

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:

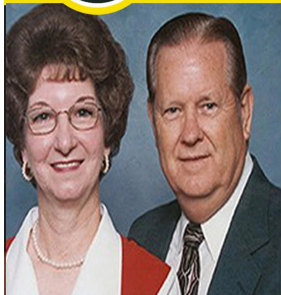
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“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

- For safety from recent violence by the drug cartels.

- For a successful Bible School in early August, there were over 70 in attendance and 24 were saved.

PRAY

- The ongoing violence and crime in Mexico with drug cartels, stealing vehicles, shooting, killing.

- For the outreach to families of children who attended Bible School.

- For the pastor’s wife, Diane, she seems to be doing great and recovering. She has a follow-up visit soon.

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Handout: 10/20/24

Study Date: 10/27/24

Trust Your Commander In Chief

As Paul starts to draw his Philippian letter to a conclusion, he implores certain of the sisters there to be of the same mind and to live in unity of spirit, one with the other. He urges certain elders in the congregation to help these women and others in the Christian community to live in peace and harmony with each other.

He encourages all believers to live in peace with one another and to give encouragement and help to all who are members of the Body of Christ, because he himself knows that the joy of the Lord is our strength, Paul calls on his brothers and sisters in Christ to rejoice in the Lord and to keep on rejoicing together in harmony of heart.

The next exhortation from Paul to this community of Christians is: "Let your gentleness be known to all men, the Lord is near." Gentleness is one of the fruit of the Spirit that is manifested in a life that is abiding in Christ, walking in the Spirit, trusting in God, demonstrating His love to others, and obeying His Word.

The fruit of gentleness is an attribute that should be evident to all people, both those that are saved and the unsaved. It suggests one who is kind and considerate, tender-hearted and compassionate, merciful and forgiving, good-natured and sweet-tempered. It suggests an inner calm that is not adversely affected by the fluctuating emotions of other people and identifies one who demonstrates an understanding and peaceable spirit, when maligned or misunderstood.

Paul gives a reason that the spirit of gentleness should be evident to all: "Because the LORD is near." As believers we have the indwelling Holy Spirit who is a Listener to every conversation, an Observer to our every action, a Guest at every mealtime, and a Guide and Comforter for every eventuality that life may throw at us.

Jesus is not only near in the Person and work of the Spirit in our lives, but His physical return in the clouds to take us to be with Himself at the Rapture, or resurrection of Church-age saints, is also nearer than when we first believed. As His children we are called upon to watch, be ready, redeem the time, finish the race that is set before us, and work the works of God in our lives in spirit and in truth, in gentleness of heart, and in a quietness of mind.

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KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:5 (NKJV)

“Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.”

Read Philippians 4:4-9 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Philippians 4:5

Introduction

1. Paul states in Philippians 4:5 *“Let your gentleness be known to all men.”* How do paragraphs 3 and 4 on pg. 1 teach us to demonstrate that?
2. Philippians 4:5 also states that: *“The Lord is at hand.”* What do paragraphs 5 and 6 on pg. 1 teach us about the various ways He is present in our life?

Tuesday: Philippians 4:5; Romans 10:13; Acts 9:1-6

Trust God In Dealing With Salvation

3. Romans 10:13 is perhaps the greatest promise of all given to us by our Lord! What is in store for those of us who call on His name?
4. What message did “Saul” receive in Acts 9:3-6 near Damascus? Despite his persecution of the Lord, how did Jesus change Saul’s heart and life?

Wednesday: Philippians 4:5; I Peter 5:8-9; Acts 27:20, 22-25

Trust God In Dealing With Pressure

5. Who is I Peter 5:8 warning us about? Whom is seeking to devour us?
6. What does I Peter 5:8-9 and Acts 27:20, 22-25 teach us about remaining *“steadfast”* in our faith in times of stress? Who do we need to trust in?

Thursday: Philippians 4:5; Proverbs 15:1; Romans 12:17-19

Trust God In Dealing With Relationships

7. What invaluable lesson does Proverbs 15:1 teach us in regard to being provoked by others? How does Proverbs 15:1 call us to respond?
8. Romans 12:17 clearly commands that we are to *“repay no one evil for evil.”* To achieve this, what does verse 18 go on to teach us to try and pursue?
9. Who does vengeance belong to according to Romans 12:19? Who *“will repay”* it for us?

Friday: Philippians 4:5; John 14:16-18; II Timothy 4:16-17

Trust God In Dealing With Loneliness

10. John 14:16 reveals to us that our Father in heaven will give us a *“Helper”* who will *“abide in us forever.”* How often do YOU engage this Helper?
11. Our “Helper” is called *“the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive”* (John 14:17). Why does He dwell in us and not the world?
12. II Timothy 4:16-17 informs us that many in the world will stand against us. But “Who” will always stand by us and be our strength in these times?