

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:

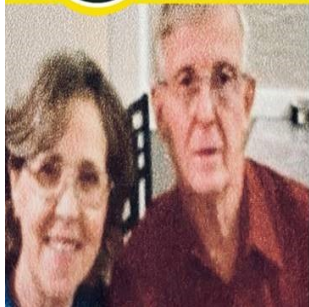
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"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

Arthur and Eloise MacArthur | Laos



PRAY

- Pray for wisdom in managing the Laos Ministry and the plans to find a successor.
- Pray for the people of Laos who are recovering from recent floods.
- Pray for continued good health for the MacArthurs.

PRAISE

- Praise God for opening doors to hold a Pastor's training in April and two in October.
- Praise God for Shane and Elise Gisler who have assisted in ministry.
- Praise God for the willingness of people to serve in various ministries throughout the church.

winning at home



Handout: 02/23/25

Study Date: 03/02/25

Winning Conflict Resolution At Home

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers"
— Ephesians 4:29

In Ephesians chapter 4, we find the apostle Paul writing to the church in Ephesus, emphasizing the importance of unity and maturity in the body of Christ. As the scene unfolds, we see a diverse group of believers gathered together in a spacious room within a humble house church in Ephesus. The room is adorned with flickering oil lamps casting a warm glow, and the air is filled with the faint scent of incense.

Among those present are Lydia, a wealthy merchant who was one of the first converts in Philippi, and Aquila and Priscilla, a devoted couple who had traveled extensively with the apostle Paul. Also in attendance are new believers who have recently come to faith through the preaching of Paul and other missionaries. The group sits in a circle, their faces reflecting a mix of eagerness and reverence as they listen intently to Paul's words of exhortation and encouragement.

As Paul speaks, his voice carries the weight of authority and love, urging the believers to speak only words that build others up and to be kind and compassionate towards one another, forgiving as Christ forgave them. The atmosphere in the room is charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and hearts are stirred as the believers are reminded of the grace and mercy they have received through Christ. In this moment, the believers are united in their shared faith and commitment to live out the gospel in their daily lives.

This verse is a reminder of the power of our words and actions in shaping our relationships and interactions with others. It encourages us to speak words that build others up, rather than tear them down. We can uplift those around us and create a positive and encouraging environment by choosing to speak edifying words.

Resource: Godsblessing.com

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

Read Ephesians 4:25-32 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29; Proverbs 12:22

Resolve Conflicts Honestly

1. Ephesians 4:15 calls us as believers to *“speak the truth in love”* How well do YOU execute this specific command in your relationships?
2. In Ephesians 4:25 we are clearly called by the Word to always *“speak truth”* with one another. What does Proverbs 12:22 teach us about lying?

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:26a; Proverbs 15:1; Genesis 4:5, 8

Resolve Conflicts Calmly

3. What command is very clearly stated in Ephesians 4:26a? Indeed we are going to be *angry* in life, but what “can’t” we do when we are?
4. What wisdom is Proverbs 15:1 bestowing upon us in regard to how we should react in the face of conflict? Particularly in regard to *how* we speak?

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:26-27; Matthew 6:34b; Hebrews 12:15

Resolve Conflicts Daily

5. What is Ephesians 4:26 telling us in the statement *“do not let the sun go down on your wrath”*? Should we allow conflict to go unresolved?
6. What warning is Hebrews 12:15 offering us in regard to allowing a *“root of bitterness”* to grow in us? What can happen to us if we do?

Thursday: Eph. 4:28; Pro. 13:10a, 20:3; Matt. 18:15; Jas. 1:19

Resolve Conflicts Victoriously

7. What is Proverbs 20:3 trying to teach us in regard to the *value of peace* and the folly of constant conflict?
8. Proverbs 13:10a states that *“by pride comes nothing but strife.”* What is this telling us in terms of “putting our pride in check” during a conflict?
9. We’ve all attempted to resolve conflicts through many different processes. What is the correct process according to Matthew 18:15?

Friday: Eph.4:29, Gal.5:14-15; Pro.10:12; 1 Pet.4:8; Eph.4:30-32

Resolve Conflicts Positively And Forgivingly

10. Ephesians 4:29 commands us to *“let no corrupt word proceed out of our mouth, but what is good for necessary edification.”* Are YOU succeeding?
11. According to Galatians 5:14-15, what must we practice according to verse 14, so that we do not suffer the consequences of verse 15?
12. To resolve conflicts forgivingly what must we *“put away”* according to Ephesians 4:31? What must we practice according to Ephesians 4:32?