

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for your relationship with God

assignments/prayers:

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (NIV)

Many who say they want to grow spiritually somehow think great things will happen while they sit on the bench watching others do the work. Christian life is a team sport. Be a player, not a spectator. How can you become a better member of God's team?

● Acts 28: 16-31 ■ Matt. 17 ◆ Is. 13-15

ACTIVE

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being full of or involved in busy activity; carrying out, or able to carry out, an action.

Christians are called to be diligent in service for God and others. It is all about having a good work ethic.

01 MONDAY

Proverbs 14:23

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." (NIV)

One of the most successful advertising slogans has been Nike's "Just Do It." They know that in sports it takes hard work to be successful. Is there something you can work hard at today that will prove profitable to you and to God's Kingdom? Just do it!

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and your friendships

assignments/prayers:

CIVIC HOLIDAY

02 TUESDAY

Proverbs 10:4

Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich. (NLT)

Today is a new opportunity to make things happen. It calls us to be active, to get to work. What specific task is God calling you to do today?

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Pray for you and your family

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03 WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 9:26

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. (NLT)

In the movie Chariots of Fire, Eric Liddel says that when he runs, he senses God's pleasure. Every follower of Jesus Christ ought to run the race of life with the purpose of pleasing God. What can you do today that would accomplish that?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and your small group

assignments/prayers:

04 THURSDAY

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. (NIV)

A seed looks nothing like what it will grow into. You have to plant it in the soil and wait for it to grow. In your life you will sow many seeds; you will try many things. Some will work out and some will not. You are simply called to plant the seed and let God bring about the results. What spiritual "seed" can you plant today?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and your church

assignments/prayers:

05 FRIDAY

Proverbs 30:15

"The leech has two daughters. 'Give! Give!' they cry." (NIV)

We live in a "someone should do it for me" culture where we have rights to health, wealth, and happiness. Instead of waiting for or demanding a handout, God's people are called to actively give. It really is more blessed to give than receive. Find someone you can offer yourself to today.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and God's kingdom

assignments/prayers:

06 SATURDAY

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? (NIV)

God created the universe in six days, and when He looked at what He had created He said, "It is very good." You have the opportunity to create things too. Enjoy! What can you create today that will bring you or someone else enjoyment?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and the world

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07 SUNDAY

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Philemon 1:6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. (NIV)

Mark down names of some people about whom you will be praying for an opportunity to share your faith. Show them how you are walking with God. How does sharing your faith with others benefit you?

● Romans 7 ■ Mark 6 ◆ Is. 34-36

OUTREACH

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providing information or services to people who might otherwise not receive it.

We are to tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ and what He has done in our lives. God will give us plenty of opportunity to do so. We just need to take advantage of them!

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08 MONDAY

1 Peter 3:15

You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. (NLT)

Look for opportunities to share your walk with God. Speak about what you are doing every day to stay close to Him and how He brings you hope. What will you say when the opportunity arises today?

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09 TUESDAY

1 Kings 18:37

"Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." (NIV)

Have you ever prayed this prayer – that God would show himself to your friends, to skeptical people you know, or maybe to yourself? Take time to pray it today and look for ways to see God answering.

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10 WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. (NLT)

Do you ever wonder why God has blessed you with so much? It is because He has people in mind that need your help. Who in your world needs your help?

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Pray for you and your small group

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11 THURSDAY

Colossians 4:5

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. (NLT)

What you do today and how you do it will make an impression on someone – positively or negatively. That means what you do and how you do it is important. That means you are important. What opportunities have you had lately to communicate your faith?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and your church

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12 FRIDAY

Ecclesiastes 11:4

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. (NIV)

There is never a bad time to tell someone else about Jesus. He gives us opportunities regularly - we just need to take hold of them. Be purposeful today in looking for those opportunities and then take the opportunity to plant seeds.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for you and God's kingdom

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13 SATURDAY

Romans 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. (NIV)

Can you imagine someone thanking God for you because your faith - your story - is being shared with people all over the world? It could happen. God uses ordinary people like you to spread His love. How has God used your faith story to reach others?

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● Romans 8:1-18 ■ Mark 8 ◆ Is. 37-39

● Rom. 8:19-39 ■ Luke 1 ◆ Is. 40-42

● Romans 9 ■ Luke 2 ◆ Is. 43-45

● Romans 10 ■ Luke 4 ◆ Is. 46-48

● Rom. 11:1-24 ■ Luke 7 ◆ Is. 49-51

● Rom. 11:25-36 ■ Luke 15 ◆ Is. 52-54