

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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PRAISE

- Praise God for the continued work with the people of the Wild River Indian Reservation. Souls are being saved, the church is growing and lives are being changed.
- Praise God for all of those who have supported and continue to support his ministry.

PRAY

- Pray for monthly support to Dr. Morgan to finish strong. He has been losing support because of his age but he wants to finish strong. He has also had a major loss of meat when his freezer failed. It was full of items that he had saved from hunting and fishing.
- Pray for Zechariah, Dr. Morgan’s son, his car has broken down.
- Pray for upcoming meetings in New Mexico.



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Fight For Your Faith

First Timothy 6:12 states, “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” This verse is part of Paul’s personal letter to Timothy and provides instructions on how to live and lead. Let’s focus on the concept of “the good confession” that Timothy made.

The “good confession” refers to a public declaration of faith. Interestingly, in the next verse, Paul mentions that Jesus also made a good confession: “In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you” (1 Timothy 6:13).

In John 18:37, we find the details of Jesus’ confession: “‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’” Here, *truth* refers not merely to a set of precepts in Scripture but to the embodiment of truth in Jesus Himself (John 14:6). When Jesus claimed to testify to the truth, He was, in essence, testifying about Himself.

Thus, the good confession bears witness to Jesus, as Romans 10:9–10 emphasizes, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

The Greek word for “belief” is *pistis*, which also denotes trust in something. A proper confession of Jesus arises from trusting in His resurrection, intrinsically linked to His sacrifice on the cross for our sin. There is no resurrection without the crucifixion.

Modern evangelistic crusades often feature public declarations with altar calls. While altar calls can be beneficial, they should be offered to individuals who understand themselves as sinners in need of a Savior. We come to Christ to be reconciled with God, not for money, a comfortable life, or even good health. While we have the promise of a future freedom from suffering, sickness, and pain (Revelation 21:4), Jesus’ primary mission was to lead us to the Father, not to grant a physical utopia on earth. Therefore, the gospel must serve as the foundation for every altar call.

Similarly, the sinner’s prayer, used as a formulaic approach to guide someone in making a confession, should be handled with care. The sinner’s prayer is not a magical statement, and it does not, in itself, save. Jesus saves us by faith. The sinner’s prayer should be an outward declaration of the inner transformation that has occurred, and it must be accompanied by the gospel.

Once we have believed and publicly made a good confession, like Timothy, we are called to “take hold of eternal life” and live consistently with our beliefs.

Resource: Gotquestions.org

KEY VERSE

1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Timothy 6:12-16; John 3:16; I Cor. 1:9; Romans 6:3-4

Choose To Belong

1. I Timothy 6:12 tells us to *“Fight the good fight of faith”* in our lives. How do YOU demonstrate this *“good fight”* in your daily walk?
2. Hebrews 3:12 warns us about *“departing from the living God.”* What daily practice in verse 13 are we called to execute to make sure that we don’t?

Tuesday: I Tim.6:13; Mat.27:11; John 19:10-11a; II Cor. 5:21

Follow The Courage of Jesus

3. In John 9:10-11 Pilate says to Jesus *“I have power to crucify You.”* What does Jesus’ reply reveal to us about where the greatest power comes from?
4. II Corinthians 5:21 states *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us”* What impact has this sacrificial act made on YOU and your walk?

Wednesday: I Timothy 6:14; John 14:15; Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Fully Obey The Bible

5. What is the best way to express love for God according to John 14:15?
6. Deuteronomy 10:12-13 asks: *“what does the Lord your God require of you.”* What commandments are given to us in these verses?

Thursday: I Timothy 6:15; Deuteronomy 33:27; Romans 8:28-29

Worship The True God Who Is In Control

7. I Timothy 6:15 defines God as *“He who is blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.”* How do YOU acknowledge this daily?
8. Deuteronomy 33:27 assures us *“the eternal God is our refuge.”* What will He do to our enemies?
9. What promise does Romans 8:28 make to those *“called to His purpose?”*

Friday: I Timothy 6:16; Psalm 90:1-2

Worship The True God Who Is Eternal

10. According to the description in I Timothy 6:16 what powers and abilities does our God possess?
11. Psalm 90:1 states *“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.”* What does verse 2 go on to confirm about our God?