, and Brightness, and Glory!
How shall we dare to appear before Thy face, who are contrary to Thee, in all we call
Thee? For we are darkness, and weakness, and filthiness, and shame. Misery and sin
fill our days: yet thou art our Creator, and we Thy work: Thy hands both made us, and
also made us lords of all Thy creatures...*

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*Oh write it! Oh brand it in our foreheads forever: for an apple once we lost our God and
still lose Him for no more: for money, for meat, for diet: but Thou Lord, art patience
and pity, and sweetness, and love; therefore we sons of men are not consumed.*

- **Brian Ivie was 22 year old film student** when he heard about a S. Korean pastor and his wife who received about 18 babies/month in a box labeled for unwanted babies outside of their home. He traveled to S. Korea and made an awards winning movie he called “The Drop Box.” In one of his awards acceptance speeches he said, *“I became a Christian while making this movie...Wen I started to make it and I saw all these kids come through the drop box – it was like a flash from heaven; just like these kids with disabilities had crooked bodies, I have a crooked soul. And God loves me still.”* [Ammo from Salvo, Summer, 2015]

- **The millennials** are viewed by many researchers as “*the lost generation.*” Many have left the church and most have not returned. Doubts about faith did not begin in college as has been commonly assumed, but rather in Upper Elementary years, Middle School, and High School. Unlike previous generations they lack a sense of Biblical authority and relationships with spiritual authorities. [Salvo, Summer, 2015]
- **Trivia Question:** What percentage of U. S. teens (ages 15–17) do not live in a home with their married mother and father?
 - A. 28% B. 37% C. 46 % D. 54%

For Prayer...

- ...Our missionary Chris Ruge, as Prayercast Global Initiative begins a strategic move to stir God’s people to pray for Muslims. Pray for Chris as he travels to the Middle East next week to meet with 150-170 leaders who share the same focus.
- ...Missionary needs: Jonathan and Nicole & their 2 young boys are in need of housing & other temporary support needs from mid-October through mid-December. Sandy Kessenich (448-2551) is coordinating.
- ...Brenda David’s sister’s husband – Gale Walker – Med-flighted to Madison. Heart attack.
- ...From Barb D:
 - Daughter, Beth W (husband Ben currently deployed) is waiting for biopsy results.
 - Brother, Steve L...began chemo & radiation treatment for cancer. Spiritual concerns.
 - Daughter, Lindsay (Urena)...due in December. Baby’s heart is “tipped.” Concerned.
- ...Bob and Sara R moving to Dallas last week in November to attend Seminary, DTS
- ...Rachel D – that I would continue to be brought to Christ and that I may shine in His light. my mother...to heal her heart and to allow light of Jesus to shine.
- ...Suzanne M (Rachel’s mom) – that my granddaughter, Morgan M, may seek God.
- ...Jacob G –Me and my family. I start a new job Monday and I really need this to work for my family.
- ...Youth Director Position and Committee.
- ...Help for the ABC Club (3 -3:30 on Tuesdays) at GLW. Also, drivers to transport children from the other schools to GLW.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Christy (Mike) M	Sue (John) F	Tom (Barb) L
Cheryl (Deane) F	Ken & Judy B	
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

Coty (Steve) B	Dolly (John) J	Amber (Keenan) D
Kim (Eddy) D	Lindsay (Evo) U	Jill (Dale) L
Elizabeth (Brent) P	Angela (Ryan) L	Rebekah (Adam) N
Lindsey (Jeremy) M	Johanna (Joshua) W	

Resistance is hard, but not futile...

“Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down.”

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: D. 54%