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your day to day walk with Christ*

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... about this book and the author

Reading the Bible through every year in my daily devotions has been a practice of mine for many years. My dear wife challenged me over and over again to record my thoughts each day as God spoke to my heart in those early morning hours. In January of 1999, I did just that, hence, the devotional book you now hold in your hand.

Seemingly, the last thing that is needed is another book of this nature, especially since there are so many good ones available today. However, this one is different from others because the things included are what you need to think about ... "Today." I have asked God for wisdom concerning what the Believer should accomplish in his everyday walk. Be sure to read the explanation on the assignments. Just follow the things prescribed in this daily devotional "Today" and tomorrow will take care of itself.

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AN EXPLANATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENTS . . .

1. SCRIPTURE READING—There are some in the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. As you complete your daily assignment, you will read the Bible through completely in one year.
2. MY THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING—As you read, ask yourself “What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?” Write it down and review it.
3. MY PRAISES FOR TODAY—What are you particularly thankful for TODAY? A good Christian has a lot of things to thank God for.
4. MY PRIORITIES FOR TODAY—What are the most important things that you need to do TODAY? Write them down in order of importance.
5. OTHERS PROJECT FOR TODAY—What could you do for someone else TODAY? Who do you know who may need some encouragement from a visit, phone call, note, or just letting them know you are praying for them.
6. PRINCIPLE OF PRAYER—This is included to encourage and challenge your prayer life.
7. SOUL WINNING & MISSIONS PRINCIPLE—Every Christian should be concerned for the salvation of souls next door, down the street, in the city, and around the world.
8. STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLE—All Christians are stewards and should give their time, talent, and tithe to our Lord. Allow the Scriptures to speak to your heart.
9. WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE—The same one is included every day for a week to help implant these verses in your heart.
10. LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE—These quotes are added each day to help you develop your leadership skills for the Lord.

Now, go ahead and get started.
Jump in and make this a year of great growth
in your Christian life.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...but the Lord made the heavens." 1 Chronicles 16:26

My Praises for Today

"In the beginning God" and nothing else.

The focus of my life should be on God. He is the giver of life, eternal life and abundant life. I have learned, and continue to learn, that He is my source for everything. The success of my life depends upon my relationship with Him. It's awesome to realize that God loves me. Will you start this year by focusing on Him? What stands between you and God? Why is God second, third, fourth, or fifth when He should really be first (Matthew 6:33)? Make Him number one this year.

Leadership Principle

"Be an Excited Christian. You cannot start a fire with a wet match!"

My Priorities for Today

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My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Romans 10:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Stewardship Principle

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10

Psalm 119:11

January 2

Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:13-3:6, Psalm 2:1-12, Proverbs 1:7-9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...in the congregations will I bless the Lord." Psalm 26:12

My Praises for Today

"Just because it looks good...."

Have you ever seen a beautiful arrangement of fruit on a table just asking to be picked up and eaten? You pick up the shiny, bright red, juicy apple only to find out that it's artificial. Eve had an even worse experience when she gave in to temptation. In Genesis 3 we have the record of the serpent, or Satan, tempting Eve to partake of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had told both Adam and Eve not to touch of the fruit of that tree, but they disobeyed God. Verse six states that when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired she took of the fruit and did eat. Let me say that sin is sometimes fun and attractive but you will never get away with it. You will always pay dearly when you disobey God. In what areas of your life are you disobeying God? You must acknowledge your sin and turn away. He will forgive you and cleanse you (1 John 1:9). Eve saw, she desired, she took. She paid dearly for her disobedience which affects all of us to this day.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Romans 12:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1

Stewardship Principle

For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. Luke 21:4

Leadership Principle

If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his true friend.

Next, probe to discover what he wants to accomplish.

Abraham Lincoln

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory and honour are in his presence..." 1 Chronicles 16:27

My Praises for Today

"The man that never died"

In Genesis 5:22 and 24, the Bible says that Enoch walked with God. In Genesis 6:9, the Bible says that Noah walked with God. The Hebrew word for walked is "halak" and has a variety of applications among which we find: be conversant, depart with, to follow, run along, and up and yonder. We can tell from those meanings, and by examining Enoch's and Noah's lives, that they were both saved men who lived close to God. In fact, Enoch was so close to God that he never died. Noah was a spiritually mature man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord and was used to build the ark that provided safety for those eight souls during the flood. Do you walk with God? How close are you? Are you talking to God on a daily basis?

Leadership Principle

"In order to be a leader a man must have followers. And to have followers, a man must have their confidence" ...

Dwight D. Eisenhower

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

... "that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer;"... 1 Corinthians 7:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Hebrews 9:27

Stewardship Principle

... "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11

January 4

Genesis 8:1-10:32, Matthew 4:12-25, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:20-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord....glory and strength." 1 Chronicles 16:28

My Praises for Today

What do you like to fish for?

I love to fish. In today's reading, Jesus visits with two brothers who made their living as fishermen and soon learned the true meaning of the word. In Matthew 4:18-20, Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee and saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew. While they were fishing, Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately dropped their nets and followed Him.

What is a fisher of men? It's a soul winner. It's Believers who share Jesus Christ with others. They witness; telling mankind what Christ did on the cross and inviting them to accept Him as Savior. It's the highest calling of a Believer in Christ. That call is extended to every Christian. Are you a fisher of men? If not, it seems to me that you have ignored God's call. When is the last time you spoke to someone concerning his or her relationship to Jesus Christ? Want to go fishing?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Ye also helping together by prayer for us... 2 Corinthians 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Stewardship Principle

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7

Leadership Principle

In simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, and gets up, and goes.

John Erksine

The Complete Life

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:111

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name..." 1 Chronicles 16:29

My Praises for Today

A little salt and light, please

Matthew 5:13-16 is a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. In that sermon Jesus says that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt needs to be salty and light must shine brightly. In the Lord's teaching, salt is symbolic of spiritual health as opposed to the corruption of the world. As for our Christian light, it needs to shine before men that they may see our good works (servanthood) and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Before we can even say anything, the world ought to take notice of our salt and light. How salty are you? Is your light shining?

Leadership Principle

I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

Ralph Nader

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 2 Corinthians 9:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? John 3:4

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Stewardship Principle

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

Psalm 119:11

January 6

Genesis 13:5-15:21, Matthew 5:27-48, Psalm 6:1-10, Proverbs 1:29-33

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Fear before him all the earth..." 1 Chronicles 16:30

My Praises for Today

How do you treat your enemies?

Everyone has them; those people who cause your stomach to knot up when you see them or on hearing mention of their name. God has direct advice for us in Matthew 5:44. Pay close attention and see how you match up.

1. Love them (your enemies)
2. Bless them (that curse you)
3. Do good to them (that hate you)
4. Pray for them (which spitefully use you)

The above is not a choice but a command. At this moment think of those that you consider your enemies then go back and read the above scriptures. You will either obey or disobey. Remember obedience = blessings.

Leadership Principle

It is always easier to dismiss a man than it is to train him. No great leader ever built a reputation on firing people. Many have built a reputation on developing them.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..." Ephesians 6:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Psalm 119:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Stewardship Principle

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice..." 1 Chronicles 16:31

My Praises for Today

Trust... it's so important

Do you trust God, and can God trust you? Genesis 18:19 says, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." This verse is God's word concerning Abraham. What a testimony he had! God trusted Abraham because his lifestyle was one of righteousness, faith and trust. Sodom and Gamorah were about to be destroyed and God allowed Abraham to know about it. As a result, he was able to intercede on its behalf. The Bible noted that Abraham would be able to command and lead his family. What does God think of you? Can He trust you? The element of trust is so important.

Leadership Principle

*It is amazing how much
people can get done if
they do not worry about
who gets the credit.*

Sandra Swinney

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy.
Philippians 1:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

Stewardship Principle

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

Memory Verse of the Week

*Thy word have I hid in
mine heart, that I might not
sin against thee."*

Psalm 119:11

January 8

Genesis 18:20-19:38, Matthew 6:25-7:14, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:6-15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein." 1 Chronicles 16:32

My Praises for Today

Seek Him - First!

Everybody wants to be first. God does too. He wants first place in all areas of your life. Do you put Him there? Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

God should be first in your life. If He is, you will naturally succeed in the things that are important to Him like:

1. Getting saved and then baptized
2. Being faithful in church attendance
3. Reading - study of the Bible
4. Winning souls
5. Tithing and giving offering to His cause
6. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit
7. Being available for God to use you

This is the revealed will of God for you life. What will you do about it?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11

Principle of Prayer

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer...Philippians 1:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. John 3:7

Stewardship Principle

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? Luke 16:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord..."
1 Chronicles 16:33

My Praises for Today

Religious, but lost

In Matthew 7:21-23, Scripture indicates to us that just because you are religious doesn't mean that you are saved. You can join a church, get baptized and come every Sunday, but still be lost and on your way to Hell. In order to know for sure that you are saved, the Spirit of God must convict you of your sin and you must repent and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. That's what John 3 means by being born again. The important question is, have you ever been saved? We can possess a know-so salvation. Read 1 John 5:13. This verse is about being saved and knowing it for sure. A good indicator of whether you are saved or not is your lifestyle. Do you live like you are saved?

Leadership Principle

*It is not the job of the
General to be winning.*

It is his job to win.

Nancy Banks-Smith

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Stewardship Principle

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9

John 14:21

January 10

Genesis 23:1-24:51, Matthew 8:1-17, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 3:1-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good..." 1 Chronicles 16:34

My Praises for Today

Don't lean the wrong way

Two of my favorite verses of scripture are Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." If you "lean to your own understanding," you will probably not make the right decision. God knows and sees the whole picture of your life and He only wants what is best for you. Can you give me a reason that you wouldn't trust God? Look at His track record and then look at your track record. God has never failed, you have. He should be trusted for everything; you should never trust yourself in anything. The conclusion is: trust God, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths—what a promise and blessing.

Leadership Principle

Leaders are dealers in hope.

Napoleon

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Colossians 4:2

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

Stewardship Principle

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: Deuteronomy 15:7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise."

1 Chronicles 16:35

My Praises for Today

Do you fear God? It's healthy!

In Proverbs 3:7-8, the Scripture tells us to not be wise in our own eyes. (By the way, wisdom comes from God). We are to fear the Lord and depart from evil. Fearing the Lord means to revere or to be afraid of the Lord. The Bible is speaking of a genuine fright; enough to challenge you to depart from your wicked ways. A promise in fearing God is health to thy navel and refreshment to thy bones. It is always right to fear God and depart from evil.

Leadership Principle

Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. Deuteronomy 15:11

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

January 12

Genesis 26:17-27:46, Matthew 9:1-17, Psalm 10:16-18, Proverbs 3:9,10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever..." 1 Chronicles 16:36

My Praises for Today

Blessings beyond....

I only wish we had room in this space to share all the many, many financial blessings God has given my family. They are far too numerous. It's all been because we follow God's guidelines for giving. Proverbs 3:9-10 says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." These are verses relating to giving. If you honour God with the things that you have by giving to him, then he will supply your needs in abundance.

The Bible teaches tithing (10%) as a very basis for giving. The Bible also talks about proportionate giving, which means that as God gives to you, you give Him more. Faith giving is another type of giving. It is giving what you don't have, but promising it as He blesses you. You just can't out-give God. Givers are some of the happiest Christians that I know. Read Luke 6:38

Leadership Principle

*Leadership has a harder job
to do than just choose sides.
It must bring sides together.*

Jesse Jackson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..." James 5:15

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Romans 3:9

Stewardship Principle

Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee. Deuteronomy 24:14-15

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord..." 1
Chronicles 23:30

My Praises for Today

Lots of Crops, few workers.

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus says to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." I have been in God's field of service for almost 30 years. I have seen the population of the world grow to over six billion people. As a pastor with a vision to reach the world, I constantly face the problem of not having enough labourers or workers. The Lord realized that problem, too and gave us the prescription to solve it. That prescription is to pray to the Lord that He would send the labourers. He will answer that prayer. My prayer today is, " Lord, send us the labourers we need to get the job done to reach the world for you." Are you doing your part?

Leadership Principle

*Leadership is action, not
position.*

Donald H. McGannon

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another," ... James 5:16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 3:10

Stewardship Principle

The first fruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him Deuteronomy 18:4

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

January
14

Genesis 30:1-31:16, Matthew 10:1-25, Psalm 12:1-8, Proverbs 3:13-15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our Father..." 1 Chronicles 29:10

My Praises for Today

Be a Blessing

Read Genesis 30:27 again. This was the statement of Laban, Jacob's father-in-law, concerning Jacob. Laban said that the Lord had blessed him because of Jacob. Jacob had lived and worked for Laban for 21 years. It's always good to have people in the church, or in any organization, who walk with God and have God's hand upon them. The result is that everybody gets blessed. I believe that the most important attribute that any of my staff members can have is that they walk daily with God and has God's hand upon their lives. Everybody benefits then.

Leadership Principle

Leadership is getting people to work for you when they are not obligated.

Fred Smith

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

...Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

Stewardship Principle

And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God: Deuteronomy 26:10

John 14:21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory..."

1 Chronicles 29:11

My Praises for Today

The Benefits of Wisdom

Let's go to Proverbs today and back up a little to the 13th verse and read to verse 18. We see the results of finding "wisdom." Here's the list:

1. Happiness
2. More important than money or gems
3. Long life
4. Riches and honor
5. Pleasantness
6. Peace

We certainly need to have these important characteristics. I challenge you today to find, from God's word, what wisdom is and begin to incorporate it into your life. Get a Bible Concordance and look up every verse in the Bible that speaks about wisdom.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:19

Stewardship Principle

And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord: Nehemiah 10:35

Leadership Principle

Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.

*Harold Geneen, Founder
MCI Communications*

Memory Verse of the Week

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

January 16

Genesis 32:13-34:31, Matthew 11:7-30, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:19-20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Both riches and honour come of thee..." 1 Chronicles 29:12

My Praises for Today

Wrestle and wait

In Genesis 32:24-32, we find Jacob alone wrestling with an angel, or as I believe, the pre-incarnate Christ (Read verse 30). All night long they wrestled. Jacob said in verse 26 "...I will not let thee go, except thou bless me," so the angel did. Jacob's name was changed and he was blessed right there. Christ said, Thou hast power with God and with men and hast prevailed."

My Brethren, sometimes it is important to be with God alone for extended periods of time in prayer and fasting to get God's direction and blessing. If you are saved, He is involved in your life. I exhort you to pray, wait, wrestle and don't give up until you have a word from Him.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Romans 5:12

Stewardship Principle

And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. Nehemiah 10:38

Leadership Principle

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Warren G. Bennis

Memory Verse of the Week

*And He saith unto them,
follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.*

Matthew 4:19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:13

My Praises for Today

Where is your Beth-el?

It may be your den, your garage, or your backyard. But wherever it is, it's important to be there everyday. Why? It's the place you meet God for your time with Him. In Genesis 35:1, God told Jacob to go back to Beth-el, dwell there and make an altar unto God. Beth-el means house of God. This was not the first time that Jacob had been to Beth-el. He had been there before. Beth-el has become the symbol of a place to meet God and to worship him. Do you have a place that you can call your Beth-el where you meet God and worship Him everyday? Go there today and everyday. It is of utmost importance for you.

Leadership Principle

Would you be willing to preach what you practice?

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers."
Romans 1:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. Luke 16:24

Memory Verse of the Week

*And He saith unto them,
follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.*

Stewardship Principle

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Matthew 4:19

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Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 12:22-45, Psalm 16:1-11, Proverbs 3:27-32

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for all things come of thee..." 1 Chronicles 29:14

My Praises for Today

How's your neighbor?

Are you a neighborly sort of person? Are you sensitive to what God may lay on your heart to do for someone else? Proverbs 3:27-32 informs us that a needy neighbor needs to be helped (verses 27, 28) the innocent neighbor is to be respected and left alone (verses 27, 30) and the wicked neighbor is not to be envied (verses 31-35). Read those verses clearly and look at the results of your actions accordingly.

In verse 32, the Word says that the secret of God is with the righteous, but the curse of the Lord is upon the house of the wicked (verse 33).

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me. Romans 15:30

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

Stewardship Principle

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:14

Leadership Principle

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln

Memory Verse of the Week

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let them praise the name of the Lord..." Psalm 148:13

My Praises for Today

What a man!

In our Old Testament reading we find ourselves right in the middle of the record of Joseph's life. Joseph is one of my heroes in the Scriptures. I cannot be extensive at this point in my comments; however, we can let the scriptures speak for themselves concerning Joseph's life. In Genesis 39:2, the Word says that the Lord was with Joseph and he was a prosperous man. In verse five of the same chapter, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. In verse seven, when Potipher's wife tried to seduce Joseph to have sex with her, he refused because it was wrong. As he was put in prison, verse 21 says that the Lord was with Joseph, showed him mercy and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Joseph lived to glorify God. In chapter 41:16, Joseph attributed his interpretation of the dream of Pharaoh to God. Are you living for God's glory or are you living for self-glory? Somehow I feel you know the answer in your heart.

Leadership Principle

Never follow the crowd.

Bernard Baruch

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

*And he saith unto them,
follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.*

Stewardship Principle

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:8

Matthew 4:19

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Genesis 41:17-42:17, Matthew 13:24-46, Psalm 18:1-15, Proverbs 4:1-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Sing unto the Lord a new song..." Psalm 149:1

My Praises for Today

Get Wisdom

In Proverbs 4:1-6, the Bible exhorts children to hear the instruction of a father. A father has a great responsibility. He is to model truth and righteousness to his children.

It's so important for children to listen to the instruction of a father. His experience and wisdom in life teaches children how to adjust and accept what they soon may face in life. The Scriptures have assured us that wisdom comes from the Father and it goes on to command that we get wisdom, get understanding, forsake her not, and love her. The promise from the Bible is that she (wisdom) will preserve and keep you. Again it emphasizes in verse seven, GET WISDOM.

Leadership Principle

No executive has ever suffered because his subordinates were strong and effective.

Peter Drucker

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Colossians 4:12

Memory Verse of the Week

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Stewardship Principle

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Genesis 42:18-43:34, Matthew 13:47-14:12, Psalm 18:16-36, Proverbs 4:7-10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever..." 2 Chronicles 5:13

My Praises for Today

Try it God's way

Psalm 18:30 says, "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried." God is always right and His way is perfect. He has chosen to instruct us through the written word. That's why reading the Bible is so important. He instructs us, teaches us, and gives us wisdom through His principles. It's only when we try to live man's way or the world's way that we run into trouble. You will never go wrong by doing it God's way. That's true in your life, your marriage, your life's vocation, your money, raising children and everything else in life.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24

Stewardship Principle

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. Genesis 4:3

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Leadership Principle

*No man is wise
enough by himself.*

Plautus

Memory Verse of the Week

*And he saith unto them,
follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.*

Matthew 4:19

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Genesis 44:1-45:28, Matthew 14:13-36, Psalm 18:37-50, Proverbs 4:11-13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever..." Nehemiah 9:5

My Praises for Today

God's plans are made to work out!

In Genesis 45, Joseph makes himself known unto his brethren whom he had not seen in two decades. They were responsible for his being in Egypt and 13 years of imprisonment. No one had ever guessed at the time that it was all in God's plan to deliver this world from starvation through this one man named Joseph. Joseph's attitude was not revenge, but rather praise to God saying in verse five, "For God did send me before you to preserve life."

Today, you might be going through the valley or fire of life. Has it ever occurred to you that God knows all about it and is allowing it to happen? Just trust me when I say that there is a bigger picture and God is doing something good in your life. Just wait, have faith and trust in Him. It WILL work out.

Leadership Principle

No man will ever be a big executive who feels that he must either openly or undercover, follow up every order he gives and see that it is done, nor will he ever develop a capable assistant.

John Mahin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 1 Timothy 2:1

Memory Verse of the Week

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17

Stewardship Principle

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering;

Genesis 4:4, Genesis 46:1-47:31, Matthew 15:1-28,
Psalm 19:1-14, Proverbs 4:14-19

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Thou, even thou, art Lord alone..." Nehemiah 9:6

My Praises for Today

Which path are you on?

Proverbs 4:14-19 is an exhortation to not enter into the path of the wicked. The wicked in the Bible is always referring to unsaved people, people with an unregenerate heart who know not God. In admonishing us of the path of the wicked, the Word says in verse 15, "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." It's like my Dad told me years ago, if you play around dirt, sooner or later you will get some on you. Influence and peer pressure are very strong forces.

In contrast to staying away from the path of the wicked, verse 18 tells us that the path of the just (saved) is a shining light that shineth more and more. Which path would you rather travel?

Leadership Principle

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or to get all the credit for doing it.

Andrew Carnegie

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."1
Timothy 5:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit: 1 Peter 3:18

Stewardship Principle

"The first of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of thy God..." Exodus 34:26

Memory Verse of the Week

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

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Genesis 48:1-49:33, Matthew 15:29-16:12, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:20-7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Remember that thou magnify His work..." Job 36:24

My Praises for Today

What a Book!

When a good diet book, exercise book, or "how to be successful" book hits the market, it's a sell-out. People buy them hoping to find the answers to what they are looking for. Yet, we have a Book that has been tried and tested for centuries and we don't take advantage of it. Yesterday's reading in Psalm 19:1-14 is a testimony of what God's Word will do for you. I'll just list the attributes.

1. It's perfect - converts the soul (verse 7)
 2. Makes wise the simple (verse 7)
 3. Rejoices it's heart (verse 8)
 4. Enlightens the eyes (verse 8)
 5. It is truth and righteous (verse 9)
 6. More to be desired than money or food (verse 10)
 7. Great reward for them who obey God's principles (verse 11)
- What great promises we have in store for us from God's word.

Leadership Principle

Now, gentlemen, let us do something today which the world may talk of hereafter.

Admiral Collingwood

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day. 2 Timothy 1:3

Memory Verse of the Week

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Stewardship Principle

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest: Leviticus 23:10

Genesis 50:1-Exodus 2:10, Matthew 16:13-17:9, Psalm 21:1-13, Proverbs 5:1-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...all the sons of God shouted for Joy?" Job 38:7

My Praises for Today

Do you use your umbrella of safety?

In Matthew 16:15-18, Jesus asks the question "...But whom say ye that I am?" to which Peter answered, "thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then goes on to say that He will build his church (upon Himself) and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Christ, God himself, established the church and it's the institute that will always have God's protection: the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It's a tremendously important institution, one in which we have a safe haven and refuge. That's why it's imperative to be and to have our family under its umbrella because there is safety. A Christian should never have a casual relationship towards the church. We should be committed to its work because Christ is the foundation and cornerstone. I believe our attendance, commitment and involvement in the church reflects our love for its Founder. How is your relationship to the church? Is it casual or committed?

Leadership Principle

Pay attention to everybody in a group. Not to just the leader or spokesman. A group is more than one.

Les Giblin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, Philemon 1:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Stewardship Principle

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land whither I bring you, Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the Lord. Numbers 15:18-19

Memory Verse of the Week

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

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Exodus 2:11-3:22, Matthew 17:10-27, Psalm 22:1-18, Proverbs 5:7-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high." Psalm 7:17

My Praises for Today

If he calls us, he enables us.

"I just can't do that" is sometimes our reaction to what we feel God is asking us to do. Moses felt the same way. In Exodus 3 we read about God's call of Moses. It was a "burning bush experience." The call was for the reason recorded in verse 10. Needless to say, Moses felt incompetent and offered excuses why he couldn't do what God had called him to do, but God assured him he could. God enabled him when he called him. I have found that when God has called you to do something, he will also supply the tools you need to perform the task. What has God called you to do for Him? Respond to that call today.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Peter 3:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13

Stewardship Principle

All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first fruits of them which they shall offer unto the Lord, them have I given thee. Numbers 18:12

Leadership Principle

Personal leadership is not a singular experience. It is, rather, the ongoing process of keeping your vision and values before you and aligning your life to be congruent with those most important things.

*Stephen Covey
Daily Reflections for Highly
Effective People: Living the
Seven Habits"*

Memory Verse of the Week

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Gospel of Christ: for it is the
power of God unto salvation
to every one that believeth; to
the Jew first, and also to the
Greek.*

Romans 1:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing praises to the Lord..." Psalm 9:11

My Praises for Today

This sin is h-e-a-v-y!

In Proverbs 5 we have a warning against immorality. Sexual sins carry heavy, long-lasting consequence. Marriage is a sacred institution given by God. The sexual relationship between husband and wife is something of beauty, satisfaction and fulfillment. We need to constantly build and work on our marriage relationship and, above all, keep our eyes and commitment on our marriage partner. When you stay within God's bounds in your marriage, the blessing will come. Don't ruin it all by having an extra-marital relationship. God sees your thoughts and knows your actions. Be accountable to Him.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers..." 1 Peter 3:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; Ephesians 1:7

Stewardship Principle

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Deuteronomy 28:8

Leadership Principle

...power is not really good or bad; it is neutral. Power itself is not negative or positive, although our feelings about it may be. Power is the potential to influence others for good or evil, to be a blessing or a scourge.

Like nuclear energy, it can provide the electricity to light a city, or it can fuel the bomb that destroys it.

Blaine Lee - "The Power Principle; Influence with Honor"

Memory Verse of the Week

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

January 28

Exodus 5:22-7:24, Matthew 18:23-19:12, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:22-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength..." Psalm 21:13

My Praises for Today

It's Mine!

One thing children learn very early in life is possession! I have heard my precious grand-babies say "mine" over just about everything in the house! We as adults need to have that attitude when it comes to the promises of God. Psalm 23 is probably the most familiar scripture in the Bible other than John 3:16. The Psalm is a promise from God to his people. It is a Psalm of possession with special power for the Brethren. Look at the following individual possessions in the 6 verses.

Verse 1 — I

Verse 2 — me, me

Verse 3 — my, me

Verse 4 — I, I, me, me

Verse 5 — me, mine, my

Verse 6 — me, my, I

Claim them today, they are yours!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant...." Nehemiah 1:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:20

Stewardship Principle

And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee. Deuteronomy 28:11

Leadership Principle

Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek.

Romans 1:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...in the midst of thy congregation will I praise thee." Psalm 22:22

My Praises for Today

*I hear the question, but I don't want to
know the answer*

Matthew 19:16 tells about a man who came to Jesus and asked the question, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" He wanted to know what good works he must do to live forever. The answer would be "Nothing." Doing good works can't save you. The repentance of your sins and your faith in Jesus, receiving Him as your Savior, is the only way you can receive eternal life.

This was a rich man who asked Jesus the question. Jesus quizzed him concerning the commandments by telling him he simply had to go and sell all that he had and give it to the poor. This wasn't the answer that the rich man wanted. He refused, and left sorrowful. It is hard for a rich man to trust Jesus because he already has security in his possessions. It's sad to realize that a lot of people will go to Hell because they trusted in riches rather than Jesus.

Leadership Principle

*Remember that nobody will
ever get ahead of you as long
as he is kicking you in the
seat of the pants.*

*Walter Winchell
Franklin Dayplanner,
July 19, 1993.*

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant..." Nehemiah 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

Stewardship Principle

And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all His commandments which I command thee this day. Deuteronomy 30:8

Memory Verse of the Week

*For I am not ashamed of the
Gospel of Christ: for it is the
power of God unto salvation to
every one that believeth; to the
Jew first, and also to the
Greek.*

Romans 1:16

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Exodus 10:1-12:13, Matthew 20:1-28, Psalm 25:1-15, Proverbs 6:6-11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Ye that fear the Lord Praise Him..." Psalm 22:23

My Praises for Today

An Ant Adviser

In Proverbs 6:6-11, the Scriptures address itself to a lazy man and exhort him to learn from the ant who has neither an overseer or boss, but is disciplined enough to provide food and shelter for himself. We find here that laziness and sleep are used together. We need adequate rest, but sleep should be controlled. We need to have enough self-discipline to get up and go to work to provide for our own family. There are many who are poor because they are lazy. That's an ungodly character trait. Go out today and look for an ant hill and watch those little tireless critters work.

Leadership Principle

*Remember the difference
between a boss and a leader:*

—*A boss says, "Go";*

—*A leader says, "Let's Go"*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto Him;..." Job 33:26

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts 13:38

Stewardship Principle

And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers: Deuteronomy 30:9

Memory Verse of the Week

*I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of
God, that ye present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is
our reasonable service.*

Romans 12:1

Exodus 12:14-13:16, Matthew 20:29-21:22, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:12-15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation..." Psalm 22:25

My Praises for Today

David's Prayer List

Psalm 25 records a prayer of David with seven requests in it. They are:

1. I lift up my soul to you
2. I trust you
3. Let me not be ashamed
4. Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths
5. Lead me in truth
6. I wait for you
7. Don't remember my iniquities.

It's a good guideline for us to follow.

Leadership Principle

Successful leaders have the courage to take action while others hesitate.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my god: for unto thee will I pray. Psalm 5:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:39

Stewardship Principle

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

Memory Verse of the Week

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

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Exodus 13:17-15:18, Matthew 21:23-46, Psalm 26:1-12, Proverbs 6:16-19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Seek the Lord and His strength..." 1 Chronicles 16:11

My Praises for Today

God's Rejects!

Have you ever thought that a loving God could also hate? In our reading of Proverbs 6:16-19, the scripture gives us seven things the Lord hates, plus one more that is an abomination to Him (that means he hates it to the extreme!)

He associates the first five with parts of the body that sin: (1) a proud look (literally "proud eyes"), (2) a lying tongue, (3) hands that shed innocent blood, (4) a heart that diviseth wicked imaginations and (5) feet that be swift in running to mischief. It is clear from the last two items in the list that God is describing people whom he hates, (6) a false witness and (7) he that soweth discord among the brethren. Now the word hate should not be taken in an absolute sense because it means, "to reject from one's fellowship" - no more visits, no more chit-chats...silence.

Do you see yourself in any of the above? If so, confess it and make it right immediately. (1 John 1:9)

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Leadership Principle

For children to take morality seriously they must be in the presence of adults who take morality seriously. And with their own eyes they must see adults take morality seriously.

William J. Bennett

Memory Verse of the Week

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

Principle of Prayer

"... My house shall be called the house of prayer..." Matthew 21:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jeremiah 8:20

Stewardship Principle

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. Proverbs 28:27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Remember His marvelous works that he hath done..." 1 Chronicles 16:12

My Praises for Today

Do you always read the Warning Labels?

How many people still chose to smoke even after the Surgeon General printed the warning labels on the sides of cigarette boxes many years ago? A LOT! They were already involved; they couldn't, or wouldn't quit.

God warns, for the third time, in Proverbs 6:20-26 against adultery. In verse 21 "Thine heart" is better-translated, "thy mind." The warning: stay away from pornography, movies, chat on the Internet and TV shows that promote nudity and sex, and give you an unfilled appetite. It will eventually get your mind. The first way to protect from potential failure in this area is not through the body, but through the mind. It should be printed on everyone's mind: "Warning: Adultery inevitably brings punishment." It's an awful sin that affects so many people.

Leadership Principle

Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience.

Manual on military leadership

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Luke 1:13

Memory Verse of the Week

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8

Stewardship Principle

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 1 Corinthians 16:2

Romans 12:1

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Exodus 17:8-19:15, Matthew 22:34-23:12, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:27-35

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He is the Lord our God..." 1 Chronicles 16:14

My Praises for Today

Great advice from a father-in-law

My father-in-law is a very wise man. I would listen to his advice on any issue. Moses' father-in-law must have had wisdom also. In Exodus, chapter 18, Moses gets a positive critique from Jethro. He warned Moses he was wearing himself out and losing sight of his priorities. He needed help from all those men who were with him. Jethro told him to provide able men (leaders) and delegate to them responsibilities over groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. This is very wise advice. We need to all do our part to help minister, whether it's teaching, "deaconing," ushering, praying or simply holding up someone's arms (Exodus 17 8-16). Together, we can get the job done as a team of workers. Are you on the team, and are you a team player? Jethro believed in partnership to get the work of God done.

Leadership Principle

He who praises another enriches himself far more than he does the one praised. To praise is an investment in happiness. The poorest human being has something to give that the richest could not buy.

George Matthew Adams

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12

Memory Verse of the Week

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Luke 16:23

Stewardship Principle

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Be ye mindful always of His covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations." 1 Chronicles 16:15

My Praises for Today

Do you know a strange woman?

God's word constantly gives us warnings concerning this woman and sexual sins. As you read today in Exodus 20, the eighth Commandment says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Proverbs 7:1-5 exhorts us to embrace God's commandments and wisdom in order that we will rise above being involved with the strange woman. If you are prone to have weaknesses in this temptation, read and claim 1 Corinthians 10:13. It worked for Joseph, and it can work for you.

I can hear some of you men saying, "Every woman I know is strange!" but the woman in Proverbs 7 is strange because she defiles that which is Holy, and she is one who doesn't belong.

Leadership Principle

I always try to turn my personal struggles into something helpful for others.

Henri Nouwen

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, Luke 22:45

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 1 Corinthians 9:16

Stewardship Principle

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: Matthew 6:19

Memory Verse of the Week

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

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Exodus 21:22-23:13, Matthew 24:1-28, Psalms 29:1-11, Proverbs 7:6:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord, all the earth..." 1 Chronicles 16:23

My Praises for Today

More about the Strange Woman

In Proverbs 7:6-23 the Word continues to describe the snares of the strange woman. Don't ever put yourself in a situation where temptations overcome you. I suggest high school young people not to single date. Protect your heart and mind from books, movies, tv, music, etc. that display nudity or sensuality. Be careful with a touch or a hug with the opposite sex. Also, be very wholesome in your communication. The real joy of intimacy in marriage is forfeited when an adulterous affair takes place before or after you are married.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18

Stewardship Principle

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

Leadership Principle

*If I accept you as you are,
I will make you worse; how-
ever if I treat you as though
you are what you are capable
of becoming, I help you
become that.*

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

*I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of
God, that ye present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is
your reasonable service.*

Romans 12:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Declare His glory..." 1 Chronicles 16:24

My Praises for Today

Rurede

Do you read license plates? I saw this one and I've seen others "spelled" differently but all wanting to know the same thing: "Are you ready?" I'm not sure what message they are trying to relate, but to me it means are you ready for Jesus Christ's return. WOW! Just think, one day He will return and take us back with Him to Heaven. In today's reading we are exhorted to "Be Ready" because we don't know when Jesus will return. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? The following will help you.

1. Walk with Him - know Him.
2. Win souls and always be soul conscious.
3. Live for others (be a servant and let your light shine.)

Use these guidelines if you really want to be prepared. Live every day as if He's coming that day. He could, you know.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Psalm 51:12.

Stewardship Principle

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:7

Leadership Principle

*If you just set out to be liked,
you would be prepared to
compromise on anything at
any time, and you would
achieve nothing.*

Margaret Thatcher

Memory Verse of the Week

*"But he answered and said,
It is written, Man shall not
live by bread alone, but by
every word that proceedeth
out of the mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4

February
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Exodus 26:1-27:21, Matthew 25:1-30, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 8:1-11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." 1 Chronicles 16:25

My Praises for Today

Gifts, Anyone?

Everyone loves to receive gifts, especially those we can use. Well, the gifts God gives us are the best, and we can make them usable in all areas of our life in serving Him. Matthew 25 tells of the "Parable of the Talent." God has given every believer a spiritual gift that he is to use to build up the church. Are you using your gift? Are you multiplying and building up people? Are you faithful at doing what God has gifted you to do? Will you, when you stand before the Lord, be considered faithful or will He wish He had given your gift to someone else?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Psalm 51:13

Stewardship Principle

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 1 Timothy 6:9

Leadership Principle

If you want to know the temperature of your organization, put a thermometer in the leader's mouth.

Rick Warren

Memory Verse of the Week

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And Blessed be the most high God..." Genesis 14:20

My Praises for Today

Be Kind

I've often heard the statement, "Be kind to everyone, because everyone is having a tough time." Jesus goes one step further in our reading by suggesting that we also give and help.

In our New Testament reading, Matthew 25:34-40, there is an indication of those who will inherit the Kingdom of God. After a person is saved, his daily works will show what he really is. If we are saved, then we will feed the hungry, visit the sick, give the thirsty drink, take strangers in, clothe the naked and visit those in prison. The basis of our acceptance seems to be the treatment of the least of these (the really "down-and outers.") "If you have showed them love," declares Jesus, "you have shown me love." The Christian's life is a life of unselfishness with a focus on others. What will be your "others" project today?

Leadership Principle

*Trust your subordinates.
You can't expect them to go
all out for you if they think
you don't believe in them.*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth." Psalm 54:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

Stewardship Principle

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

Memory Verse of the Week

*"But he answered and said, It
is written, Man shall not live
by bread alone, but by every
word that proceedeth out of the
mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4

February 9

Exodus 29:1-30:10, Matthew 26:14-46, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 8:14-26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"... I will sing unto the Lord..." Exodus 15:1

My Praises for Today

He's every great, descriptive word and more.

The Psalmist says in today's reading, ... "Oh how great is thy goodness..." (verse 19). God is so good. I can and will praise Him today for His goodness. He's wonderful, marvelous, the only God. Human words just cannot adequately describe the beauty of His Holiness. Why don't you stop right now and spend some time telling God how great and wonderful He is. Thank and Praise Him for His blessings to you.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
Psalm 55:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
Daniel 12:3

Stewardship Principle

And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. Mark 4:24

Leadership Principle

Develop a vision. People want to follow someone who knows where he or she is going.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is my strength and song..." Exodus 15:2

My Praises for Today

The Daily Basics

You know the four basic food groups that we are suppose to incorporate in our lives everyday: fruits & veggies, dairy, grains and meats. Well, the Christian diet should add one more to his daily basics-confession of sins. I believe that one of the secrets of the happy Christian's life is confessing daily sins. In verse 5 of Psalm 32, the Psalmist says that he acknowledged his sin and hid not his iniquity. He confessed them to the Lord. We find the same principle in I John 1:9. I believe that we will be used in a greater way if we daily acknowledge, confess and forsake our sins. Unconfessed sin will keep us from God's presence, and nobody wants to be there! The next time you eat, think about what else is basic in the Christian life.

Leadership Principle

Keep your cool. The best leaders show their mettle under fire.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. Psalm 61:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

Stewardship Principle

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Memory Verse of the Week

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

February 11

Exodus 32:1-33:23, Matthew 26:69-27:14, Psalm 33:1-11, Proverbs 8:33-36

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...For the LORD Jehovah is my strength and my song..." Isaiah 12:2

My Praises for Today

Three Strikes and you are Out!

That's it! You get no more whacks at the ball! Three strikes and you're out can refer not only to baseball, but also to life. It is a good thing that God doesn't use that standard of measurement for us. In our New Testament reading today, Peter denied the Lord three times after His arrest. The Lord told Peter that he was going to do it. I'm glad Peter later repented and was used in a mighty way as a Preacher of the Gospel. How about your every day circumstances? Are there times when you could speak up and be a testimony for the Lord, but instead you say nothing and in some way you actually deny Him? In Psalm 107, we are told to "...let the redeemed of the Lord say so..." Now, step up to the base...

Leadership Principle

Encourage risk. Nothing demoralizes the troops like knowing that the slightest failure could jeopardize their entire career.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Psalm 64:1

Memory Verse of the Week

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19

Stewardship Principle

Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass. Exodus 35:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."
Isaiah 12:3

My Praises for Today

Keep it in Mind

It shouldn't be necessary, but we do need to be reminded how wonderful our God is. God told Moses to come back to the Mount in order to re-inscribe the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments that had been broken. In verse 6 of Exodus 34 we read, "And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, The Lord." He immediately listed some of His attributes: merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth. Verse 7 continues: keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions. The very next verse says, "Moses worshiped." We have a great God! Are you serving Him? Are you worshipping Him?

Leadership Principle

Be an expert. From boardroom to mailroom, everyone had better understand that you know what you are talking about.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Psalm 65:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21

Stewardship Principle

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Haggai 1:6

Memory Verse of the Week

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

February 13

Exodus 35:10-36:38, Matthew 27:32_66, Psalm 34:1-10, Proverbs 9:7-8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises..." Exodus 15:11

My Praises for Today

Have you ever tried to picture it?

Today's verses in the New Testament describe the crucifixion of our Lord. Our Lord Jesus went to the cross, willingly shed His blood and died for our sins. Oh how wonderful our Savior is! Let me encourage you to read over and over the account of our Savior's crucifixion. Close your eyes and try to picture this in your mind now: His love, His pain, His forgiveness, His shed blood and His death for our sins. Let us not take it for granted, but live in remembrance of it and in Praise to our God for it. Today He lives because death and the grave could not hold Him. Why not sing a verse of "Victory in Jesus"?

Leadership Principle

Invite dissent. Your people aren't giving their best... if they are afraid to speak up.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. Ezekiel 3:17

Stewardship Principle

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: Proverbs 3:9

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoc edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrew 4:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord..." Isaiah 12:4

My Praises for Today

It's All Recorded

What a great chapter in the Bible—Matthew 28. It is power-packed with important Christian doctrine. First of all, we read about the Resurrection when Jesus defeated death. Secondly, there is the record of the "Great Commission." This is the commission to the church and also to us as individual Christians. Thirdly, we see that all power comes from Jesus Christ. You can't do God's work effectively without having God's power that comes from Jesus. Are you doing God's work in God's power?

Leadership Principle

*Simplicity - you need to see
the big picture in order to see
the course- communicate it,
and maintain it.*

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. Psalm 66:20

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Ezekiel 3:18

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper than
any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of
soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. Hebrew 4:12*

Stewardship Principle

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:8

February 15

Exodus 39:1-40:38, Mark 1:1-28, Psalm 35:1-16, Proverbs 9:11-12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord shall reign forever and ever." Exodus 15:18

My Praises for Today

The Main Thing

My wife gave me a T-shirt that has written on the back of it, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." She gave me the shirt because I use that saying quite often when I preach. I don't want to forget the "main thing." In Mark 1:17, Jesus saw Simon and Andrew fishing and called them to become fishers of men. They immediately forsook their nets and followed Him. Are you a fisher of men? When is the last time you spoke to someone about his or her relationship to Jesus, or about their soul? That's the main reason the Lord leaves us here on this earth. Keeping the main thing the main thing is the main thing. Go and tell someone about Jesus, witness to them, testify to them, love them as Jesus loves them. Keep it the main thing.

Leadership Principle

A good leader is not the person who does things right, but the person who finds the right things to do.

Anthony T. Davovano

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Psalm 69:13

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoc edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrew 4:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Ezekiel 3:19

Stewardship Principle

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously." Exodus 15:21

My Praises for Today

Just Pray

What is the first thing you do in the morning? Is it thoughts of food, what to wear, or plans that clutter your brain? In Mark 1:35, the Bible says that Jesus rose up a great while before day, went to a solitary place and there prayed. If the Son of God involved Himself in prayer and saw the importance of it, how much more do we need to do the same? How committed are you to prayer? It is a necessary thing to do. Pray first and all those other concerns will take care of themselves.

Leadership Principle

*Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.*

Helen Keller

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Psalm 84:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. Romans 1:14

Stewardship Principle

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. Genesis 14:20

Memory Verse of the Week

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and powerful and sharper than
any twocedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of
soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. Hebrews 4:12*

February
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Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 2:13-3:6, Psalm 36:1-12, Proverbs 10:1-2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Judges 5:2

My Praises for Today

Is it your neighbor?

We never know who is around us, unsaved unless we are "around" them. Jesus sat in the presence of publicans and sinners. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. We must go where unsaved people are in order to speak to them concerning their souls. Are you following Jesus to lost sinners? That's God's plan for man. I'm sure that you probably rub shoulders with lost people practically everyday. How soul-conscious are you? Are you a mouthpiece for the Lord? Are you handing out tracts? Do you know how it is with your neighbor?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. Psalm 86:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 1 Corinthians 9:19

Stewardship Principle

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Matthew 23:23

Leadership Principle

A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrew 4:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He is thy praise, and he is thy God..."Deuteronomy 10:21

My Praises for Today

The "With Him" principle

There is a principle in Mark 3:14 that is called the "With Him" principle. The twelve disciples of Jesus were "With Him," and He poured His life and teachings in them that they may live righteously and go forth to do the work of God. The "With Him" principle is nothing more than one person discipling another person to do the work of the Lord effectively. Let me ask you two questions: 1. Who's discipling you? 2. Who are you discipling? I challenge you to be involved in a person-to-person or in a small group setting where you are active in the "With Him" principle.

Leadership Principle

*An army of a thousand is
easy to find, but, ah, how
difficult to find a General.*

Chinese Proverb

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; Psalm 88:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 1 Corinthians 9:20

Stewardship Principle

And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:15-16

Memory Verse of the Week

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and powerful, and sharper than
any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of
soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. Hebrew 4:12*

February 19

Leviticus 7:28-9:6, Mark 3:31-4:25, Psalm 37:12:29, Proverbs 10:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"... I will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel."
Judges 5:3

My Praises for Today

Two Promises

There are two verses in our reading of Psalms today that particularly impressed my heart. Psalm 37:23, says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." The Lord guides the righteous and especially those who are walking with Him. Then in verse 25, we have the promise that the saved will never be forsaken by the Lord and will always have the provision of food for himself and his descendants. What a God, and what great promises. Praise the Lord!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. Psalm 88:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 1 Corinthians 9:21

Stewardship Principle

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Galatians 6:6

Leadership Principle

A true leader always keeps an element of surprise up his sleeve, which others cannot grasp but which keeps his public excited and breathless.

Charles DeGaulle

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrew 4:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...My heart rejoiceth in the Lord..." "I rejoice in thy salvation." | Samuel 2:1

My Praises for Today

Deviled Pigs?

In our New Testament reading, the Lord Jesus performed a miracle in the life of the Gadarene demoniac by casting out demons and sending them into two thousand pigs that ran into the sea and perished. After that, the maniac came to his right mind. He didn't want Jesus to leave. Jesus responded by saying in verse 19 of Mark 5, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." What a request! My fellow believers are you telling your friends what great things He has done for you?

Leadership Principle

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

My Priorities for Today

Anonymous

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Hear my prayer O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee." Psalm 102:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. Leviticus 27:30

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

February 21

Leviticus 11:1-12:8, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 38:1-22, Proverbs 10:8-9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"There is none holy as the Lord." 1 Samuel 2:2

My Praises for Today

"Having Enough Faith"

Children learn to trust at a very early age. Have you ever seen a small child jump into his daddy's arms into water over his head? This is a picture of complete faith. Do you have faith to trust God in all circumstances? We find, in Hebrews 11:6. that without faith it is impossible to please Him. In our New Testament reading we have some examples of faith and believing. Jesus said in Mark 5:34, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole." How about you? Do you have sufficient faith? How do you get faith? Do you desire more? Read Romans 10:17. Just jump, God will take care of you.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...but I give myself unto prayer." Psalm 109:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. Matthew 22:9

Stewardship Principle

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. Exodus 25:2

Leadership Principle

*Do something... lead, follow,
or get out of the way.*

General Patton

Memory Verse of the Week

*Hitherto have ye asked
nothing in my name: ask,
and ye shall receive, that
your joy may be full*

John 16:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

'Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things:...'

My Praises for Today

What's smaller than an Adam's apple yet more destructive than an atom?

What's the answer? It's the tongue! Psalm 39:1 says "...that I sin not with my tongue..." The Bible has a lot more to say about the tongue. Read James 1:26, James 3:5-8, and I Peter 3:10. Misunderstandings occur, friendships are broken, families are separated and testimonies are ruined because of the sinful use of our tongue. We need to wash our tongue in prayer! Some of the things that you say in jest or anger are hurtful and can never be taken back even though they can be forgiven. Is your tongue under God's control or is it more destructive than an atom?

Leadership Principle

Every golden era in human history proceeds from the devotion and righteous passion of some single individual. There are no bona fide mass movements; it just looks that way. There is always one man who knows his God and knows where his is going.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Richard E. Day

Principle of Prayer

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Stewardship Principle

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. Deuteronomy 14:22

Memory Verse of the Week

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

February 23

Leviticus 14:1-57, Mark 6:30-56, Psalm 40:1-10, Proverbs 10:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer." 2 Samuel 22:2

My Praises for Today

Practicing Prayer

The Lord Jesus was here listening to the disciples after a preaching mission, and the feeding of the five thousand followed it. What a day. Then the scripture records in verse 46 of Mark 6, "...he departed into a mountain to pray." Oh, how we too need to carry the burdens that we pick up daily to the Lord in prayer. Our bodies become fatigued through daily activities, and we need the spiritual refreshment of going to the Lord. Our Lord practiced prayer and we too need to practice prayer and to understand its importance.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. Psalm 143:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23

Stewardship Principle

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. Deuteronomy 16:17

Leadership Principle

Find the good - and praise it.

Alex Haley

Memory Verse of the Week

*Hitherto have ye asked
nothing in my name; ask,
and ye shall receive, that
your joy may be full.*

John 16:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour..." 2 Samuel 22:3

My Praises for Today

Praises!

Remember the song you were taught in church as a child, "Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love"? What wonderful words for a Christian to have on his heart all day. Psalms 40:16 says "...let such as love thy salvation say continually, that the Lord be magnified." This is a reminder that if we love the salvation that the dear Lord has given us, we ought to continually praise the Lord. Psalms 150:5, 6 says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." "Praise ye the Lord." How is your praise life? How and when will you praise the Lord today?

Leadership Principle

Always give your people the credit that is rightfully theirs. To do otherwise is both morally and ethically dishonest.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Elijah prayed unto the Lord..." 2 Kings 6:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Proverbs 23:4

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

February 25

Leviticus 16:29-18:31, Mark 7:24-8:10, Psalm 41:1-13, Proverbs 10:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will call on the Lord who is worthy to be praised..." 2 Samuel 22:4

My Praises for Today

Say "no"

The expression that started several years ago, "Just say no" also has a place in the Christian's life. It's the only answer regarding sexual sins. In Leviticus 18:1-20, we have a strong admonition against acts of immorality. We know that adultery, fornication, homosexuality or sexual sins are wrong. Even to entertain these sins in our heart is wrong. (Read Matthew 5:28). We know that premarital sex is wrong, as well as extra-marital sex, and living together, unmarried. Those involved will pay dearly. Sooner or later you will reap what you sow. The Old and New Testament both admonish us continually concerning sexual sins. "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). You see the seriousness by reading Leviticus 20:10. Just say "No."

Leadership Principle

Be courteous. Have genuine consideration for other people's feelings.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7

Memory Verse of the Week

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15:10

Stewardship Principle

Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. Proverbs 25:5

Leviticus 19:1-20:21, Mark 8:11-38, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name..." 1 Chronicles 16:8

My Praises for Today

The Whole World and Hell too!

In Mark 8:36 Jesus said, "...For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" You can, have worldly success, fame, riches and many material possessions, but unless you deal with your soul and your relationship to God, then you'll die and go to Hell. The most important thing in this world for you to know is the condition of your soul. Have you ever been saved?

Leadership Principle

Never tamper with the truth.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: Daniel 9:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Matthew 9:37

Stewardship Principle

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. Philippians 4:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

February 27

Leviticus 20:22-22:16, Mark 9:1-29, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto him..." 1 Chronicles 16:9

My Praises for Today

Are You a Fool?

Proverbs 10:18 tells us that if you hide hatred with lying lips and uttereth a slander, you are a fool. I don't believe that the Lord will use you if you hide hatred your heart, hold grudges, or talk negatively about others. You may have been wronged, but if you respond to that one who has wronged you in hate, your sin is just as bad as that person's to you. There are scriptural ways to solve problems, but if your heart is bound with sin against anyone, then you need to confess and forsake it. Read 1 John 1:9. Don't be a fool.

Leadership Principle

Be concise in your writing and talking, especially when giving instructions to others.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Daniel 9:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38

Memory Verse of the Week

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

Stewardship Principle

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory ye in His holy name..." 1 Chronicles 16:10

My Praises for Today

Service Anyone?

When we see the word service, we usually think about what someone will do for us. Service is a two-way word. It can also be what you are willing to do for someone else. Jesus said in Mark 9:35 that if you want to be first you must put yourself last and become a servant of all. Jesus said in another scripture, "I am among you as He that serveth." We have a famine today of servanthood. Everyone wants to be served rather than serve. Are you a servant? Can you prove it by your lifestyle? Where do you fit in the word "service"? Are you waiting to be or wanting to do?

Leadership Principle

Be generous. Remember that it is the productivity of others that makes possible your leadership position.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. Jonah 2:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Stewardship Principle

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Proverbs 11:25

Memory Verse of the Week

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

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A Free Day

This day only comes every four years. Use it to catch up, get ahead and just meditate on what God wants to say to you. Then go do something worthy for the Lord.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...in the congregations will I bless the Lord." Psalm 26:12

My Praises for Today

Two thoughts

There are two thoughts that I have for today. The first is in Leviticus 24:17, "And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death." The Bible teaches capital punishment not only here, but in many other places in His Word. Forgiveness can be found in taking a life, but the consequences of the act must be accepted.

Our second thought is from our New Testament reading in Mark 10:17-27 where the Lord discusses His conversation with a rich man. The conclusion is that money and riches may deter us from choosing Jesus. Your relationship with Jesus is more important than any other thing on earth. Riches bring us false security that could lead us down the road to Hell.

Leadership Principle

Talkers are no good doers.

William Shakespeare

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found..." Psalm 32:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

Stewardship Principle

If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. Job 36:11

Memory Verse of the Week

*And all things, whatsoever
ye shall ask in prayer,
believing, ye shall receive.*

Matthew 21:22

March 2

Leviticus 25:47-27:13, Mark 10:32-52, Psalm 45:1-17, Proverbs 10:22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord..." Psalm 28:6

My Praises for Today

Jesus, the Servant

In Mark 10:42-45, servanthood is again discussed. Jesus said that whosoever will be great among us will be a servant, and the chiefest or greatest person among us, is the greatest servant—period. We find in verse 45 that Jesus came to minister, or be a servant, rather than to be ministered to. This teaching certainly is in contrast with the world's philosophy of I, me, mine, and "What am I going to get out of this?"

The world is self-centered. Christ is "others centered." On which side do you stand?

Leadership Principle

The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and will to carry on.

Walter J. Lippmann

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12

Memory Verse of the Week

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

Stewardship Principle

"Then answered I them, and said unto them, the God of heaven, He will prosper us..." Nehemiah 2:20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is my strength and my shield..." Psalm 28:7

My Praises for Today

Two ingredients of Prayer

If you are going to bake a cake like "Aunt Susie", you must use all the same ingredients. You must follow her recipe. There are two things that are very important when you pray: faith and forgiveness. Jesus told his disciples in Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." They had just witnessed the withering of the fig tree (no big deal for Jesus) Now read verse 23. Isn't that amazing! When you pray you must have faith and belief that God will answer your prayer, however; don't expect an answer if you are unwilling to forgive anyone and everyone who has done you wrong.

Leadership Principle

The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.

My Priorities for Today

Niccolo Machiavelli

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. Jeremiah 29:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Job 42:10

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

March 4

Numbers 2:1-3:51, Mark 11:27-12:17, Psalm 47:1-9, Proverbs 10:24-25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness." Psalm 30:4

My Praises for Today

We owe it to Caesar

I believe that the Bible teaches the ordination of human government, which was set up by God himself. We find that very fact stressed in Romans 13. In Jesus' exhortation in Mark 12:13-17, he said that we are to render to Caesar (human government) what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. We owe to Caesar obedience to civil laws (taxes, ordinances, obedience to speed limits, etc.). We owe to God obedience in tithe, talent, time. We are also to love Him with all of our heart. Do you owe Caesar or God?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Stewardship Principle

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: Psalm 50:14

Leadership Principle

The first step to leadership is servanthood.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice..." Psalm 32:11

My Praises for Today

Using your whole heart

What's the dearest thing to your heart? You know, that which occupies most of your time and attention. Jesus said to one of the scribes in Mark 12:28-34 that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Do you, my friend? What evidence do you show in your day to day life that would prove that you love the Lord with all of your heart? The second greatest commandment is to love thy neighbor as thyself. Who is your neighbor? I believe it's everyone on the face of the earth. Do you love your neighbor as much as you love you? That's a challenging question, isn't it?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"... and pray for us unto the Lord thy God, even for all this remnant..."
Jeremiah 42:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

Stewardship Principle

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Psalm 50:15

Leadership Principle

*The heights by great men
reached and kept were not
attained by sudden flight, but
they, while their companions
slept, were toiling upward
in the night.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memory Verse of the Week

*For all have sinned and come
short of the glory of God.*

Romans 3:23

March 6

Numbers 6:1-7:89, Mark 12:38-13:13, Psalm 49:1-20 Proverbs 10:27-28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"... for praise is comely for the upright." Psalm 33:1

My Praises for Today

Four cents - the biggest gift ever recorded

We feel good when we are able to give "of our abundance," but what about giving it all? We see the most beautiful picture of sacrificial giving and total faith in Mark 12:41-44. Proportionately speaking, this poor widow gave more than anyone did. Why? Because she gave all that she had. She no doubt loved God. If your love for God is measured in part by your giving, how much do you really love God? Think about that.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"... I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass..." Jeremiah 42:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:22-23

Stewardship Principle

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Leadership Principle

The individual activity of one man with backbone will do more than a thousand men with a mere wishbone.

William J. H. Boetcker

Memory Verse of the Week

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise the Lord with harp..." Psalm 33:2

My Praises for Today

Offer Praise - it's so important

There are so many good thoughts and teachings in Psalm 50. In verses 10-12 we see that God owns everything. He owns and has given you everything that you have. He trusts that you will honor Him through worship by giving Him back your time, talent and tithe. If you want to glorify God, then offer Him praise. Verse 23 says that whosoever offereth praise glorifieth me. The Word of God is so simple but profound. It offers God's way of life. His way is the best way.

Leadership Principle

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.

Kenneth Blanchard

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord..." Jonah 4:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8, 10

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. Ecclesiastes 5:10

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

March 8

Numbers 10:1-11:23, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 51:1-19, Proverbs 10:31,32

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto Him a new song..." Psalm 33:3

My Praises for Today

Better than soap!

Oh, that bath after a day of hard work is so cleansing and refreshing. What a bath does for the body, confession does for the soul. In Psalm 51, we have David's prayer for cleansing. He prayed this prayer after his sin with Bathsheba was made known and deep conviction gripped his soul. Oh, what sin will do to the Christian life! Read the passage again and meditate upon it. A similar verse is 1 John 1:9. In Psalm 51:3 the Bible says "...I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me." Read verses 4, 5, 10 and 12. Psalm 51 would be a good chapter to memorize.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts:..." Zechariah 8:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

Stewardship Principle

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10

Leadership Principle

The leader should remember:

The value of time.

The success of perseverance.

The pleasure of working.

The dignity of simplicity.

The worth of character.

The power of kindness.

The influence of example.

The obligation of duty.

The wisdom of economy.

The virtue of patience.

The improvement of talent.

The joy of originating.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

My Praises for Today

God's man - your Pastor

In Numbers 12, we have a report of Moses' brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam, speaking against him and his leadership. They are also criticizing him for marrying an Ethiopian woman. It is a serious matter when you criticize God's man. If he is doing the very best that he can in serving our Lord then you better be careful what you say about him. I believe that there is a very special protection that surrounds the man of God. Those who try to criticize and undermine him get their rightful consequences from the Lord. In Numbers 12 you will notice God's displeasure with Aaron and Miriam. Miriam became leprous and Aaron confessed their sin as foolish. Be careful what you say about a God-called man. If you criticize, question the integrity of, and dishonor the men of God, you will pay dearly sooner or later and many times this may be through your children.

Leadership Principle

The only real training for leadership is leadership.

Anthony Jay

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Zechariah 8:22

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Psalm 130:3

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

Stewardship Principle

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. Genesis 28:22

March 10

Numbers 14:1-15:16, Mark 14:53-72, Psalm 53:1-6, Proverbs 11:4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." Psalm 34:2

My Praises for Today

"A Lost Opportunity Never To Be Regained"

As you read through Numbers 13-15, you will find recorded the report of the twelve spies going into the Promised Land and finding exactly what had been promised, a bountiful land flowing with milk and honey. There were ten of them that were frightened, had no faith, or both. They brought back a fearful report. As time goes on, you find that they rejected God's promise and His perfect will and, as a result, lost the opportunity of ever going into that land. Only two adults, Joshua and Caleb, entered the Promised Land 40 years later because they were obedient to God and exercised their faith. That whole generation died because of their disobedience. What a lesson! We had better be careful about dealing with God's will.

Leadership Principle

The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.

*Ray Kroc,
Founder, McDonald's*

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Matthew 5:44

Memory Verse of the Week

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked. Isaiah 57:20, 21

Stewardship Principle

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Proverbs 19:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." Psalm 34:2

My Praises for Today

Criticism can really be dangerous

Have you ever been criticized just because you're trying to be the leader of something (Sunday school teacher, deacon, choir director, etc.)? Or are you, perhaps the one doing the criticizing? In chapter 16 of Numbers, we find the rebellion of Korah and his 250 princes against Moses' leadership. Let me say and emphasize that God calls and uses men. If a man is called to be a leader and God puts His hand of approval upon him, you had better not bother him or critically challenge his leadership. You will find that your struggle will not be just against him but against God. Read that chapter thoroughly. Then, I encourage you to read it again and allow it to speak to your heart.

Leadership Principle

The speed of the leader determines the rate of the pack.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But, thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Galatians 3:10

Memory Verse of the Week

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

Stewardship Principle

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

March 12

Numbers 16:41-18:32, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 55:1-23, Proverbs 11:7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3

My Praises for Today

"He is not Here"

Mark 16 records the morning of the third day when Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Salome, came to the tomb where Jesus was buried. They found that the stone was rolled away. They also saw an angel inside the tomb and his words were "...He is not here..." What a victory! Jesus defeated death and Satan. He arose from the dead. He's Alive! He's alive today. He's there to save you and to pray for you.

Leadership Principle

The truth is that leadership opportunities are plentiful and within reach of most people.

Warren Bennis and Bert Nanus

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Matthew 6:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18

Memory Verse of the Week

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stewardship Principle

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

Romans 6:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise thee among much people." Psalm 35:18

My Praises for Today

Is Christ the head of your home?

John the Baptist's conception and birth is recorded in Luke 1. It is interesting to note that John the Baptist's parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, were righteous (saved). They walked with God and obeyed Him. They were also recorded in scripture as being blameless. As you read on in Luke 1, you will see John the Baptist described. Jesus also gives great testimony of Him. Without it being said, you know that the home of John the Baptist was a place of righteousness where the Word of God was taught and Christ was honored. Is your home a place where the principles of God's Word are taught, honored and obeyed? If you are a parent, I challenge you to be sure your home is a place where Christ takes first place.

Leadership Principle

The very essence of leadership is that you have a vision. It's got to be a vision you can articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.

My Priorities for Today

Theodore Hesburgh

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest. Matthew 9:38

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power: 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Stewardship Principle

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. Acts 2:44, 45

Romans 6:23

March 14

Numbers 21:1-22:20, Luke 1:26-56, Psalm 57:1-11, Proverbs 11:9-11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness..." Psalm 35:28

My Praises for Today

Mary, a model young woman

If there were a report of your life recorded today, what would it say? The New Testament reading of Luke 1:26-56 is the record of Gabriel, the angel, coming to Mary with the news of the birth of the Christ child. Even though Mary was a sinner saved by grace, she was holy, separated and a virgin. It also says that Mary was highly favoured, the Lord was with her and that she was blessed among women. She had definitely found favour with God. Are you in good standing with God? What would a report on your life reflect?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. Matthew 14:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins. John 8:24

Stewardship Principle

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, Acts 4:34

Leadership Principle

To be a leader, you have to make people want to follow you, and nobody wants to follow someone who doesn't know where he is going.

Joe Namath

Memory Verse of the Week

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel..." Psalm 41:13

My Praises for Today

He was just before Christ

The birth of every child is special, but even more so when it comes to a couple who has been waiting for years. In Luke 1:57-80, we have the record of the birth of John the Baptist. The record tells us what his name will be and verse 66 asks the question, "what manner of child shall this be?" The fact that the verse also says the hand of the Lord was with Him gives us an indication that this was a very special child sent from God. Zechariah's prophecy in verses 67-80 tells us that he, John the Baptist, will be the preacher of righteousness that prepares the way for the Savior. What an awesome job! What a testimony of Praise!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then were there brought unto Him little children, that he should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. Matthew 19:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of Grace? Hebrew 10:28, 29

Stewardship Principle

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet Acts 4: 36, 37

Leadership Principle

To be a leader you must preserve all through your life the attitude of being receptive to new ideas. The quality of leadership you will give will depend upon your ability to evaluate new ideas, to separate change for the sake of change from change for the sake of men.

William A. Hewitt

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Romans 6:23

March 16

Numbers 24:1-25:18, Luke 2:1-35, Psalm 59:1-17, Proverbs 11:14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"... with the voice of joy and praise..." Psalm 42:4

My Praises for Today

My circle of safety

Proverbs 11:14 says, "... but in the multitude of counselors there is safety..." The wise man gets advice from many people with discernment before making a major decision. That's good Biblical advice you should take. When I'm about to make an important decision, I don't do it until I get the wisdom of several people whom I respect greatly. My wife is always a part of my counsel. If it's a family decision, I get advice from my grown children and their spouses. If it's a ministry decision, I call, in addition to my family, several pastor friends and for a church decision, I call on my staff or deacons. No man knows every angle. He is wise to seek wise counsel so that he is ready to make the decision at hand.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Stewardship Principle

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. Acts 10:1-2

Leadership Principle

Trust is the emotional glue that binds followers and leaders together.

Warren Bennis and Bert Nanus

Memory Verse of the Week

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O send out thy light and thy truth..." Psalm 43:3

My Praises for Today

The true God / Man

In Luke 2:41-52 we detect the humanity of Jesus. Pay particular attention to Luke 2:52. Jesus was not only God; He was also fully man. As a man, He was subject to the same manner of limitations that all human beings experience. Like any other child, He inherited the nature of His parents. He possessed not only the divine nature of His Heavenly Father but also the human nature of His earthly mother. He was human in every aspect except that He was without sin. The term "flesh" emphasizes His humanity. The scriptures prove this. It is evident in the gospels by the account of His natural growth, His becoming weary, and His experiencing sorrow and pain. Even when tempted by Satan, Jesus did not use His supernatural powers to defeat him, but responded as a man dependent upon the Word of God for spiritual survival (Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15, 16). The application is that Jesus' victory on that and other occasions reminds Christians that they have a Man in heaven as an understanding and approachable High Priest (Hebrews 7:24, 25).

Leadership Principle

When the effective leader is finished with his work, the people say it happened naturally.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he had sent them away, He departed into a mountain to pray. Mark 6:46

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6, 8

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Romans 6:23

Stewardship Principle

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34

March 18

Numbers 26:52-28:15, Luke 3:1-22, Psalm 61:1-8, Proverbs 11:16,17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...upon the harp will I praise thee..." Psalm 43:4

My Praises for Today

Kindness feels good

Proverbs 11:17 says that the merciful man doeth good to his own soul as opposed to the cruel man who troubleth his own flesh. When you extend kindness (or mercy) to someone, the Bible says that you benefit your own soul. You really do feel better about yourself if you've filled a need in someone's life. In contrast, when you have been "ugly" to someone, you walk away feeling bad. Do your soul good today by being kind and loving, or doing a good deed for some person.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to His own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5, 6

Stewardship Principle

He answereth and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Luke 3:11

Leadership Principle

*Without a General, an
army is lost.*

Greek Proverb

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Romans 6:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O clap your hands all ye people..." Psalm 47:1

My Praises for Today

Sow & Reward

If we had to stand there today what would we receive? I'm talking about the judgment seat. Proverbs 11:18 says "... To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." One day each of us as "Believers" will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ where He will give rewards based upon your "right living" for Him since you have been saved. That will be the sure reward. I long to hear Him say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." Brethren, let's be faithful in obedience to Him by witnessing, winning souls, praising Him, studying and living by the Word. Also, we need to be faithful to Him in our prayer life, our giving and in exercising our spiritual gifts. I want rewards, how about you?

Leadership Principle

*Work hard and become
a leader; be lazy and
never succeed.*

Proverbs 12:24

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:33

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Galatians 3:13

Memory Verse of the Week

*And as it is appointed unto
men once to die, but after this
the judgment:*

Hebrews 9:27

Stewardship Principle

Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. Matthew 19:21

March 20

Numbers 30:1-31:54, Luke 4:1-30, Psalm 63:1-11, Proverbs 11:20,21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing praises to God, sing praises..." Psalm 47:6

My Praises for Today

Satan tempts Jesus

It's been my experience that Satan always appears at the beginning of things: at salvation, the first time you witness, at the start of a revival, and other occasions where Satan knows he's about to get defeated. Luke 4 records Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where Satan tempted him. Each time Jesus responded to Satan's temptations with the Word of God. We find two lessons in this passage that are important for us today.

1. To do God's work, we must be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
2. We must rely on the Word of God to help us battle temptations of Satan.

These are truths that you need to ponder.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. Mark 14:38

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18, 19

Stewardship Principle

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matthew 10:42

Leadership Principle

You cannot antagonize and influence at the same time.

J.S. Knox

Memory Verse of the Week

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27

Numbers 32:1-33:39, Luke 4:31-5:11, Psalm 64:1-10, Proverbs 11:22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...sing ye praises with understanding." Psalm 47:7

My Praises for Today

More power than you can imagine

Luke 4:32 records that the Capernaums were "astonished at His Doctrine: for His Word was with power" (authority). In Luke 5:1 we read, "...the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God." Then Peter said in verse five, "...at thy word I will let down the net..."

My friends, the Word of God is powerful and life changing. Peter didn't question or hesitate to obey. How about you? His word is just waiting for you. That's why we should daily read and study the scriptures. It's a priority and it's our power.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24

Stewardship Principle

And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and He is become great: and He hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels and asses. Genesis 24:35

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Leadership Principle

*You can't build a reputation
on what you are going to do.*

Henry Ford

Memory Verse of the Week

*And as it is appointed unto
men once to die, but after this
the judgment:*

Hebrews 9:27

March
22

Numbers 33:40-35:34, Luke 5:12-28, Psalm 65:1-13, Proverbs 11:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." Psalm 48:1

My Praises for Today

If Jesus did, we should too!

How important are seasons of prayer? After the miracle of the fishes and the healing of a leper in Luke 5:16, the Bible says that Jesus withdrew Himself into the wilderness and prayed. There are times (seasons) in our life when we must just separate ourselves to pray. We need to be refreshed and get to know Him anew! How important is your prayer life to you?

Leadership Principle

You do not lead by hitting people over the head - that's assault, not leadership.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. Luke 11:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Memory Verse of the Week

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27

Stewardship Principle

And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man..." Genesis 39:2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me:..." Psalm 50:23

My Praises for Today

A good "fat"

In Proverbs 11:24-26 we see two verses related to giving. In verse 24 "scattereth" means to be generous in your giving. Generosity will lead to prosperity, but being miserly can lead to poverty. Being stingy is not in God's plan for your life.

In verse 25 "made fat," means prosperous. God's Word gives us the truth: "Living is giving." Our lives should constantly be in the "giving mode." It will lead to a spiritually profitable life according to the Word of God. The Bible not only speaks of giving money but also of ourselves through time and talent.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

Stewardship Principle

And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. Genesis 39:3

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Leadership Principle

*You must choose the thoughts
and actions that will lead
you on to success.*

R. C. Allen

Memory Verse of the Week

*And as it is appointed unto
men once to die, but after this
the judgment:*

Hebrews 9:27

March 24

Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 6:12-38, Psalm 67:1-7, Proverbs 11:27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." Psalm 51:15

My Praises for Today

How "be" your attitude

Reading Luke 6:20-36 makes us so aware of how short we fall of God's standard of living. The "blessings and woes" are all included. Read them over and over again. Included in the Beatitudes are a lot of instructions concerning our day-to-day Christian life. In verse 22, we are taught to love our enemies, yes, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. Then verse 38 says, "Give and it shall be given to you." The reason that so many believers are struggling financially is because they don't GIVE. (Go back to yesterday's devotional and read it again.) This passage should really be our attitude toward life. We will be blessed.

Leadership Principle

Leaders are like eagles - they don't flock... you find them one at a time.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

Memory Verse of the Week

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7

Stewardship Principle

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God. Psalm 40:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it:..." Psalm 52:9

My Praises for Today

What kind of fruit do you produce?

What kind of "fruit" would your family and friends say you produce? In our New Testament reading we learn that a tree is known by its fruit. It is compared to a man and his heart condition. You live according to what's in your heart. If you are saved, the things that come out of your heart should be conducive to that of a Christian. If you are lost wickedness or ungodly attitudes will be the result. You can be read by your actions. Your actions come from your heart condition. You may be able to fake it for a while and even fool people concerning your heart condition. As it has been said many times, you can fool some of the people some of the time but you can't fool all the people all of the time. Your heart condition will eventually manifest itself outwardly. What does your fruit look like?

Leadership Principle

*People don't Care how much
you Know, until they
Know how much you Care.*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"For this child I prayed..." 1 Samuel 1:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Stewardship Principle

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Psalm 41:1

Memory Verse of the Week

*And as it is appointed unto
men once to die, but after this
the judgment:
Hebrews 9:27*

March 26

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 68:19-35, Proverbs 11:29-31

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee forever..." Psalm 52:9

My Praises for Today

It's Devotion time!

"Okay, we are all waiting on you. Hurry, it's almost your bedtime. Brush your teeth later. Come on, your sister is almost asleep on the sofa. Let the dog go, and be sure to bring your Bible." Sound familiar? When our children were small, it was sometimes a real "zoo" getting it all together to have family devotional time, but we somehow managed. I call the passage in Deuteronomy 6 the family altar chapter. Read carefully Deuteronomy 6:6-9. We are exhorted to take the Word of God and put it in our heart (verse 6), then diligently teach it to our children in our home continually as we are with them from morning until night inside the home and outside the home. God puts great priority on His Word. Let me ask you:

1. Do you have a daily family altar where God's Word is read and taught?
2. Do you spend more time watching TV and doing other things than you do with God's Word?

You can change your lifestyle today. How about it? Let first things be first.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. Luke 22:40

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4

Stewardship Principle

And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. Leviticus 27:30

Leadership Principle

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 69:1-18, Proverbs 12:2-3

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"my heart is fixed "...I will sing and give praise." Psalm 57:7

My Praises for Today

"If you do," you will be blessed

Deuteronomy 7-8 is filled with the promises of blessing upon God's people. Read it over again. You will notice that God's promises are "conditional." By conditional, I mean that there is a responsibility on your part before God will do his part. Notice in Deuteronomy 7:12 the little preposition "if." In chapter eight, verse 1, we read "...shall ye observe to do." Deuteronomy 8:11 says "Beware that thou forget not..." In verse 12, notice the word "lest." Verse 18 says "...thou shalt remember and..." In verse 19 again we see the preposition "if."

Study these little conditional phrases and may God bless you in obeying. Remember God will owe no man, He will bless as He had promised.

Leadership Principle

Every leader needs to look back once in a while to make sure he has followers.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord..." 1 Samuel 2:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24

Memory Verse of the Week

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Stewardship Principle

And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. Leviticus 27:32

Romans 5:8

March 28

Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 8:4-21, Psalm 69:19-36, Proverbs 12:2-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp...." Psalm 57:8

My Praises for Today

God's Request for You

What does God request from us as His People?

We find the answer to that question in Deuteronomy 10:12-13

1. Fear the Lord
2. Walk in His ways
3. Love Him
4. Serve Him with all our hearts and soul.
5. Keep His commandments and His statutes.

Then the last thing He says is: "For thy good" meaning all these things will be for your spiritual benefit and welfare. I'm for that. Are you?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then answered Simon, and said, pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. Act 8:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5

Stewardship Principle

Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, when ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe. Numbers 18:26

Leadership Principle

*A pat on the back is only
a few vertebrae removed
from a kick in the pants,
but is miles ahead in results.*

W. Wilcox

Memory Verse of the Week

*But God commendeth his love
toward us, in that, while we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee, O lord, among the people..." Psalm 57:9

My Praises for Today

How do you wear your crown?

Reflecting on Proverbs 12:4, it is always refreshing to me to see a good wife say nice and pleasant things about her husband. After all, he is her husband and she chose to be his wife. To the contrary, I have seen many wives cut down their husbands in public. (I can just imagine what goes on in private.) There are no perfect people or marriages, however, God places the man to be the spiritual leader of every home. He is to be respected in that position. Wives, are you a crown to your husband, or would he rather crown you! You cannot improve on God's plan.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: Acts 10:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12

Stewardship Principle

Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithes of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand: Deuteronomy 12:17

Leadership Principle

Cardinal rules of leadership:

- 1 Praise in Public,
Criticize in Private*
- 2 Praise for What's
Right and Train
for What's Wrong*

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

March 30

Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23, Luke 8:40-9:6, Psalm 71:1-24, Proverbs 12:5-7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever..." Psalm 61:8

My Praises for Today

Being a Need Filler

In Deuteronomy 15:7-11, we find the admonition to give to the poor. In fact I challenge you today to look up all the scriptures in the Bible that deal with giving to the poor. There are a lot of promises from God to those who give to the poor.

All around us are people who have special needs: food, clothing, money. The Bible tells us to be sensitive to the needs of the poor. If a man truly needs some financial help and you have the means, then supply his need. The Lord will bless you for it. As Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When is the last time that you helped a poor person get his needs met? Maybe that should be your others project for today.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

Stewardship Principle

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. Deuteronomy 14:22

Leadership Principle

Praise Loudly! Blame softly.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...my lips shall praise thee." Psalm 63:3

My Praises for Today

It's amazing what praising will do

In Psalm 72:18-19, the Bible says, "Blessed be the Lord God...who only doeth wondrous things." Verse 19 says "...blessed be His glorious Name forever and let the whole earth be filled with His glory; Amen, and Amen." If you have been keeping up with your devotions as you should, by now you realize that praising and blessing God is a big part of my life. As a believer, you too need to spend a lot of time praising the Lord. The first part of "The Lord's Prayer" says, "Hallowed be Thy Name." He is a great God. He only does wonderful things: He is the giver of life, He is the giver of eternal life, He is the giver of abundant life. He provides our every need, gives us peace and joy in our hearts and faith to trust Him. Let's just bless his name today.

Leadership Principle

As a team leader, create teams who: Care, Cooperate and are Committed.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Stewardship Principle

And thou shalt eat before the lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always. Deuteronomy 14:23

Romans 5:8

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Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20, Luke 9:28-50, Psalm 73:1-28, Proverbs 12:10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Thus will I bless thee while I live..." Psalm 63:4

My Praises for Today

"The Wicked's Prosperity"

Have you even been frustrated over seeing the wicked prosper? You work hard, serve God with all your might, try to live by the Golden Rule and you're hit with problems galore. While your cheating, unsaved, vain-talking co-worker driving his brand new car up to his six-bedroom home, tells you of the raise he just received! The writer of Psalm 73 had the same feelings. Unlike Psalm 37, however it does not emphasize the brevity of that prosperity. The author observes that sometimes the prosperity achieved by the wicked does in fact last throughout his entire life (verse 4). He emphasizes every Believer's need to test his own personal relationship with God. That alone provides the ultimate satisfaction available to the believer who witnesses the affluence of the wicked. The Psalm contains two key parts: first, the problem of the wicked's prosperity (verses 1-16). Not only is it an objective fact (verses 4-12), but it almost caused him to stumble spiritually and lose his faith. The second part of the Psalm is prompted by the content of verse 17. Not until the Psalmist entered God's sanctuary and received a divine perspective on the wicked's prosperity did he find his answer to the problem. He saw the destiny of the wicked (verse 17-20), and as you read on, you see he repented of his foolishness and found his happiness solely in a warm and growing relationship with God. Keep your chin up...you have GOD...for eternity!

Leadership Principle

*You must choose the thoughts
and actions that will lead you
on to success...*

R.C. Allen

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Memory Verse of the Week

*But God commendeth his love
toward us, in that, while we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

Principle of Prayer

"...therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee." 2 Samuel 7:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Stewardship Principle

At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: Deuteronomy 14:28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips..." Psalms 63:5

My Praises for Today

Need Workers?

When our children were young, we had a large garden at my aunt's house. It produced an abundance of butter beans one year and it was more than we could handle. Some days we would just let it slide because the job was so overwhelming. The kids would love to have their friends spend the night on "garden" days because we would have extra "workers." Luke 10:2 remind us that God needs workers...the harvest is great, the laborers few. The answer to getting workers (laborers) is to ask the Lord of the harvest to give them to us. Are you praying for more laborers in the church, or perhaps you're an answer to that prayer. There are lots of butter beans out there!

Leadership Principle

Decisions are made in a moment, but growth comes from daily discipline.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication..." 1 Kings 8:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Timothy 1:15

Stewardship Principle

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 2 Chronicles 31:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

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Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19, Luke 10:13-37, Psalm 75:1-10, Proverbs 12:12-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"all the earth shall worship thee..." Psalms 66:4

My Praises for Today

Rejoicing in the wrong thing?

There were seventy men sent out two by two whom the Lord had appointed to evangelize as we read in Luke 10. When they returned from the cities, they ran to Jesus testifying that they could even get the devil (demons) to submit to them if they used His name. Jesus quickly exhorted them not to rejoice because the spirits were subject to them but rather rejoice because their names were written in Heaven. Rejoice most of all because you are saved. WOW, amen to that. Are you rejoicing in the most important and exciting event that can happen to an individual? What a mighty God we serve!

Leadership Principle

*Circumstances do not make
you what you are ...they
reveal what you are!*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 1 Kings 8:54

Memory Verse of the Week

*Whereas ye know not what shall
be on the morrow. For what is
your life? It is even a vapor,
that appeareth for a little time,
and then vanisheth away.*

James 4:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

Stewardship Principle

I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. Luke 18:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise waiteth for thee, O God..." Psalms 65:1

My Praises for Today

Importunity

No, I didn't mean to spell opportunity. The word is found in Luke 11:8 and it means to keep on, be persistent, to ask with boldness. Dr. Luke is giving us a model prayer as an outline in teaching us how to talk to God. I know when my precious little grand-babies get a little older; they will know just how to get things out of granddaddy. All they will have to do is ask. We need to approach our Heavenly Father with the same confidence. As in verse 9 when we ask, we keep on asking, when we seek we keep on seeking, and when we knock we are to keep on knocking. As a result you shall be given to, you shall find and it shall be opened to you. Grandchildren don't give up easily. Do you quit too early?

Leadership Principle

*Leadership development is
a life-time journey - not a
weekend trip.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel,..." 1 Kings 8:38

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. Romans 5:7

Stewardship Principle

And the priest of the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. Nehemiah 10:38

Memory Verse of the Week

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be on the morrow. For what is
your life? It is even a vapor,
that appeareth for a little time,
and then vanisheth away.*

James 4:14

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Deuteronomy 28:1-68, Luke 11:14-36, Psalm 77:1-20, Proverbs 12:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Make a joyful noise unto God..." Psalms 66:1

My Praises for Today

"Neutrality not Accepted"

You're either for Him or against Him. It's that easy. Luke 11:23 says, "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." Jesus warns that neutrality between Him and Satan is not possible. Young people this is good advice for you. You can't cheer for two teams to win a ball game at the same time. You have to choose one. Verse 28 reminds us that, "blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." Real blessings come when you take a stand for Jesus, hear His word and obey it. Say "NO" to neutrality.

Leadership Principle

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

Elbert Hubbard

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause. 1 Kings 8:45

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

Stewardship Principle

Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. Nehemiah 13:12

Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:37-12:7, Psalm 78:1-31, Proverbs 12:19-20

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing forth the honour of his name:..." Psalms 66:2

My Praises for Today

"What is your Choice?"

In Deuteronomy 30:19,20 the Lord set before Israel the choice of life and death, blessing and cursing and then further exhorted them to "CHOOSE LIFE" so that they and their seed may live. However, in choosing life you would also be choosing to love the Lord, obey His voice and cleave unto him. Why? Because He is the source of that life. When you choose life, He gives length of days to His people and eternally the promise of our land to live in. Why not choose Jesus today, in so doing you not only have life, but life abundantly.

Leadership Principle

Many people go far in life because someone else thought they could.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then hear thou their prayer and the supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause. 1 Kings 8:49

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32

Stewardship Principle

"...for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith:..." Matthew 23:23

Memory Verse of the Week

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

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Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27, Luke 12:8-34, Psalm 78:32-55, Proverbs 12:21-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...meditate on thee in the night watches." Psalms 63:6

My Praises for Today

"Where is Your Treasure?"

Luke 12:34 gives us the answer. It's where your heart is. That is so true especially relating to the church when you give your tithe offering. Your heart will be there in the work of the church. The same principle relates to Missions. If you give to missions your heart will be involved and you will be reminded to pray for those on the Mission field. My time is also a part of my treasure. Where do I spend my time? Naturally you spend full time at your job but, then where? How much time do you spend doing God's work or preparing yourself spiritually to do God's work? How much time do you spend with your wife and (or) kids? Remember your heart is where you treasure is.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. 1 Kings 8:29

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6

Stewardship Principle

And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps. 2 Chronicles 31:6

Leadership Principle

People are like rubber bands: They must be stretched to be effective.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and make the voice of his praises to be heard:." Psalms 66:8

My Praises for Today

"Here they come"

I remember when my kids would come home from college; we would be anxiously awaiting for them to arrive. With communication like it is today, we keep up with our youngest daughter and her husband when they come home by calling them on their cell phone. "Where are you now?" "We can't wait to see you!" And then my wife or I would race to see who could be the first to say; "Here they come!" As exciting as that is, it is no comparison to what it will be like when the Lord returns for us. WOW! The Bible exhorts us to watch for the coming of Jesus. Luke 12:40 tells us to be ready because in a time you think not, He is coming. When it involved our kids, we would look out the window, stand on the porch or listen for the sounds of an automobile coming up the driveway. How are you in relation to the Lord's return; Are you watching? Are you preparing? Are you praying for His coming? The Lord's prayer teaches us to pray. "...Thy kingdom come..." and He just might!

Leadership Principle

To go nowhere, follow the crowd.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. Job 15:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28

Stewardship Principle

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matt. 19:29

Memory Verse of the Week

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

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Deuteronomy 33:1-29, Luke 13:1-21, Psalm 78:65-72, Proverbs 12:25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the people praise thee..." Psalms 67:3

My Praises for Today

"Repentance Necessary"

I have heard repentance defined as going down a road, realizing you are heading the wrong way, turning completely around and starting over. Mr. Webster says it means to turn from sin., to change one's mind. However you may define it, the Bible teaches it. Luke 13:3 says "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance is necessary for salvation but it alone does not save. It means to change one's mind about sin in such a way as to result in a change of action for salvation. You have repentance from sin, sorrow and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It's a process of turning from (sin) and turning to Jesus (faith). Are you going down the wrong road?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant..." Nehemiah 1:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:29

Stewardship Principle

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10

Leadership Principle

If you're looking for a big opportunity, seek out a big problem.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:..." Psalms 67:4

My Praises for Today

"Success...the Bible's Way"

Are you getting ready to make some tough decisions? Do you need direction in your life? Are you looking for an answer to a complex question in life? Turn to Joshua 1:8 . It's the Bible's prescription for a successful life. Read the scripture over and over. The conclusions are:

1. You shall constantly talk about God's word and its truths.
2. You shall meditate upon God's Word day and night. Read it, think about it, memorize it, and let its principles saturate your life.
3. Obey it. (That's pretty clear)

If you do these three things, then God says your life WILL be prosperous and successful. I'm for that—how about you?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. Nehemiah 4:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

...Nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 11 Timothy 1:12

Stewardship Principle

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." Calvin Coolidge

Leadership Principle

*Walk so close to God that you
leave no room for the devil.*

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week:

*For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man
should boast.*

Ephesians 2:8, 9

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Joshua 3:1-4:24, Luke 14:7-35, Psalm 80:1-19, Proverbs 12:27-28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:..." Psalms 68:4

My Praises for Today

"Some Important Principles"

1. Luke 14:11—If you exalt yourself, you shall be abased. If you humble yourself, you will be exalted. Perhaps you are living for yourself (pride) and all the personal glory that you can get. Watch out, you are headed for a big fall! However if you live in humility, God will exalt you in due time. By the way, his timing is perfect.

2. Luke 14:23 As believers and members of the church, we are to get out into the highways and hedges and compel people to come in that the house may be full. The reason—to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to them.

3. Luke 14:33 If you are not willing to forsake everything for Jesus, you can't be a disciple of Jesus. That's plain and Simple!

How does your life measure with the above?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...my prayer is pure." Job 16:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard. Proverbs 13:15

Stewardship Principle

"...It is more blessed to give than to receive. Act 20:35

Leadership Principle

If you don't do your homework, you won't make your free throws.

Larry Bird

Memory Verse of the Week

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9

Joshua 5:1-7:15, Luke 15:1-32, Psalm 81:1-16, Proverbs 13:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"Bless ye God in the congregation..." Psalms 68:26

My Praises for Today

"The sin of one that caused 36 to die"

We have an interesting story in Joshua 6 and 7 on the effect of one man's sin. The children of Israel defeated Jericho and with the falling of the walls and destruction, God said not for anyone to take of the accursed thing (spoils on the inside). But someone did. His name was Achan. This one sin caused defeat in the next battle and 36 men died as a result. This whole story reminds us that one sin can quench God's Spirit and cause defeat for the whole group. My friend, check your heart. Is it your sin that causes the church not to prosper; or your Sunday School class; or your family? Please deal with it. Lives are at stake. Go to 1 John 1:9

Leadership Principle

Are you feeling far from God? Guess who moved?

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Job 22:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Stewardship Principle

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." Billy Graham

Memory Verse of the Week

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9

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Joshua 7:16-9:2, Luke 16:1-18, Psalm 82:1-8, Proverbs 13:2-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth..." Psalms 68:32

My Praises for Today

"Is your pocketbook opened or closed?"

In Luke 16, the Bible is dealing with stewardship or managing money. In verse 10 the word tells us that if you are faithful in the least, you will be faithful in much and if you are unjust in a little you will be unjust when you have a lot. Get the picture. If you make \$200 a week and will not give God \$20, He says if you should begin to make \$2000, you will not tithe on that either. Verse 11 teaches that if you aren't faithful and a good steward with your money, there is uncertainty that the Lord will trust you with spiritual riches. If one's pocketbook is not at God's disposal one's heart is probably not surrendered to God either. How is yours?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25

Stewardship Principle

And said Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

Leadership Principle

*All accomplishment comes
from daring to begin.*

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

*For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man
should boast.*

Ephesians 2:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...but the Lord made the heavens." 1 Chronicles 16:26

My Praises for Today

"Hell, it's Reality"

Nobody likes to talk about it, in fact if you hear the word, somebody is probably using it abusively, but it is real. Hell is a prepared place for an unprepared person. In Luke 16:19-21 we find the record of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man had trusted in his riches and when he died he went to hell. Hell is a real place and all those who haven't trusted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior will go there. We not only are to be concerned about our own life, but also the lives of others. (family, friends, neighbors, work associates, etc.) It would be sad for you to be saved and those around you lost, especially since you have been given the command and urgency to share Christ with them. Are you trying to keep all those you love from going to hell by sharing and testifying about the love and grace of God which comes through Jesus?

Leadership Principle

Vision adds value to everything.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalms 5:3

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Stewardship Principle

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege." John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Ephesians 2:8,9

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Joshua 11:1-12:24, Luke 17:11-37, Psalm 84:1-12, Proverbs 13:5-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise the name of God with a song..." Psalms 69:30

My Praises for Today

"Gratefulness, where is it?"

I never cease to be amazed at the people who find it hard to say those two simple words, "Thank you." Jesus was no different. After healing ten lepers, only one stopped and personally thanked and praised the Lord for his healing. Jesus said, "Where are the nine?" Read it again in Luke 17:15-18. Are we guilty of living a thankless and ungrateful life? When is the last time you truly thanked God for that wonderful salvation that He fully gave to you? Also do you thank Him for the many other things He does for you? Pray and ask the Lord to make you more appreciative of your many blessings.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.
Psalms 6:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Stewardship Principle

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Psalms 37:16

Leadership Principle

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memory Verse of the Week

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the heaven and earth praise him..." Psalms 69:34

My Praises for Today

"Is that your Final Answer?"

Remember when you were a child and you wanted to do something really bad? You would go to your parents (individually or together, depending on your strategy) and beg. They would often say "no, and don't ask me again." You would muster up some more courage (or more strategy) and ask one more time. And then came the long awaited answer. YES! This is a good illustration of Luke 18:1-8. Prayer should be intense and we are never to give up or quit. The illustration pictures "for continual coming" to the unjust judge until he finally gives her, her heart's desire. My Brethren don't you think our Heavenly Father is more interested in us than an unjust judge? Don't quit until you're sure you have the final answer.

Leadership Principle

*The attitude of your people is
a reflection of your attitude.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Psalms 17:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be a scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Stewardship Principle

"...so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Memory Verse of the Week

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation; but
is passed from death unto life.*

John 5:24

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Joshua 15:1-63, Luke 18:18-43, Psalm 86:1-17, Proverbs 13:9-10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee..." Psalm 70:4

My Praises for Today

"A Praying Psalmist"

Today's Psalm excellently exemplifies the prayer of a man who loves God. David partakes of all the elements normally associated with prayer: petition (vs. 1-7, 11, and 14-17), adoration (vs. 8-10), and thanksgiving (vs. 12,13). Then in verse fifteen he adds a beautiful description of our God stating, He is full of compassion, gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Wow, what a God we have. Praise Him today and train yourself to pray as David did.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. Psalms 35:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

Stewardship Principle

Giving through you own free will. Read Leviticus 22:17,18

Leadership Principle

*If at first you do succeed,
try something harder.*

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation; but
is passed from death unto life.*

John 5:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let my mouth be filled with thy praise..." Psalm 71:8

My Praises for Today

The Short man gets Saved

If you went to church at all when you were young, you learned the song about Zaccheus. We know he was a "wee" little man and he had to get up in a tree to see Jesus. But the most important thing that happened to Zaccheus was he got saved! In Luke 19:1-10 we have the story of his conversion. It's one of my favorite biblical stories. Jesus said in verse 9 "...This day is salvation come to this house! How wonderful it is to be saved. We are reminded in verse ten that God searches for us to save us! Saving souls is God's priority and it should also be ours. How are you doing in that area of your Christian life?

Leadership Principle

*Do what you can, with what
you have, where you are.*

Theodore Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry..." Psalm 39:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: fear him which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him. Luke 12:5

Memory Verse of the Week

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation; but
is passed from death unto life.*

Stewardship Principle

Giving voluntarily. Read Exodus 35:5

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Joshua 19:1-20:9, Luke 19:28-48, Psalm 88:1-18, Proverbs 13:12-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and will yet praise thee more and more." Psalm 71:14

My Praises for Today

When God Says No

We have all experienced the disappointment of hoping for something only to see it not come about. There is just a sick feeling inside. The first part of Proverbs 13:12 means just that. But, we have also experienced the joys of a "dream" fulfilled. A great example of this is when God told David that he would not build the Temple (2 Samuel 7), but he would do it later through his seed, Solomon. We dream and hope of great things to happen in our lives. Sometimes we get weary in waiting but "remember" God knows best in all things. His time schedule is not always ours (actually it very seldom is), but He knows the future and He is involved in your life. Look up, read, and claim Romans 8:28.

Leadership Principle

We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. Psalm 42:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1

Stewardship Principle

Recognizing the apparent foolishness of giving but believing God is greater than your limited understanding. Read Proverbs 3:5,6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness..." Psalms 71:15

My Praises for Today

"You can count on it"

In our Old Testament reading today, (Joshua 21: 43-45), the Bible tells us that Israel, under Joshua's leadership, possessed all the land that God promised them. It was theirs! God said it! They made their homes there and then took a much-needed rest. The Lord had even defeated all their enemies. What a blessing. Verse 45 assures us that God performs every good thing that He says He will. My friend, you too can always count on God's promises to you.

Leadership Principle

*Most people spend more time
planning Christmas than
they do planning their lives.*

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. Psalms 54:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36

Stewardship Principle

The purpose for giving: learning to continually reverence God in your life. Read Deuteronomy 14:22,23

Memory Verse of the Week

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation, but
is passed from death unto life.*

John 5:24

April 21

Joshua 22:21-23:16, Luke 20:27-47, Psalm 89:14-37, Proverbs 13:17-19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks..." Psalm 75:1

My Praises for Today

"It's Sweet"

Finally those last five pounds are off! Have you ever been on a weight loss program and set for yourself a certain goal. Those last pounds are always the hardest, but you finally did it. What an accomplishment you feel. Proverbs 13:19 concurs... "The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul..." Reaching a goal is always pleasant to the soul. In order to reach goals you must have goals. The person who shoots at nothing will hit it every time! What kind of goals do you have? Are your spiritual goals bringing you closer to Jesus everyday? Do you desire to win more souls, pray more, be more committed. Whatever your goals are, give them to God so He can help you as you accomplish them.

Leadership Principle

Very often a change of self is needed more that a change of scene.

Benson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Psalm 55:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18

Stewardship Principle

A starving widow who gave to God first above her own family's needs and then saw God provide for her and her family. Read 1 Kings 17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...unto thee will I sing with the harp..." Psalm 71:22

My Praises for Today

"Do you want to be Smart"

Wouldn't you always like to make the right decisions in life? Decisions like where to go to college, whether to change jobs, how to raise that difficult child are all-important issues of life. Let's allow God's word to answer this question of how do you get wisdom. First, in James 1:5 the Bible tells us to get wisdom by asking God for it. Secondly, in Proverbs 11:30, wisdom is possessed by a person who wins souls. Thirdly, in today's reading of Proverbs 13:20, wisdom is obtained by walking with wise men. The people that you hang around with rub off on you. Be around people who have wisdom and you'll end up getting some of it on you!

Leadership Principle

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

Eleanor Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. Psalm 61:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

Stewardship Principle

"...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21

Memory Verse of the Week:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation; but
is passed from death unto life.*

John 5:24

April 23

Judges 1:1-29, Luke 21:29-22:13, Psalm 90:1-91:16, Proverbs 13:24-25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever..." Psalm 79:13

My Praises for Today

One Day at a Time

Life must be lived one day at a time. The future must always be left into God's hands because we cannot control the future. Today is the day that we have to live for God. Psalms 90:12 says "So teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts unto wisdom". Today is April 23 and you have 24 hours to use. How will you spend it? In the model prayer we pray "Give us This Day". Don't waste your time today. Days turn into weeks and weeks turn into years. If you take care of today the weeks and years will take care of themselves.

Leadership Principle

Often a leader's greatest challenge is dealing with the multitudes of people oblivious to the obvious.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Psalms 64:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Hebrews 9:27

Stewardship Principle

A tenth of everything belongs to God. Read Leviticus 27:30

Memory Verse of the Week

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name;

John 1:12

Judges 2:10-3:31, Luke 22:14-34, Psalm 92:1-93:5, Proverbs 14:1-2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob..." Psalm 81:1

My Praises for Today

"Satan Wants You"

In Luke 22:31, 32 Jesus told Peter that Satan wanted to destroy Him (actually the term means crush). There has never been a truer statement made. If you are saved, Satan's biggest desire for your life is to see your testimony so tarnished that you make yourself useless for God's kingdom. But remember the Lord Jesus is sitting on the right hand of the Father praying and intercessing for you. Simon Peter denied the Lord but he later repented, came back and was mightily used of the Lord. It's great to have God's forgiveness, but it's greater to use his protection against Satan first.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Psalm 65:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32

Stewardship Principle

Give and gain; withhold and lose. Read Proverbs 11:24,25

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Leadership Principle

If something has been done a particular way for 15 or 20 years, it's a pretty good sign, in these changing times, that it is being done the wrong way.

Elliot M. Estes

Memory Verse of the Week

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:12

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Judges 4:1-5:31, Luke 22:35-53, Psalm 94:1-23, Proverbs 14:3-4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth..." Psalm 25:10

My Praises for Today

"Leadership"

In Judges we find that God always uses leadership to accomplish His purpose even when the odds are overwhelming. As we read about the judges in the book of Judges we can reflect on how God used them. In our today's Old Testament reading we find out how God used Deborah and Barak. The Lord calls and uses men to get His work done. In any great movement you can always trace it to the leadership of a man or men.

Leadership Principle

*You are only an attitude
away from success!*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. Isaiah 57:20

Memory Verse of the Week

*But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become
the sons of God, even to them
that believe on his name:*

John 1:12

Stewardship Principle

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. Proverbs 11:4

Judges 6:1-40, Luke 22:54-23:12, Psalm 95:1-96:13, Proverbs 14:5-6

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and I will glorify thy name for evermore." Psalm 86:12

My Praises for Today

The Spirit-filled Judge

As we continue to go through Judges we find the reason God used these judges. It was to deliver His people from the oppression of the enemy. The reason that they were under enemy oppression is because they had gotten away from God and had done evil. In Judges 6, God called Gideon as judge and then verse 34 says that the spirit of the Lord came upon him. You cannot do God's work effectively without God's power. Ephesians 6:18 commands us to be "filled with the Spirit." Are you filled with the Spirit as you do God's work?

Leadership Principle

*Most of the things worth doing
in the world had been declared
impossible before they were done.*

Louis D. Brandeis

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. Psalm 66:20

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Memory Verse of the Week

*But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become
the sons of God, even to them
that believe on his name:*

Stewardship Principle

Each Sunday look back over the past seven days to see how God has provided for you and then lay aside your giving to the Lord accordingly. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

John 1:12

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Judges 7:1-8-8:17, Luke 23:13-43, Psalm 97:1-98:9, Proverbs 14:7-8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And the heavens shall praise thy wonders..." Psalm 89:5

My Praises for Today

"Little is much when God Is In It"

Gideon's 300 is all that God needed to defeat the Midianites. They started out with 32,000 men and God cut it down to 10,000 then down to 300. Oh what a God we have. He can take only the committed ones and get the job done. In this case he only used 300 of those who originally started out. It is God who is our true strength against the enemy. Why be fearful my friend? God never gives us the spirit of fear. Fear comes from Satan. God gives us the faith and trust we need in order to depend on Him. Let God turn the little into BIG!

Leadership Principle

*Make sure the thing you're
living for is worth dying for.*

Charles Mayes

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Psalm 69:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? John 3:4

Stewardship Principle

Your giving on earth will allow you to store up treasures in heaven. Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19, Matthew 6:19-21, 2 John 8, Philipians 4:17

Memory Verse of the Week

*But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become
the sons of God, even to them
that believe on his name:*

John 1:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord for evermore..." Psalm 89:52

My Praises for Today

"Do what needs to be done"

Have you ever been in a department store and asked a clerk for help only to have the clerk tell you it's not their department; or perhaps you have been in a restaurant and asked a waitress to give you a napkin, and their response is "this is not my table." The record in Luke 23 tells us that Joseph of Arimathea begged the body of Jesus from Pilate after He had died on the cross. He took that body, wrapped it in linen and put it in his own sepulchre. The Bible describes Joseph as a counselor and also a good and just man. He no doubt loved the Lord Jesus and did himself what needed to be done in order to provide an adequate burial for the Lord Jesus. Sometimes in life we must just do what needs to be done whether or not its in our job description.

Leadership Principle

People will work 8 hours a day for pay, 10 hours a day for a good boss, and 24 hours a day for a good cause!

Charles Mayes

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised." Psalm 72:15

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Isaiah 57:21

Stewardship Principle

Giving will help bring greater order and wisdom to your finances and will help harness the dragon of materialism in your life. Read Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34, Luke 12:16-21, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Memory Verse of the Week

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:12

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Judges 9:22-10:18, Luke 24:13-53, Psalm 100:1-5, Proverbs 14:11-12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord..." Psalm 92:1

My Praises for Today

"Making a Joyful Noise"

Psalm 100 is one of those scriptures I memorized at an early age. You may know it by heart also. As you quote it, ask yourself, "Is my expression of joy too limited?" This familiar Psalm says you should shout to the Lord for joy! This Psalm should reflect what your life is like. Give yourself this test to see how you rate with the Psalmist. Are you daily making a joyful noise, or just a noise? Serving the Lord with gladness, or do you have a bad attitude when asked to do something? Coming into His presence with singing, or muttering negatively to yourself? Entering into His gates with thanksgiving and praise, or do you feel the world owes you a living? Let's do personal spiritual inventory concerning the above.

Leadership Principle

Success isn't accumulating possessions, wealth, or power. Success is obeying God. It means having those closest to you love and respect you the most.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"I prayed therefore unto the Lord..." Deuteronomy 9:26

Memory Verse of the Week

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:30

Stewardship Principle

Become more active in SERVING in your church.

Judges 11:1-12:15, John 1:1-28, Psalm 101:1-8, Proverbs 14:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord... Glory and strength." 1 Chronicles 16:28

My Praises for Today

"Guard your eyes"

We are warned that looking at the sun's rays too long without protective sunglasses can harm your eyes. But there is even more harm you can do through your eyes. In Psalm 101:3 the Bible says, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes." My friend, what your eyes see, your mind never forgets. How can you be comfortable looking at things on TV or movies that are wicked, such as the use of God's name in vain, forbidden sexual scenes and language, alternate abominable life styles and on and on and on; how about magazines that promote sensuality and the Internet web sites that promote sexual sins. My brother and sister run, run, run from all that filth. As Philippians 4:8 says, think on things that are honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. Guard closely what you allow your eyes to see.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O Lord God of host, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. Psalm 84:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Stewardship Principle

Take time or offer some of your time to help others who have specific needs.

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Leadership Principle

See your people as they could be, not as they are.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelations 3:20

May 1

Judges 13:1-14:20, John 1:29-51, Psalm 102:1-28, Proverbs 14:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

My Praises for Today

"Oh Brother"

When you were first saved, didn't you just want to tell everybody? Andrew was no different. After reading of his conversion, John 1:41-42 tells us he immediately went to his brother, Simon, and told him what great thing had happened! The word says "and he brought him to Jesus." He became a soul winner! It's a wonderful sight to see families being brought to Christ one, by one, by other family members. What a testimony of obedience. My dear Brother and Sister, that's what we should be like. Who do you know who needs Jesus? We all need to follow Andrew's example.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. Psalm 86:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Good understanding giveth favor: but the way of transgressors is hard. Proverbs 13:15

Stewardship Principle

Volunteer some of your time to a Christian Camp ministry, or mission organization.

Leadership Principle

Those closest to the leader determine his level of success or failure. Mentoring potential leaders insures the leader and the organization of reaching their potential.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving..." Psalm 95:2

My Praises for Today

"Powerful Hair!"

Women are always concerned about their hair, if it looks good, they feel good, but if it looks bad, ouch! Even in all that, I bet they never had a problem like Samson. His power was associated with his hair and when it was cut, he lost that power. Samson had been doing things he should not have done as a Christian. He had compromised his standards of righteousness and in so doing, God took away the power He had given him. Read the statement in Judges 16:20 concerning Samson "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him." He wished he hadn't! What a sad story. How about you? When we sin or fail to spend time with God, we fail to project light from God and a good testimony. We need to keep our hearts clean at all times by confessing our sins. I John 1:9 will keep you in good spirits even when your hair looks bad!

Leadership Principle

*Never, never stop growing.
Plateaus should only be found
in geography books, not in
personal experience.*

Albert Schweitzer

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; Psalm 88:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Stewardship Principle

Consider a short-term or long-term position with a Christian ministry or organization.

Memory Verse of the Week

*Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear my
voice, and open the door, I will
come in to him, and will sup
with him, and he with me.*

Revelation 3:20

May 3

Judges 17:1-18:31, John 3:1-21, Psalm 104:1-23, Proverbs 14:20, 21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O come, let us worship and bow down..." Psalm 95:6

My Praises for Today

When is your Second Birthday?

We call John 3 the "Born Again" chapter of the Bible and along with that, John 3:16 confirms our need to make a decision to accept the only one who can give us eternal life and forgive us of our sins. His name is Jesus. In order to get to heaven you have to be born twice, once physically and then once spiritually. Now we all know what being born physically is; why, because we have a birthday. How about spiritually? Just as we know our physical birthday, do we know our spiritual birthday? I mean the day when you accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. That's when you were born again, and as a result, your spiritual birth date. I say again in order to get to Heaven you have to be Born Again! Have you been born twice? Do you have two birthday celebrations.

Leadership Principle

One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.

Albert Schweitzer

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. Psalm 88:13

Memory Verse of the Week

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25

Stewardship Principle

Someone who served God by being faithful in his work regardless of who he worked for. Read Genesis 39-45 His name was Joseph.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture..." Psalm 95:7

My Praises for Today

"Big "J" little "m"

One of my life verses is John 3:30. In that scripture John the Baptist's testimony is that He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease. Have you emptied yourself of all pride, self-glory and are you living to magnify the name of Christ? Forget yourself and promote Jesus. Lift Him up, and give Him the honor and glory due His Name. Do your works, attitude and manner of life honor the Lord Jesus? How about your thought life? The more you put Him first, the bigger He becomes in your life; hence He increases and you decrease.

"Big Jesus, little me, is the way it should always be."

Leadership Principle

Jesus is my best friend. At times I have failed people.

At times people have failed me. Jesus never fails.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Psalm 102:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Oh, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." Romans 7:24,25

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Proverbs 15:16

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

May 5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22, John 4:4-42, Psalm 105: 1-15, Proverbs 14:25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O sing unto the Lord a new song:..." Psalm 96:1

My Praises for Today

"She told the Whole City!"

John 4 certainly is one illustration in the Bible that shows the proper use of the tongue! We have the record of Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. He won her to Himself. (She became saved) Then she went into the city to testify about her salvation and the whole city came out to hear Jesus. Then they too believed that this was indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world (vs. 42). What a soulwinning illustration that is. Just think for a moment—she told the whole town about Jesus. That's a lesson for us. What are you doing to help accomplish that goal in your neighborhood, your city, your state, or your world!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
Psalm 102:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

Stewardship Principle

A person who used her position and influence for God's people. Read Esther 1-10

Leadership Principle

A great man stands on God.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Memory Verse of the Week

*Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear my
voice, and open the door, I will
come in to him, and will sup
with him, and he with me.*

Revelation 3:20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord, bless his name..." Psalm 96:2

My Praises for Today

Handfuls on Purpose

In Ruth we find the story of the "Kinsmen Redeemer," which is certainly a picture of Christ. As the story unfolds we find Ruth in the fields of Boaz gleaning among the sheaves. Boaz instructed the reapers to let extra handfuls of wheat fall in order that Ruth may be able to have more. You notice that it was "handfuls on purpose." That reminds me that the Lord is like that towards us as we serve Him. Whenever my wife and I come across just the right thing at just the right price, we always remind each other it is just "handfuls on purpose." God allows those extra-unexpected blessings to come our way. He has a mighty big hand too. Thank you Lord.

Leadership Principle

The gift is greater than the leader. God's anointing upon our lives points to His greatness, not ours.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. Psalm 109:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? Luke 12:20

Stewardship Principle

People whose work supported their ministry efforts. Read Acts 18:1-4

Memory Verse of the Week

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come I to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

May 7

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21, John 5:1-23, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 14:28,29

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Declare his glory among the heathen..." Psalm 96:3

My Praises for Today

"A Miracle Child is Born"

In 1 Samuel 1, we have the record of the birth of Samuel, and the circumstances surrounding his birth. His mother, Hannah, had wanted a child for so long. Many of you women know the emptiness she must have felt. She prayed diligently for a boy child and promised to give him to the Lord for his entire life. When he was born, she followed up on her promise and Samuel became one of the greatest Judges of Israel. Have you given your children to the Lord? Or have you stopped praying for God to remove your barrenness? God may be ready to answer.

Leadership Principle

There are a lot of ways to become a failure, but never taking a chance is the most successful.

Lou Erickson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"For this child I prayed..." 1 Samuel 1:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:7

Stewardship Principle

Men who left their business to serve God full-time. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21, Mark 1:16-19, Matthew 9:9

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised:..." Psalm 96:4

My Praises for Today

Do You take the Time?

When was the last time you were quiet and wanted the Lord to speak to your heart? We are usually so impatient, we don't even want to stop and take the time. We want God to do everything in our time, not His. The famous passage in 1 Samuel 2 records Samuel's prayer "Speak Lord for thy servant heareth." Wouldn't it be great if that were our prayer? Wouldn't it be wonderful for you to make yourself available to God and tell Him you would obey Him and follow Him in whatsoever desire He has for you...and then be willing to wait. In today's world, wait is a mighty big word, but in God's timing it also carries some big blessings.

Leadership Principle

Life is like a taxi. The meter just keeps a-ticking whether you are getting somewhere or just standing still.

Lou Erickson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;..." Psalm 141:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Stewardship Principle

Give the "Master" charge of your life instead of giving your life to your "Master Charge"

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

May 9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17, John 6:1-21, Psalm 106:13-31, Proverbs 14: 32-33

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Lift up your hands..." Psalm 134:2

My Praises for Today

Rescue is on the way!

Do you spend time fretting over people who have mistreated you or those you know don't like you? The way of deliverance from your enemies is found in 1 Samuel 7:3

First of all "Repent" of your sins "then"

(a) Return unto the Lord with all your heart.

(b) Put away strange Gods (idolaters).

(c) Prepare your hearts unto the Lord.

(d) Serve the Lord only.

Then He will deliver you from your enemies.

Leadership Principle

The greatest mistake we make is living in constant fear that we will make one.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...So I prayed to the God of heaven." Nehemiah 2:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. I Corinthians 2:14

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Stewardship Principle

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

1 John 5:13

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27, John 6:22-42, Psalm 106:32-48, Proverbs 14:34,35

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name..." Psalm 96:8

My Praises for Today

Don't get too busy

1 Samuel 8:3 is the account of Samuel's sons who did not live godly lives, but turned aside after dishonest gain, bribes, etc. Like Eli before him, Samuel was too preoccupied with his ministry to properly oversee the spiritual upbringing of his own children. What a charge for those in God's work. 1 Timothy 3:5 says "for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" Finding the right balance of priorities is hard, even if you're not in the ministry. It has to be worked on daily. Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal to you needed areas in your life.

Leadership Principle

The gift is greater than the leader. God's anointing upon our lives points to His greatness, not ours.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. Psalm 143:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

Stewardship Principle

Learn to practice godly hospitality by opening your meal times and home to others.

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

May 11

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15, John 6:43-71, Psalm 107: 1-43, Proverbs 15:1-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness..." Psalm 96:9

My Praises for Today

If God calls, He will equip you!

Have you ever been asked to do something in the church and your first reaction was "WOW, I can't do that! I'm not old enough, not wise enough, not intelligent enough so on and so forth to do that. When Saul was chosen to be king, even though it wasn't God's perfect will or His choice for Israel, He prepared him for the kingship. He separated him or set him apart, put His spirit upon him, changed him (vs. 6), went with him (vs.7), gave him another heart (vs. 9) and gave him leadership abilities (vs. 26). Who couldn't be King after all that? When God anoints you, He changes you and uses you. To Him be the glory.

Leadership Principle

Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.

Irving Berlin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight. Proverbs 15:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7

Stewardship Principle

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Make a joyful noise unto the lord, all the earth:..." Psalm 98:4

My Praises for Today

Not praying for you...a sin?

Have you ever thought about what it means to pray for others? Samuel said to Israel during Saul's kingship, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." What a message. That certainly places a priority on intercessory prayer. According to that statement we must sin when we don't pray for each other. We should focus on our intercessory prayer for others. Who comes to your mind today who needs your prayers?

Leadership Principle

A determined person is one who, when they get to the end of their rope, ties a knot and hangs on.

My Priorities for Today

Joe L. Griffith

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Don't set your lifestyle based on your income, set your lifestyle based on how you believe God wants you to live. If God provides you with extra funds, pray about what He wants for this excess.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

May 13

1 Samuel 13:23-14:52, John 7:30-53, Psalm 109:1-31, Proverbs 15:5-7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord with the harp..." Psalm 98:5

My Praises for Today

Good Leadership

Saul as a king was a good leader. Why? He surrounded himself with strong and valiant men. In 1 Samuel 14:52 the Bible says "... and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him." Why did he do that? Because he was in a bitter war with the Philistines. He wanted to do, humanly, all he could to prepare himself to win the battle. I believe any good leader seeks to surround himself with good men who will help the leader multiply his influence. I personally have a desire to see people saved and to encourage them to serve God. So, naturally I will want to train the people closest to me to have that desire also.

Leadership Principle

Above all, try something.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. Proverbs 28:9

Memory Verse of the Week

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5:1

Stewardship Principle

Faithfully monitor your finances and actively pursue becoming 100% debt-free (note: most people can eliminate all short-term debt within two to four years and can even have their home paid off within seven to fifteen years)! Resource materials by Larry Burkett or Ron Blue are available through local Christian bookstores to help you in this area.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...make a joyful noise before the Lord..." Psalm 98:6

My Praises for Today

Obedience

Good parents will teach their children very early in life to be obedient. It will defray a lot of heartache later in life if the child learns to comply with his parents' wishes. When our children were small and we were visiting, we gave them instructions as to their behavior. When they followed them, we were so proud of them and usually rewarded them in some way. God is like that. He is very interested in his children obeying. In fact, He prefers obedience above any other attribute. We find a great illustration of the above in 1 Samuel as Saul dealt with the Amalekites. He didn't completely obey God and as a result his kingdom was taken away in favor of David. I wonder what would have happened had he done as God had instructed? Don't lose the blessings God may have in store for you by simple disobedience.

Leadership Principle

God chooses what we go through; we choose how we go through it.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Isaiah 26:16

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Stewardship Principle

The way to recognize if the "love of money" is creeping or storming its way into your life. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10, Hebrews 13:5-6, 1 Timothy 6:10, Luke 3:14

James 1:5

May 15

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4, John 8:21-30, Psalm 111:1-10, Proverbs 15:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for He is holy." Psalm 99:5

My Praises for Today

What is the Cause?

Have you come up against any giants lately? 1 Samuel 17 is the record of the battle between David versus Goliath. David defeated the great big man because, by faith, "he fought him in the Name of the Lord." David said in verse 29, "Is there not a cause?" My friend, there is a cause for us to live for today:—a cause to lift the Name of Jesus up and win people to Him. Are you involved in the great cause of Jesus Christ? Being involved in winning people to Christ will defeat any giants in your life.

Leadership Principle

Progress is a tide. If we stand still we will surely be drowned. To stay on the crest, we have to keep moving.

Harold Mayfield

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left." Isaiah 37:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:9

Memory Verse of the Week

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Stewardship Principle

Realize that the important thing in life is NOT how much you can accumulate or possess. Read Luke 12:14

James 1:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Exalt ye the Lord our God..." Psalm 99:5

My Praises for Today

Are you a disciple?

In John 8:31, Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed." A saved person is not necessarily a disciple of Jesus Christ. A disciple is a learner. Note the word "IF". It's all conditional. Only if you continue in my word will ye be my disciple. Of course continuing in the word means reading, studying and obeying the word of God. If you are continuing in the word, you can't help but be a disciple of Christ. The word changes, molds and makes you one. Are you a disciple?

Leadership Principle

Experience is knowing a lot of things you shouldn't do.

William Knudson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Go, and say to Hezekiah, thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. Isaiah 38:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Actively "de-accumulate" those things which you no longer use or need. Read Matthew 6:19-21

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

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1 Samuel 20:1-21:15, John 9:1-41, Psalm 113:1-114:8, Proverbs 15:15-17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for the Lord our God is holy." Psalm 99:9

My Praises for Today

Friendship

It has been said "Friendship is like a bank account, you can't continue to draw on it without making deposits." We see in 1 Samuel 20 the beauty of the wonderful example of friendship that David and Jonathan had. Verse 17 says that Jonathan loved David as his own soul. Do you have a friend like that? To have a friend you have to be a friend. The Bible says, "He that hath friends must show himself friendly." Today, make a deposit in the friendship you enjoy.

Leadership Principle

*Progress always involves risks.
You can't steal second and
keep your foot on first.*

Frederick Wilcox

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. Isaiah 56:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11

Memory Verse of the Week

*If any of you lack wisdom,
let him ask of God, that
giveth to all men liberally,
and upbraideth not; and it
shall be given him.*

James 1:5

Stewardship Principle

Be cautious and careful about spending too much money on clothes, luxury items, electronic goods, items made out of metal, etc. Read Matthew 6:19-21, James 5:1-6

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29, John 10:1-21, Psalm 115:1-18, Proverbs 15:18,19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord..." Psalm 100:1

My Praises for Today

Not only life.... But life abundantly

Jesus reminds us in John 10 that He is the Good Shepherd and the "Door" of Salvation. Jesus is the only way a person can be saved. He has come to give us not only life, but everything good that he can pack into it...overflowing, abundant, full life, WOW! In contrast, the devil who is called the thief in this passage, has only come to steal, kill and destroy. It seems ridiculous to choose anything but Jesus, but still people don't. Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior? If you have, are you living the abundant life?

Leadership Principle

Problems are not your problems. It's not what happens to you but what happens in you that matters.

My Priorities for Today

John Maxwell

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me..."
Isaiah 37:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Revelation 20:14

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Opening your home to God's servants. Read 11 Kings 4:8-10

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44, John 10:22-42, Psalm 116:1-19, Proverbs 15:20,21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Serve the Lord with gladness..." Psalm 100:2

My Praises for Today

No one can take you out of His hands

John 10:27-29 gives us a good proof of eternal security (once saved always saved). When God truly saves you, you then hear the Master's voice and you follow Him. As a result you have eternal life and you will never, never perish, neither shall any man snatch you out of the Father's hand. What a Savior. We don't have to hold out because He (Jesus) holds on. All of the above is based on the premise that you have truly given your heart to Jesus in a Born Again experience.

Leadership Principle

Most people are educated way beyond their level of obedience.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed..." Daniel 6:10

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

Memory Verse of the Week

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

Stewardship Principle

Selling things you have so that you can give to help meet some special needs. Read Acts 2:44,45

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Know ye that the Lord he is God..." Psalm 100:3

My Praises for Today

Forever Life

When a Christian loved one dies, it always leaves us sad, but I cannot imagine how the unsaved feels when death comes to their loved ones. Let me encourage you to read John 11:25,26 again. How wonderful it is to realize those who have believed in Jesus, and have accepted Him as Savior will never, never, never, experience death. The moment our earthly life ends will be the moment we are transferred into the presence of Jesus in Heaven. Paul said, "to be absent from the body means to be present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Leadership Principle

If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves.

Thomas Edison

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And I prayed unto the Lord my God..." Daniel 9:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 1 Peter 1:10

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Sharing what you have with others in need. Read Acts 4:32

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13, John 11:54-12:19, Psalm 118: 1-18, Proverbs 15:24-26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...be thankful unto him, and bless his name..." Psalm 100:4

My Praises for Today

Trust God

Once a person has betrayed your trust, it is always hard to trust him again. One thing for sure, we can believe that God will never betray us. We can always trust his word. Psalm 118:8 says that it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men. Let me advise you that in any crises, in any important decision, in any problem whatsoever, our first response should be to go to the Lord and His word. Man may disappoint us, but God never has and never will.

Leadership Principle

Your friends will stretch your vision or choke you dream.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he went a little further, and fell on his face and prayed..."
Matthew 26:39

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8

Memory Verse of the Week

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

Stewardship Principle

Feeding, helping, and lodging people in your home. Read Romans 12:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting..." Psalm 100:5

My Praises for Today

Men Pleasers?

John 12:42 tells us that many of the chief rulers believed in Jesus (became saved) but didn't confess Him because they were afraid of being put out of the synagogue. Why? Because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. How about you? Are you more interested in getting the approval of men rather than the approval of God? Pride sometimes interferes in the way we live our lives. As Believers we are to live life to God's glory rather than man's glory. Whose approval would you rather have?

Leadership Principle

Life is a lot like tennis the one who can serve best seldom loses.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: Daniel 9:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Freely use your possessions for the Lord's work and to be of help to others. Read Luke 19:28-40

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39, John 13:1-30, Psalm 119:1-16, Proverbs 15:29,30

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will sing of mercy and judgement..." Psalm 101:1

My Praises for Today

Do your feet need washing?

How would you like to wash my feet? I know, your first impression is yuk! Early Christians washed feet as an act of hospitality (1 Timothy 5:10). They never practiced it as a church ordinance. The real meaning of Jesus' actions was twofold. First, washing feet was a slave's task. Jesus washed the disciple's feet out of humility, attempting to teach them the principle of servant leadership. Second, foot washing symbolized cleansing. That principally means that although a Christian becomes cleansed once he is saved, he also gets soiled feet by sins committed after salvation, therefore, hindering his fellowship with God. Cleansing (1 John 1:9) restores our fellowship. Now, do your feet need washing?

Leadership Principle

The measure of a life, after all is not its duration but its donation.

Corrie Ten Boom

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...yet made we not our prayer before the Lord, our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth." Daniel 9:13

Memory Verse of the Week

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. John 3:7

Stewardship Principle

Giving items you no longer have use of to the Lord's work or to a Christian in need. Read Proverbs 13:22b

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23, John 13:31-14:14, Psalm 119:17-32, Proverbs 15:31-32

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Bless the lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength..." Psalm 103:20

My Praises for Today

Be sure to follow the instructions, first

Have you ever tried to put something together using your own intelligence only to find out you did it wrong because you didn't follow the instructions? In 2 Samuel 6:3-7, Uzzah was smitten by the Lord for touching the Ark. Why? God had precise instructions. The Law prescribed that the ark should be carried by the sons of Kohath (Numbers 4:4-15,7:9), and specifically prohibited the use of a cart (Exodus 25:14,15; Numbers 4:5-8), nor was a human hand allowed to touch it (Numbers 4:15). Doing God's work is serious business and must be done God's way. God has His instructions in all of life to be followed. (Salvation, daily living, marriage, home, etc.) When we fail to do it as God instructs, we fail.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Daniel 9:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Stewardship Principle

On the first day of EACH WEEK look back over the last seven days to count your material and financial blessings. Once you've identified these blessings, lay aside offerings that you can give to the Lord's work as he directs you. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

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Leadership Principle

If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't you're right.

Mary Kay Ash

Memory Verse of the Week

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

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2 Samuel 7:1-8:18, John 14:15-31, Psalm 119:33-48, Proverbs 15:33

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts;..." Psalm 103:21

My Praises for Today

When God says no, it's for a reason.

In 2 Samuel 7 is recorded God's covenant with David concerning building the temple. David told the prophet Nathan that he wanted to build a house for God. The Lord, however said no to David. He had something else in mind. God wanted David's son, Solomon, to build the house. The point I want to make today is concerning David's response when God said no. Go back and read the scripture again. David displays his character by his humble response. God can always use men who respond to Him in Praise, Worship and humility.

Leadership Principle

*I teach what I know, but
I reproduce what I am.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. Daniel 9:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

Stewardship Principle

Using your wealth to do good and benefit others. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Memory Verse of the Week

*And therefore will the Lord
wait, that he may be gracious
unto you, and therefore will he
be exalted, that he may have
mercy upon you: for the lord is
a God of judgment: blessed are
all they that wait for him.*

Isaiah 30:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...bless the Lord, O my soul." Psalm 103:22

My Praises for Today

Fruit Bearers

Nothing is more exciting than to see that fruit tree we planted, finally bear fruit. After all, that is why we planted it. As we have discussed in a previous devotion being saved does not necessarily mean that you are a true disciple (learner) of Jesus Christ. In John 15:8 we have another prerequisite of a true disciple. It is bearing fruit. What does that mean? It means that you are witnessing and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to others, and in response to that witnessing, people are getting saved. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian. Are you a fruit bearer? Apples produce apples, oranges produce oranges and a good Christian produces Christians.

Leadership Principle

People are your only appreciable asset.

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Principle of Prayer

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. Jonah 2:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1;12

Stewardship Principle

Owing no man anything. Read Romans 13:8

Memory Verse of the Week

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

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2 Samuel 12:1-31, John 16:1-33, Psalm 119:65-80, Proverbs 16:4-5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live..." Psalm 104:33

My Praises for Today

The Holy Spirit, a hard worker

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third person in the Trinity, along with God the Father and God the Son. For the Believer the Holy Spirit resides within. According to John 15:26, He is referred to as the "Comforter" meaning the Advocate is beside us as we bear witness to Christ (refer back to 14:15,16). In John 16:8-11 we find that the work of the Holy Spirit is to "reprove" or to point out a fault or error. He reproves the world of (1) Sin: the Holy Spirit reveals the need for redemption because the sin of unbelief is the greatest sin. (2) Righteousness: the Holy Spirit reveals the possibility of righteousness through Jesus Christ because of the cross. (3) Judgment: the Holy Spirit reveals the reality of redemption through Christ overthrowing Satan's kingdom. What a mighty work the Holy Spirit does.

Leadership Principle

Leadership is servanthood.

Observance of this truth keeps your motives pure and protects you from ambition. It also make you like Jesus.

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Principle of Prayer

"He went away again the second time and prayed..." Matthew 26:42

Memory Verse of the Week

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: Romans 11:26

Stewardship Principle

Warnings against gaining anything dishonestly. Read Proverbs 15:16,20:17, 220:21, 20:23, 21:6, 22:1, 25:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"my meditation of him shall be sweet..." Psalm 104:34

My Praises for Today

Amnon's friend

You can tell a lot about a person by the company he keeps and the friends he has. David had a son named Amnon and he lustfully desired his half sister Tamar. The Bible states he loved her. Relationships between family members were forbidden by the Law of Moses (Leviticus 18:9,11:20:17) However, Amnon had a friend named Jonadad who was very subtle or crafty. He also devised a sickening scheme for Amnon to get Tamar by herself. The result was the rape of Tamar that then turned to hatred toward her. Lust, whether fulfilled or not, often turns to hatred. The problem was that Amnon had a wrong kind of friend who encouraged him to do wrong. How do your friends encourage you?

Leadership Principle

Never take shortcuts... They don't pay off in the long run.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

Stewardship Principle

Need for confession and restitution for things you've taken dishonestly in the past. Read Numbers 5:7,8

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverb 3:5,6

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2 Samuel 14:1-15:22, John 18:1-24, Psalm 119:97-112, Proverbs 16:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name:..." Psalm 105:1

My Praises for Today

Some rewards of reading God's word

In Psalm 119:97-112 we have listed the advantages of reading and obeying God's word. I will list some of them.

1. Makes me wiser than my enemies. (vs. 98)
2. Gives me more understanding than my teachers. (vs. 99)
3. Gives me more understanding than the elderly. (vs. 100)
4. Keeps you from every evil way. (vs. 101)
5. The words are sweeter than the honeycomb. (vs. 103)
6. We receive understanding to hate every evil way. (vs. 104)
7. It gives light to my pathway (vs. 105)
8. The testimonies of God's word rejoices the heart and are taken as an inheritance.

How much more incentive do you need to be encouraged to read God's word?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And said unto them, it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. Matthew 21:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

Stewardship Principle

Instructions for those who have stolen things in the past. Read Exodus 22:3

Leadership Principle

Where there is no hope in the future, there is no power in the present.

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Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverb 3:5,6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"sing unto him, sing psalms unto him..." Psalm 105:2

My Praises for Today

More Than Money

The more gold something has in it, the more it is valued. We all agree that gold is worth a lot, but in comparison to learning, reading and memorizing the word of God, what do you think? The Psalmist says in Psalm 119:127 that he loved the commandments of God more than gold, even above fine gold. Do you love God's word more than money? Be truthful. Is it the first thing you do in the morning? Love for God should be above everything. Read Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."

Leadership Principle

*Persistence is stubbornness
with a purpose.*

Rich DeVos

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Memory Verse of the Week

*Trust in the Lord with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him, and he
shall direct thy paths.*

Stewardship Principle

Giving what you have to God's servants. Read Ecclesiastes 2:26

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2 Samuel 17:1-29, John 19:23-42, Psalm 119:129-152, Proverbs 16:12,13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory ye in his holy name..." Psalm 105:3

My Praises for Today

It is Finished

The sixth cry of Jesus as He hung on the Cross of Calvary was "It is finished." He simply meant, I have made perfect or it is completed. It was over, he had accomplished all His Father had sent Him here to do; which was mainly dying for our sins and paying the sin debt we owed. What a Savior. Have you accepted personally His finished work for you? If so, take a few minutes now and reflect on what He did for you on the cross.

Leadership Principle

The man who starts out going nowhere, generally gets there.

Dale Carnegie

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time..."
Matthew 26:44

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Psalm 51:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverb 3:5,6

Stewardship Principle

Learn to give and see God give back. Read Luke 6:38

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...seek his face evermore." Psalm 105:4

My Praises for Today

Absalom's Defeat

Through my 30 plus years of ministry, I have seen lots of rebellious children turn on the teaching of their parents. What a heartache for this pastor, and certainly for the parents. In 2 Samuel 18 we find the record of Absalom's defeat and death. Absalom was David's son. He revolted against his own Dad, the Lord's anointed and led Israel astray. But his sin and rebellion caught up with him. He reaped what he sowed, which is always the case. Another thing to point out in this whole episode is that God protects his anointed. You don't go against God's man and get away with it—a lesson for all to learn.

Leadership Principle

God never puts anyone in a place too small to grow.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. Mark 9:29

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Stewardship Principle

Seek God FIRST, and then watch and experience His Father's care in your life. Read Matthew 6:33

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverb 3:5,6

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2 Samuel 19:11-20:13, John 21:1-25, Psalm 120:1-7, Proverbs 16:16-17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Remember his marvelous works that he hath done..." Psalm 105:5

My Praises for Today

Do You Love Me?

In John 21:15-17 we have the word love used in two different ways. When Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"; He used a word for love that signified total commitment. Peter responded with a word for love that signified his love for Jesus, but not necessarily his total commitment. You see Peter was very tender at this time because he had been disobedient and denied the Lord. Peter was reluctant at this time to make such a claim. How about you? Do you love Jesus with a committed love (agape) or just a fond (phileo) kind of love. Your day-to-day life reveals which one.

Leadership Principle

Christians are supposed not merely to endure change, nor even profit by it, but to cause it.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves. Mark 11:17

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverb 3:5,6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 3:10

Stewardship Principle

Hold back on your giving and you'll experience loss. Read Proverbs 11:25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Psalm 106:1

My Praises for Today

Around the World

The church's main business is world evangelization and discipleship. In Acts 1:8 we have a passage that complements the Great Commission which, is found in Matthew 28:19,20. We are not only to win souls locally but nationally and internationally (to the ends of the earth). We are to be worldwide witnesses. We are to win souls, baptize them and teach them God's truths. Are you personally involved in the evangelization of the world? If not, decide today that you will get involved.

Leadership Principle

Commitment in the face of conflict produces character.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But the angel said unto him, fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Luke 1:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark 5:19

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Stewardship Principle

A poor woman who gave to God all she had. Read Mark 12:41-44

Proverb 3:5,6

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2 Samuel 22:21-23:23, Acts 2:1-47, Psalm 122:1-9, Proverbs 16:19,20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord God..." Psalm 106:48

My Praises for Today

David's S.W.A.T. Team

Did you know David had his own S.W.A.T. (special weapons and tactics) team? In 2 Samuel 23:8-23 we have a listing of David's "mighty men." They were David's special forces, special assistants, bodyguards, commanders, etc. They were warriors with special qualities. You can also read about them in 1 Chronicles 11:11-47. They are memorialized in these two places in scripture. These men helped David to become king. It has always been a desire of this Pastor to have around him Godly, committed men who love God and want to obey him. A pastor can delegate to these men responsibilities that will help him minister, and as a result, expand the kingdom of God. Praise God for good men.

Leadership Principle

Never take shortcuts... They don't pay off in the long run.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12

Memory Verse of the Week

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Stewardship Principle

A poor widow who gave her "last meal" to feed God's servant before meeting her own family's needs. Read 1 kings 17:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Oh that men would praise the Lord..." Psalm 107:8

My Praises for Today

A Prayer For Mercy

The Psalmist expresses his confidence in God (vs. 1,2) and prays for the people's deliverance from those who have contempt for them (vs. 3,4). All of us realize that life is not always smooth. We experience difficulties from those who dislike us, criticize us and from those who seek our hurt. Our response should be to go to God, put our confidence in Him and pray about the situation. When we pray and trust God, things have a way of working out to our benefit and God's glory. Are you dealing with such a situation today? Turn it over to God. He wants to handle it for you.

Leadership Principle

The leader's growth determines the people's growth.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

Stewardship Principle

People in poverty who still gave generously. Read 11 Corinthians 8

Memory Verse of the Week

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

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1 Kings 1:1-53, Acts 4:1-37, Psalm 124:1-8, Proverbs 16:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our Father..." 1 Chronicles 29:10

My Praises for Today

There is just no other way

Sometimes there is more than one way to reach a certain destination, but it's not that way when we are talking about heaven. There is only one direction. Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life. He is the only one who can save you from your sins and give you eternal life. Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Have you trusted in something other than Him to get you to Heaven? Have you trusted your good works, church membership or baptism? Nothing will save you except Jesus. I beg you today to be sure you have trusted in the right thing to get you to Heaven. No other directions are accepted.

Leadership Principle

Leadership functions on the basis of trust. When trust is gone, the leader soon will be.

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Principle of Prayer

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow. Luke 22:45

Memory Verse of the Week

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

Stewardship Principle

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." John Wesley

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise him among the multitude." Psalm 109:30

My Praises for Today

A Fathers' dying instructions.

If you knew you were going to die, what instructions would you want to give to your family? When David was about to die and Solomon was ready to become king, David gave his son a charge. It is found in I Kings 2:1-3. I will list the charge that he gave him. It's something for us to take note of.

1. Be strong
2. Show thyself a man
3. Walk in the ways of the Lord
4. Keep his statutes, commandments, judgements and testimonies.

If the above was done, then there was a promise of prosperity in everything Solomon did. Good advice, huh!

My Priorities for Today

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Principle of Prayer

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8

Stewardship Principle

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Ecclesiastes 5:12

Leadership Principle

*Great minds have purposes;
others have wishes.*

Washington Irving

Memory Verse of the Week

*There hath no temptation taken
you but such as is common to
man: but God is faithful, who
will not suffer you to be tempted
above that ye are able; but will
with the temptation also make a
way to escape, that ye may be
able to bear it.*

1 Corinthians 10:13

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1 Kings 3:4-4:34, Acts 6:1-15, Psalm 126:1-6, Proverbs 16:26,27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise the Lord with my whole heart..." Psalm 111:1

My Praises for Today

A King's Prayer

When King Solomon took the throne after David died, the Lord asked him in 1 Kings 3:5, what shall I give thee? His humble response is recorded in verse 9. He said give me an understanding heart in order to judge thy people and discern between good and bad. God was pleased with his response and answered his prayer by giving him what he asked for. In fact, God gave him such a wise and understanding heart that he would be wiser than anyone who had ever lived or will ever live. (Read verse 28) My friend, wisdom is available to each of us. Read James 1:5. I personally pray every day for God's wisdom. Can't we all have what Solomon had? I think so.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. Acts 3:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Titus 1:16

Stewardship Principle

"The only right stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love."
John Calvin

Leadership Principle

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Memory Verse of the Week

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the name of the Lord:..." Psalm 135:1

My Praises for Today

Relying on God

Human efforts are in vain unless they have God's blessing. In Psalm 127 we learn this principle by applying it to four areas of our life: building a house (vs. 1a), guarding a city (vs. 1b), working long hours (vs. 2), and having children (vs. 3-5). It is possible to accomplish these things without God's blessing, but it is not possible to accomplish them purposefully and with eternal value without God's blessing. On whom do you rely?

Leadership Principle

Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.

Pat Riley

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Act 6:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Memory Verse of the Week

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Stewardship Principle

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2

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1 Kings 7:1-51, Acts 7:30-50, Psalm 128:1-6, Proverbs 16:31-33

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Psalm 113:1

My Praises for Today

Anger—you can lose more than your temper

Some of you may remember the "Hulk". He was a character on TV who, when he became angry, completely changed. Anger is such a powerful and destructive force. Many Christians lose their testimony when they lose their temper and say and do things they should not say or do. Proverbs 16:32 says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty..." Proverbs 14:29 says "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding..." and in Proverbs 19:11 we find that "the discretion of a man deferreth his anger..." Are you convinced? You don't want to become a Hulk.

Leadership Principle

*A good heart is better than
all the heads in the world.*

Edward Bulwer-Lytton

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Acts 10:31

Memory Verse of the Week

*There hath no temptation taken
you but such as is common to
man: but God is faithful, who
will not suffer you to be tempted
above that ye are able; but will
with the temptation also make a
way to escape, that ye may be
able to bear it.*

1 Corinthians 10:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9

Stewardship Principle

People no longer give to the church simply because it is the church. The church must prove it is worthy of donations through the mark it leaves on the world.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the name of the Lord..." Psalm 113:2

My Praises for Today

Are you preparing a legacy?

As we read in our scripture a few days ago, we find another account of the building of the temple in 1 Kings 8:17-21. It reminds us that it was in the heart of David to build the temple, but it was his son Solomon whom God used to bring it to pass. It was David who had the vision, but his son completed it for him. Does your vision extend beyond your life? What have you planned and visualized through your children and grandchildren for God's glory? What will be your legacy? What will you leave behind that they will continue?

Leadership Principle

When was the last time that you did something for the first time?

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts 12:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Stewardship Principle

Establish a company tithing or benevolence fund.

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

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1 Kings 9:1-10:29, Acts 8:14-40, Psalm 130:1-8, Proverbs 17:2-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"But we will bless the Lord..." Psalm 115:18

My Praises for Today

Put on a Happy Face

If you are in any type of management, are the people who work under you happy to be there? In 1 Kings 10:8 a reference is made of King Solomon's servants. The Queen of Sheba observed them as being happy. This is a tribute of Solomon's leadership. Are those who work for you and with you, happy? Are they joyous? Are they happy just to be around you and to learn from you? You can tell a whole lot about a man's leadership by the attitude of those who work closest with him.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made;..." Acts 16:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Romans 5:12

Stewardship Principle

But godliness with contentment is great gain; For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:6,7

Leadership Principle

Loving people precedes leading them. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

1 Kings 11:1-12:19, Acts 9:1-25, Psalm 13:1-3, Proverbs 17:4-5

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant" Psalm 135:3

My Praises for Today

What does He want you to do?

The record of the conversion of Saul (Paul) is found in Acts 9. When the Lord said to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? He said, "Who art thou Lord" to which the Lord responded, "I am Jesus." Then Saul said, "What wilt thou have me to do?" The rest is history. He became one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. It all started with the question "What wilt thou have me to do?" Have you ever asked the Lord that question? If not, do so today. If you ask it in sincerity he will answer.

Leadership Principle

Are you gonna get any better, or is this it?

Earl Weaver

*Baltimore Orioles Manager
... to an Umpire*

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...as we went to prayer,..." Acts 16:16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
Psalm 9:17

Stewardship Principle

"One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."
Gordon MacDonald

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

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1 Kings 12:20-13:34, Acts 9:26-43, Psalm 132:1-18, Proverbs 17:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...call upon the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:13

My Praises for Today

Following Saul's Conversion

After Saul was saved a man by the name of Ananias began to disciple him. God had told Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel who would be used to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles and would suffer great things for the Lord's sake. Ananias was the man God used to lead Saul in the right direction. Saul was filled with the Spirit and then baptized, and immediately began to preach Christ. Then when Saul got to Jerusalem, Barnabus took him to the disciples and declared to them what God had done in his life. As Saul grew, the Lord sent someone to help him along life's way. Every new Christian needs someone to steer him or her in the right direction. Are you helping someone? Is someone helping you?

Leadership Principle

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

John A. Shedd

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Brethren , my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Romans 10:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. Luke 16:24

Stewardship Principle

Let your manner of life be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Bless the Lord..." Psalm 135:19

My Praises for Today

Spiritual Unity

When everyone is getting along, it's a sweet feeling. In Psalm 133:1 the Psalmist explains in the first verse of Chapter 133 that unity is very good and very pleasant. These are definitely blessings, whether at home, at church, at work, or as a nation. Spiritual unity can only come as a result of our relationship with God. I've often said, you can't be right with man if you are not right with God. In the passage, "Brethren" can refer to a family member or a brother in Christ. I pray daily for unity at church. I don't believe the Lord will work in an environment of division where people ruin each other with negative thoughts, but can in situations where God's people are of one mind and one accord. Pray for unity today.

Leadership Principle

Every change in human attitude must come through internal understanding and acceptance.

Man is the only known creature who can reshape and remold himself by altering his attitude.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Romans 12:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 11 Thessalonians 1:8

Stewardship Principle

"When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain." Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

June 16

1 Kings 15:25-17:24, Acts 10:23b-48, Psalm 134:1-3, Proverbs 17:9-11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving..." Psalm 116:17

My Praises for Today

The wise and the foolish compared

In Proverbs 17:10 the Bible says..."A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool." The wise man is always someone who can receive a rebuke and profit or learn from it. He is teachable. In fact, Proverbs 9:8 says..."Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you." Where the wise man is teachable, the fool never will be. He is usually a know-it-all and will turn on you and hate you for the correction, rather than receive any instruction or rebuke from another. Which category do you fall in?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...He went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed."
Mark 1:35

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 11 Thessalonians 1:9

Stewardship Principle

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.
Psalm 115:14

Leadership Principle

Hurting people hurt other people. Once you learn this, it's easier to "turn the other cheek."

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord." Psalm 135:20

My Praises for Today

The Three "C's" of Praise

Psalm 135 is a hymn of praise. It contains three important elements which are: a call to praise (vs. 1-3), a cause for praise (vs. 4-18) and a conclusion (vs. 19-21). What are the reasons for this praise? The answer is the Lord is the only true God (vs. 5-7) because He is the Savior of Israel, and because He is greater than worthless idols. Let's just praise the Lord today. We have a great God.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you:..."1 Samuel 12:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10

Stewardship Principle

The women in Jesus' entourage were widowed, but helped finance His ministry. Read Luke 8:2,3

Leadership Principle

Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday.

Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

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1 Kings 19:1-21, Acts 12:1-23, Psalm 136:1-26, Proverbs 17:14,15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 116:19

My Praises for Today

When the Church Prays

I'm convinced that when the church prays, things happen. A good example of this is found in Acts 12. Peter had been imprisoned, verse 5 says, "...but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." As a result of the prayer, an angel of the Lord went into prison, got Peter and took him to the very place where the church was praying. They could hardly believe that God had answered their prayer. Again let me emphasize that when the church prays, things happen. Is your church praying?

Leadership Principle

*Leading others takes courage.
Knowing the right decision is usually easy. Making the right decision is hard.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

Memory Verse of the Week

*I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I
but Christ liveth in me: and the
life which I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave
himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

Stewardship Principle

Give at least a tenth of any gain or profit from any investment to the Lord's work.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations..." Psalm 117:1

My Praises for Today

They did not get away with it

There is a story in our Old Testament reading about Ahab the King and a man by the name of Naboth who owned a vineyard next to the King's palace. King Ahab wanted to buy Naboth's vineyard but Naboth did not want to sell it because it had been in his family a long time and it was an inheritance. Ahab's wife Jezebel wrote a false letter concerning Naboth, saying he had blasphemed God and the king which resulted in Naboth's stoning to death. God was displeased and sent Elijah the prophet to Ahab to proclaim his future death and also the future death of Jezebel (21:17-26). My point is this: you will always reap what you sow. Let a lesson be learned from Ahab and Jezebel. They did not get away with sin and neither will we.

Leadership Principle

Leading followers is fast and easy, and it has little return; leading leaders is slow and hard, and it has a great return.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 14:12

Stewardship Principle

Earmark proceeds from a specific investment to the Lord's work.

Memory Verse of the Week

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

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1 Kings 22:1-53, Acts 13:16-41, Psalm 138:1-8, Proverbs 17:16-18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For his merciful kindness is great toward us..." Psalm 117:2

My Praises for Today

Once a friend, always a friend.

"A friend loveth at all times,..." says Proverbs 17:17. A true friend is someone who knows all about you, your weaknesses and still loves you. When difficult times come, that friend still loves you and sticks with you. Regardless of the circumstances, his love is never diminished. I have lots of friends but my dear wife is my best friend. I can truly say she has lived that scripture toward me. We have been married since 1968. A parallel scripture is found in 1 Corinthians 13:8 where it says "Love never faileth". Are you a friend to someone?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he withdrew himself in to the wilderness and prayed. Luke 5:16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

Stewardship Principle

He will only trust us with much after we prove ourselves worthy with a little. Read Luke 16:10

Leadership Principle

*Keep away from people
who belittle your ambitions.
Small people always do
that, but the really great
make you feel that you, too,
can become great.*

Mark Twain

Memory Verse of the Week

*I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I
but Christ liveth in me: and the
life which I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave
himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

11 Kings 1:1-2:25, Acts 13:42-14:7, Psalm 139:1-24, Proverbs 17:19-21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles..." Psalm 118:15

My Praises for Today

Fallen and he can't get up!

2 Kings 1 is the record of Ahaziah falling down through a lattice that enclosed his upper balcony. He sent his servants to the false God of Ekron, Baalzebub, to see if he was going to recover. But in the meantime the angel of the Lord sent Elijah, the Tishbite up to meet the messengers with the question..."Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the God of Ekron? Ahaziah went to the wrong source or sought help from the wrong source. He later died because he sent messengers to a false God. Who do you ask for help when you have problems? Who is your source? Ahaziah literally never got back up. Would it have been different if he had gone to God?

Leadership Principle

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Henry Ford

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Matthew 7:13

Stewardship Principle

God will remember all the giving you did in this life because of your love for Him. Read Hebrews 6:10

Memory Verse of the Week

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

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11 Kings 3:1-4:17, Acts 14:8-28, Psalm 140:1-13, Proverbs 17:22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...thou art my God, I will exalt thee." Psalm 118:28

My Praises for Today

What's on your face?

The Bible says in Proverbs 17:22 that a merry heart doeth good like a medicine. It can heal hurts and pains. A parallel scripture back in Proverbs 15:13 says "...a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance (face). If we have Jesus in our hearts, we should always have a merry, happy spirit. (It "kinda" has a way of seeping out.) God's people should be happy because of what we possess in Christ. Happiness and enthusiasm are contagious. Do you have a merry heart? A cheerful countenance?

Leadership Principle

*Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where the fruit is?*

Frank Scully

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Ye also helping together by prayer for us,..." 2 Corinthians 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14

Memory Verse of the Week

*I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I
but Christ liveth in me: and the
life which I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave
himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

Stewardship Principle

A rich man that was unwilling to give. Read Matthew 19:21-24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"O give thanks unto the Lord." Psalm 118:29

My Praises for Today

Following God's Instruction

Sometimes it is hard to do what we know God is telling us to do. In Naaman's case, I think his pride was in the way. In 2 Kings 5, the story of the healing of Naaman's leprosy, finds him questioning God's plan to heal him. He was mad when Elisha told him to go and dip in the Jordan River seven times. However, we need to realize that we cannot get God's blessing without following God's instructions. If Naaman wanted to enjoy good health once again, he had to do what God told him. Likewise, if we want to receive God's blessings on our life, we must follow His instructions from His word. Are you busy doing that?

Leadership Principle

People who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.

Elbert Hubbard

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 2 Corinthians 9:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Stewardship Principle

A rich man that was willing to let go of his business to go and serve God full-time. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21

Memory Verse of the Week

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

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11 Kings 6:1-7:20, Acts 15:36-16:15, Psalm 142: 1-7, Proverbs 17:24,25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart..." Psalm 119:7

My Praises for Today

They settled it!

During Paul's first missionary journey he took Barnabas and John Mark. During that missionary journey John Mark quit and went back home. Then when Paul and Barnabas prepared to go on the second missionary journey Barnabas wanted to take John Mark, but Paul disagreed. It was a contentious matter. In fact, the Bible said in Acts 15:39 that the contention was so sharp between them that they parted company and Paul took Silas and Barnabas took Mark. I have found that on many occasions great men disagree on how things should be done. There is no sin in that, in fact, in this case, the Lord used it. The results were that two missionary teams were sent out rather than one. My friend—Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Stewardship Principle

People that gave to a building project. Read Exodus 35:5

Leadership Principle

*People who live for themselves
are in a mighty small business.*

Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

*I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I
but Christ liveth in me: and the
life which I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave
himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

11 Kings 8:1-9:13, Acts 16:16-40, Psalm 143: 1-12, Proverbs 17:26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks..." Psalm 119:62

My Praises for Today

Jail House Conversion

In Philippi, Paul and Silas were put in jail and Acts 16:25 says "...at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Not only did the prisoners hear, but the guard also. When God sent the earthquake, the prison doors were opened (vs26), the keeper of the prison was awakened. He tried to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped! Paul exhorted him not to do himself any harm that they were all still there. Realizing it was true, he fell down before Paul and Silas asking the question, Sirs what must I do to be saved? The answer to that question was found in vs. 31, "...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." My friend, it all started when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises. You never know who's listening.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, Philippians 1:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Stewardship Principle

People that gave generously to help accomplish needed building renovations. Read 11 Chronicles 24:8-14

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Leadership Principle

Winners concentrate on winning; losers concentrate on getting by.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:13,14

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11 Kings 9:14-10:31, Acts 17:1-34, Psalm 144:1-15, Proverbs 17:27-28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Seven times a day do I praise thee..." Psalm 119:164

My Praises for Today

Two thoughts today

In Proverbs 17:27,28 we find words of wisdom. It says "he that hath knowledge spareth his words." You can learn so much by just listening. Sometimes its good just to keep your mouth shut. You can't put a foot in a shut mouth! Then around the corner in Acts 17:16 we find that the Apostle Paul's heart was stirred when he saw the city of Athens wholly given to idolatry. We, too, need to be stirred as we observe our localities, states and nations given over to the worship of the idols of money, sex, sports, power, prestige and false religion. God help us to get the truth out. Two scriptures, two thoughts-did you learn anything?

Leadership Principle

*If you want to make enemies,
try to change something.*

Woodrow Wilson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:19

Memory Verse of the Week

*Ye call me Master and
Lord: and ye say well; for so
I am. If I then, your
Lord and Master, have
washed your feet; ye also ought
to wash one another's feet.*

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Stewardship Principle

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:14

John 13:13,14

11 Kings 10:32-12:21, Acts 18:1-22, Psalm 145:1-21, Proverbs 18:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"My lips shall utter praise..." Psalm 119:171

My Praises for Today

A Matter of Trust and Integrity

It is so important for people to be able to trust you, especially if you are a Christian and especially in the area of finances. We find in 2 Kings 12:15 the words "...for they dealt faithfully." These workmen who were repairing the house of the Lord were not required to give an account of the money spent because they had a testimony of being faithful. What a great testimony that is. They were evidently men who had built up their trust and integrity.

Leadership Principle

Do not follow where the path may lead. Follow God, instead, to where there is no path and leave a trail.

My Priorities for Today

Anonymous

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Timothy 1:15

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Preparing your home so it could be used by God's servant(s) when they are in the area. Read 11 Kings 4:8-10

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:13,14

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11 Kings 13:1-14:29, Acts 18:23-19:12, Psalm 146:1-10, Proverbs 18:2-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My tongue shall speak of thy word..." Psalm 119:172

My Praises for Today

A Model to Follow

Whether you are young or old, it is important to have role models. They are sometimes hard to find, but in Acts 18:24-28 we read of a committed man by the name of Apollos. The Bible says the following about him. He was

1. Eloquent
 2. Mighty in the scriptures
 3. Instructed in the way of the Lord
 4. Fervent in spirit
 5. Spoke and taught diligently (accurately)
 6. Spoke boldly
 7. And mightily convinced the Jews publicly by scriptures that Jesus was Christ.
- What a great role model, one we can safely follow.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Colossians 4:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6,8

Stewardship Principle

Selling lands and houses to help meet some of the needs that God shows you. Read Acts 4:34-36

Leadership Principle

*People do what people see.
They forget your words
but follow your footsteps.*

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

*Ye call me Master and
Lord: and ye say well; for so
I am. If I then, your
Lord and Master, have
washed your feet; ye also ought
to wash one another's feet.*

John 13:13,14

11 Kings 15:1-16:20, Acts 19:13-41, Psalm 147:1-20, Proverbs 18:4-5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

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"Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee..." Psalm 119:175

My Praises for Today

A Call to Praise

Have you learned yet by reading the Psalms, that praise is very important? In Psalm 147 we find a call to Praise. Why? In verses 2-6 we read how the Lord heals our broken hearts and makes everything "all better", and provides for the faithful (vs. 8-11). The faithful are described in verse 11 as those who fear God and put their hope in His unfailing mercy. Our God is a great God. Let's stop right now and tell Him how wonderful He is. Just praise His name.

Leadership Principle

*Problems are those things
we see when we take our
eyes off the goal.*

My Priorities for Today

John Maxwell

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Someone who was overly concerned about their inheritance. Read Luke 12:13-15

*Ye call me Master and
Lord: and ye say well; for so
I am. If I then, your
Lord and Master, have
washed your feet; ye also ought
to wash one another's feet.*

John 13:13,14

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11 Kings 17:1-18:12, Acts 20:1-38, Psalm 148: 1-14, Proverbs 18:6-7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord..." Psalm 134:1

My Praises for Today

There are no secrets from Him

We should all know there is One from whom we can never keep a secret. In 2 Kings 17:9 the Bible says, "And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God..." That scripture reminds and challenges me that my thought life (secrets of my heart) must be pure and right in order for me to be right with God. God knows everything and until you get control of your thought life you will never be all you want to be for God. Let's confess our wrong thoughts now (1 John 1:9). Refer to Philippians 4:8.

Leadership Principle

The man who starts out going nowhere, generally gets there.

Dale Carnegie

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

Memory Verse of the Week

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Stewardship Principle

"Charitable giving should be a spiritual, rather than economic, decision. Economically, charitable giving never pays." Ronald Blue

John 13:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 135:21

My Praises for Today

When Crises Come

No matter what your life involves at the present time, you either are or will face some sort of crisis in your life. How do you handle it? Worry and fretting are probably the most popular responses. We see in 2 Kings 19, that Sennacherib, king of Assyria threatened to take Hezekiah and Judah captive. Hezekiah immediately sent a message to the prophet Isaiah concerning the ordeal. Isaiah simply responded by telling Hezekiah not to be afraid of the King of Assyria; God would judge him. It was good advice and evidently heeded by Hezekiah, because another threatening letter came from the King of Assyria and this time Hezekiah responded by going up to the house of the Lord. He spread it before the Lord (vs.14) and prayed (vs.14-19). Just in case Hezekiah needed more assurance, the Lord sent Isaiah back to him reminding him that he would be delivered. God wants to take care of our crises, we just have to give them to Him and trust the outcome. He's much wiser than we are!

Leadership Principle

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not..." Luke 22:32

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23

Stewardship Principle

We must support those who instruct us about the Bible. Read Galatians 6:6

Memory Verse of the Week

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:13,14

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2 Kings 20:1-22:2, Acts 21:17-36, Psalm 150:1-6, Proverbs 18:9,10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the God of gods..." Psalm 136:2

My Praises for Today

God Changed His Mind?

Yes, God changed His mind. You see Hezekiah was sick unto death (2 Kings 20) and the Lord sent the prophet Isaiah to tell him to get his house in order because he was going to die. What did Hezekiah do? He didn't want to die, so he prayed and cried out to God. He begged God to let him continue to live (vs.3). God changed His mind and sent Isaiah back with the message in verse 5 saying, "...I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears, I will heal thee..." What a prayer, and what a response! Do you think your prayer life is strong enough to change God's mind?

Leadership Principle

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

Eleanor Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly..." Luke 22:44

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the word of the lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Peter 1:25

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Stewardship Principle

When full-time servants of Christ have needs, we should respond generously. Read 3 John 8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Breakforth into joy, sing together..." Isaiah 52:9

My Praises for Today

A Wonderful Testimony

What do people think when your name is mentioned? What kind of testimony do you have? In today's Old Testament reading we find Josiah's testimony recorded. Let me identify what God said about him.

1. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 22:2)
2. His heart was tender and he humbled himself before the Lord. (2 Kings 22:19)
3. He made a covenant to walk after the Lord and to keep His commandments, testimonies and statutes with all his heart (2 Kings 23:3)
4. Josiah got rid of all the idolatry in the land (2 Kings 23:24)
5. The word says in (2 Kings 23:25) that there was no king either before him or after him that turned his heart toward the Lord like he did.

If God wrote your testimony today, what would it include?

Leadership Principle

You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretzky

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And they prayed..." Acts 1:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

Stewardship Principle

Jacob realized that all belongs to God, and used his tithe as a means of worship. Read Genesis 28:16-22

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

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2 Kings 23:31-25:30, Acts 22:17-23:10, Psalm 2:1-12, Proverbs 18:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee with my whole heart..." Psalm 138:1

My Praises for Today

God-given Wisdom

Have you ever stood in a courtroom before a judge? It is certainly a time when you need all the wisdom and discernment you can possibly receive from the supplier Himself. Paul did just that as he stood before the Jewish council in Acts 23. Read the account to see how God impressed Paul to divide the group and cause so much confusion and chaos that they had to remove him from the room, and not kill him as they had hoped to. God assured Paul in verse 11 that he would continue to testify in Rome. Next time you have to be in a "sticky" situation, call on God for his guidance.

Leadership Principle

The greatest mistake we make is living in constant fear that we will make one.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when they had prayed the place was shaken..." Acts 4:31

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Stewardship Principle

God deserves only the best of what we have to offer. Read Leviticus 22:17-22,29

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth" Psalm 138:2

My Praises for Today

But it hurts!

God's will is not always smooth and gentle. Sometimes we must endure great troubles and heartache. In Paul's case we found yesterday that he was a prisoner for Christ's sake by being questioned concerning his beliefs about Jesus. A prisoner? yes a prisoner. Persecuted? yes, persecuted. If you remember the conversation of God and Ananias back in Acts 9:16 you will remember that God told Ananias that Paul would suffer great things for his sake. We are also reminded in 2 Timothy 3:12 that, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Yes, God's perfect will for my life may mean "trouble." But in the midst of trouble, God will give a peace that passes all understanding. Read Acts 23:11

Leadership Principle

A difficult crisis can be more readily endured if we retain the conviction that our existence holds a purpose - a cause to pursue, a person to love, a goal to achieve.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:15

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalm 9:17

Stewardship Principle

Giving, as in everything we do, should be done for God's glory. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

July 6

1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4, Acts 24:1-27, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 18:16-18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name..." Psalm 140:13

My Praises for Today

What's in a testimony?

If you do not know how to give the plan of salvation, you can always give your own testimony of how you were saved. Paul always gave this testimony when he had the opportunity. In Acts 24:14-17 he was in the process of giving it before Felix. This is what he said:

1. Guilty, I worship God in a way in which you call heresy.
2. I believe God's word written in the Law and Prophets.
3. I have hope in God concerning the resurrection of the dead. I believe the just and unjust shall be resurrected.
4. I strive to be without offense toward God and man.

My friend, can you defend your faith? Are you ready to give your testimony?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed..." Acts 9:40

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments," Luke 16:23

Stewardship Principle

Our giving, is an expression of thanks to God. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12

Leadership Principle

A procrastinator puts off until tomorrow the things he has already put off until today.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord my strength..." Psalm 144:1

My Praises for Today

Anybody know Jabez?

Jabez was a man with a request. In 1 Chronicles 4:9,10 we find that Jabez was more honorable than his brethren. In verse 10 is recorded a prayer by him. It was simply a request for God to bless him, enlarge his court (give him more land), God's hand to be with him and to keep him from evil and pain. His name meant "Son of Sorrow". His name contradicted his accomplishments because the Bible simply says, "...And God granted him that which he requested..." What are you praying for? Will God give you your request and are you willing to trust him by praying?

Leadership Principle

The true test of stewardship is not what your money is doing for you but what it's doing to you.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and prayed to God always." Acts 10:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Revelation 20:14

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Revere Him by offering the first tenth of your wealth. Deuteronomy 14:22,23

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

July 8

1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81, Acts 26:1-32, Psalm 6:1-10, Proverbs 18:20-21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower..." Psalm 144:2

My Praises for Today

Almost is not enough

You can't be almost saved. That's like a woman saying, I'm almost pregnant. Either you are or you are not! In Acts 26, Paul testified before King Agrippa and I believe he was under great conviction concerning his sin. It was no doubt that Paul preached and testified with all his heart to King Agrippa. Finally, Agrippa told Paul in Verse 28, "...Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." My friend, are you really saved? You can't be almost— almost still means Hell and eternal suffering. Perhaps this very moment Agrippa cries out in Hell, almost, almost, almost, almost. Almost just isn't good enough!

Leadership Principle

Your attitude is the eye of your soul. If your attitude is negative, then you see things negatively. If it's positive, then you see things positively.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...At the ninth hour I prayed in my house..." Acts 10:30

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...Death, and Hell followed with him..." Revelations 6:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Stewardship Principle

God gets the first share of your reapings. Read Nehemiah 10:37-39

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will sing a new song unto thee..." Psalm 144:9

My Praises for Today

Want a Good Thing?

The Bible says in Proverbs 18:22 that "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord". I believe that. My wife and I have been married since March of 1968. She is a gift from the Lord to me. She's a good thing. The Lord has blessed me and my ministry as a result of her. Together we have been blessed with a Christian home and a Christian family. Praise the Lord! Young men, if you have not found the right one yet, hold on and wait on God. His choice will be much better than yours. Then you too will know what it means to have a good thing.

Leadership Principle

Never retreat in the face of difficulties. Advance as conditions permit. If conditions don't permit, create those conditions.

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when they had fasted and prayed." Acts 13:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them..."
Revelation 20:13

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Honor God with the first fruit of your wealth. Read Proverbs 3:9,10

But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

July 10

1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14, Acts 27:21-44, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 18:23,24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will bless thy name for ever and ever." Psalm 145:1

My Praises for Today

"Got Friends"?

How many times have I heard the statement, "I don't have any friends." This is true especially among young people. The Bible tells us or gives us an exact prescription on how to get friends. Proverbs 18:24 says "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly:..." To get a friend you have to be a friend. Start smiling and speaking to people in your path. Get involved in the lives of those people around you. You reap what you sow. Got Friends?

Leadership Principle

*It's right to be content
with what you have,
never with what you are.*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church and had prayed with fasting..." Acts 14:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth,..." Luke 13:28

Memory Verse of the Week

*But the Comforter, which is the
holy Ghost, whom the Father
will send in my name, he shall
teach you all things, and bring
all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto
you. John 14:26*

Stewardship Principle

Provide an offering on the first day of each week. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Everyday will I bless thee..." Psalm 145:2

My Praises for Today

Claim your free gift!

Every Believer is endowed with a supernatural gift at the point of his conversion. It is to be used to build up the body of Christ and His church. I think every Christian should make it his business to find what his spiritual gift(s) are. Do you know yours? The Apostle Paul knew what his gift was, and exercised it. In Acts 28:31, we have a word on what he was called to do and what he did. It says..."Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ..." What do you think your gift is? Remember—everyone has at least one.

Leadership Principle

*You cannot go any higher
than your self-image.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him..." Acts 16:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

The widow of Zarephath provided food for Elijah out of her deplete reserves. Read 1 Kings 17:7-16

*But the Comforter, which is the
holy Ghost, whom the Father
will send in my name, he shall
teach you all things, and bring
all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto
you. John 14:26*

July 12

1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17, Romans 1:1-17, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 19:4,5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." Psalm 145:3

My Praises for Today

Think on these things.

In Romans 1:1-17 there are several thoughts to be mentioned. I will list them:

1. The Testimony of the Roman Church (vs. 8)
2. Paul's prayers toward the Roman Church (vs. 9)
3. Paul's debt to every man. He was burdened for the world that they may know Christ. (vs. 14)
4. The power of the Gospel. (vs.16)
5. We are saved by faith and we live by faith. (vs. 17)

Think and reflect on the above principles.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God..."
Acts 16:25

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:39

Stewardship Principle

Give generously and it will be returned to you in like manner. Read Luke 6:38

Leadership Principle

*One-fifth of the people are
against everything all the time.*

Robert Kennedy

Memory Verse of the Week

*But the Comforter, which is the
holy Ghost, whom the Father
will send in my name, he shall
teach you all things, and bring
all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto
you. John 14:26*

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"One generation shall praise thy works to another..." Psalm 145:4

My Praises for Today

Read the instructions first

Did you ever put together one of those kid's toys that comes in a box one-fourth the size of the toy? Some people just jump right in and start putting the pieces together, only to find out in the later end of the process that you have done it wrong. Then you realize, you should have read the directions. God's instructions are no different. After making a terrible mistake, David finally realized that to carry the Ark of the Covenant required instructions from God. Read again 1 Chronicles 15:1-15. We should do all things according to the way God instructs us. That's so true in every area of life. Are you consciously following God's instructions? Read them FIRST.

Leadership Principle

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And that which I can do, by the grace of God, I will do.

Dwight L. Moody

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...he kneeled down and prayed with them all..." Acts 20:36

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jeremiah 8:20

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

Stewardship Principle

Put your hope in God, not in our wealth. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

July 14

1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17, Romans 2:1-24, Psalm 10:16-18, Proverbs 19:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty..." Psalm 145:5

My Praises for Today

You did What!

Mr. Webster says that accountability is being responsible for your actions. That is a big responsibility. If you do not think so, let's bring up yesterday's record of everything you did, thought, and spoke. Uh-oh, what did I hear you say? In Romans 2:6, God says that He will "...render to every man according to his deeds." You will reap what you sow. Everything that you think, say and do will be accountable to God. It is according to deeds because actions or deeds prove what's in our heart. We need to live day by day in the fear and respect of God's principles. Our deeds will be the result of that.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed." Acts 21:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12

Stewardship Principle

God remembers our good efforts to help others. Read Hebrews 6:10

Leadership Principle

If your vision doesn't cost you something, it's a daydream.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will declare thy greatness." Psalm 145:6

My Praises for Today

Have some patience!

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 19:11 that a man's discretion makes him slow to anger and it is his glory to pass (overlook) a transgression. To me that describes a very wise man who can tolerate imperfections in others. Let's not get angry with our brethren over things or circumstances in life. It only hurts our testimony our health and us. Let's be more tolerant of each other. It will all work out if you honor God in the process. Believe in people and love them even in their faults. You'll be a better person because of it.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance" Acts 22:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Luke 16:23

Stewardship Principle

The rich are lowly in position; their only hope is in God. Read James 1:10

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Leadership Principle

*Our attitude at the beginning
of a task will affect its outcome
more than anything else.*

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

*But the Comforter, which is the
holy Ghost, whom the Father
will send in my name, he shall
teach you all things, and bring
all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto
you. John 14:26*

July 16

1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32, Romans 3:9-31, Psalm 12:1-8, Proverbs 19:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...and shall sing of thy righteousness." Psalm 145:7

My Praises for Today

"The Unregenerate Man"

The Bible describes the "unregenerate man" in Romans 3:9-18. It describes his sinful conditions, a condition that you are born with which ultimately lead you to Hell. In verse 23, it says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." In Psalm 51:5 David said "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. We are all just alike in our unregenerate state. Thank God the story doesn't end there, because verses 24-25 of Romans 3 tells us that we are justified (saved) freely (at no cost), by His grace (unmerited favor), through the redemption (shedding of His blood on the cross) that is in Christ Jesus. My friends you are born in an unregenerate condition but thank God you do not have to remain in that condition. It's Jesus who redeems us.

Leadership Principle

When you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee..." Acts 23:18

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
1 Corinthians 9:16

Stewardship Principle

Abraham acknowledged that his victory spoils were a gift from God. Read Genesis 14:17-24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;" Psalm 145:8

My Praises for Today

Just Be Happy

Some time ago there was a song by this title. I do not know anything about the writer or singer of this song, but it caught on. Could it have been that people everywhere just wanted to be happy? Of course they want to be happy. We as Christians have the key to that happiness which is found within. In Psalm 13:5,6, the Psalmist says, I have trusted in thy mercy; (loving kindness) my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. He continues by saying, "I will sing unto the Lord..." Certainly, we detect from the Psalmist a joy that comes from being saved. Saved people should rejoice every day for that great salvation that God has given to us. Lots of praise for God should be constantly upon our lips. Our whole attitude should be reflective of our great salvation. God is good. He deserves our praise and adoration. No one has more to be happier about than the Christian does.

Leadership Principle

*Ninety-nine percent of failures
come from people who have the
habit of making excuses.*

George Washington Carver

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him." Acts 28:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18

*But the hour cometh, and now
is, when the true worshippers
shall worship the Father in
spirit and in truth: for the
Father seeketh such to worship
him.*

Stewardship Principle

Everything is God's; we watch over it on earth. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14-18

John 4:23

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1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34, Romans 4:13-5:5, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 19:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is good to all:..." Psalm 145:9

My Praises for Today

I don't remember that ever happening!

Imagine doing something horrible to someone and going to them to apologize for your atrocity and they tell you, "I don't remember that." It would blow your mind. However, that is just how our God is. In Romans 5:1 the Bible says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Justified means, just as if you had never sinned. That's what happens when we meet Jesus and trust Him as Savior. We put our faith (belief) in Him and He forgives, forgets, and never brings it up again. Our sins, as we stand before Him, are totally gone! Wow? Are you justified?

Leadership Principle

You can impress people at a distance, but you can impact them only up close.

Howard Hendricks

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...he prayed earnestly..." James 5:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Psalm 51:12

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Stewardship Principle

Everything belongs to God. Read Psalm 24:1,2

John 4:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord..." Psalm 145:10

My Praises for Today

God loves a Cheerful Giver

In 1 Chronicles 28 and 29 we have the record of David encouraging Solomon to build the Temple. First, there was advice (28:9) followed by encouragement (28:20). Then David exhorts the people. He leads them in taking an offering and asks, "Who is willing to consecrate themselves? (29:5) We see in 1 Chronicles 29:9 that they rejoiced because they gave willingly with a loyal (perfect) heart. Joy comes when people give willingly. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. God owns everything anyway. It already belongs to Him (29:14,16). Let me encourage you to give willingly with the knowledge that it all belongs to the Lord. God loves that.

Leadership Principle

Our strength is seen in the things we stand for; our weakness is seen in the things we fall for.

Theodore Epp

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And he prayed again..." James 5:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Psalm 51:13

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Stewardship Principle

God created, knows and owns everything that exists. Read Psalm 50:10-12

John 4:23

July
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2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17, Romans 6:1-23, Psalm 16:1-11, Proverbs 19:20,21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom..." Psalm 145:13

My Praises for Today

It's Your Choice

One of the famous questions (or statements) of the unsaved is, "How can a loving God send people to hell." The fact is, God doesn't send anyone to hell. They send themselves! God allows us the choice. In Romans 6:23 we have these words, "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In this verse we have the promise of life or death. Your ultimate payment for the sin you were born with is death. This death means an eternal death in hell forever, forever and ever. I'm glad the story doesn't end there. The last part of the verse says, "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The gift is something free, the result of receiving the gift is eternal life through Jesus. Have you chosen? It's either life or death. The choice is yours.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5:16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

Stewardship Principle

Paul exhorted those being trusted to prove themselves faithful. Read 1 Corinthians 4:2

Leadership Principle

*We first form habits.
Then habits form us.*

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"the Lord upholdeth all that fall..." Psalm 145:14

My Praises for Today

Recipe for Revival

Revival is not dependent upon unsaved people but dependent upon God's people. We find all the ingredients necessary in 2 Chronicles 7:14. God says, "If my people" - that's Christians, "shall humble themselves-get away from pride and personal glory" and pray" - talk to God, "seek my face"- read and study God's word to determine God's will, "turn from their wicked ways"- repent of and confess their sins, "then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. In your spiritual condition now, would you help to bring on Revival or would you be a hindrance to it?

Leadership Principle

If you're not doing something with your life, it doesn't matter how long it is.

Peace Corps Commercial

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." Romans 8:26

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Stewardship Principle

Give generously to those in need. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-10

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2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10, Romans 7:14-8:8, Psalm 18:1-15, Proverbs 19:24,25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The eyes of all wait upon thee;..." Psalm 145:15

My Praises for Today

What Is He to Me?

If someone were to ask you right now, "What is God to you?," what would be your answer? David makes a very impressive list in Psalm 18. His description speaks loud and clear of his thanksgiving for deliverance from his enemies. He also listed several attributes of God that were so important to him. David declares that the Lord was his rock, fortress, deliverer, his strength, the one whom he will trust; his buckler (shield) the horn (strength) of his salvation and his high tower (stronghold). Then he said he would call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. God also protected him from his enemies (vs.3). My friend, what is God to you? Is He to you what He was to David?

Leadership Principle

If your vision doesn't cost you something, it's a daydream.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27

Memory Verse of the Week

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

Stewardship Principle

Generous giving is a mark of righteousness. Read Psalm 37:21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...satisfies the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:16

My Praises for Today

A Happy Work Place

Many who read this devotional are those who are privileged to work with other people. You may be a boss, owner of your own business, manager, supervisor, or serve in some leadership capacity. Have you ever wondered what those who work with or for you think of you? I believe that happy contented people are those who give their very best production. We find a Biblical illustration of that in 2 Chronicles 9 when the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon and took note that Solomon's servants were happy and, as a result, blessed. What are we doing to bring happiness to our working environment? Are we supplying encouragement, fulfilling their needs, and giving them proper resources to work with? That's something to think about.

Leadership Principle

Most people want to change the world to improve their lives. What a wasted effort. If they would only improve themselves, they would be better off and so would the world.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Romans 8:34

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19

Stewardship Principle

A generous giver will prosper. Read Proverbs 11:24,25

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13,14

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2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22, Romans 8:22-39, Psalm 18:37-50, Proverbs 19:27-29

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is righteous in all his ways..." Psalm 145:17

My Praises for Today

He's on our side!

Ah the joy, comfort and security it is to know that God fights our battles! In 2 Chronicles 13:12 we find that God himself is with us as our captain. We also learn from Romans 8:28 "...that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" and in verses 37-39 we learn that nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God. We are more than conquerors through Him. Isn't it great to know God is on our team?

Leadership Principle

Any time the going seems easier, better check and see if you're not going downhill.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Stewardship Principle

The good Samaritan provides an example of generosity. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

Psalm 103:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,..." Psalm 145:18

My Praises for Today

Where's Your Dependence?

When you pray, do you leave it with the Lord? Asa knew how to do this. Who is Asa? He reigned over Judah after Abijah died. The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 14:2 that Asa "...did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord God." He cleaned things up. In chapter 14:11 there is a prayer that was prayed by Asa to the Lord. The circumstance of the prayer was that Asa was getting ready to resist the invasion of Zerah the Ethiopian. It was a prayer of faith and dependence upon the Lord. He said, "Lord it's nothing for you to help with many or to the powerless. We rest upon you and we will go after this multitude in your Name—" what great faith. Is that your attitude when you face trials, tribulations and your enemies? Let it be.

Leadership Principle

Image is what people think we are. Integrity is what we really are.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. Ezekiel 3:17

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Stewardship Principle

When we give generously, God repays us in like manner. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

Psalm 103:13,14

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2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34, Romans 9:22-10:13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 20:2,3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him..." Psalm 145:19

My Praises for Today

What really pleases God?

The Bible exhorts us to have faith in God. In fact, in Hebrews 11:6 the Bible tells us that it is impossible to please God without faith. Faith is a day-to-day trust and dependence upon God in everything. The Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Where is your trust? Are you pleasing God?

Leadership Principle

The best cure for a sluggish mind is to disturb its routine.

William H. Danforth

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee..." Psalm 5:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Ezekiel 3:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13,14

Stewardship Principle

Give with the right motives, not calling attention to yourself for your good deed. Read Matthew 6:1-4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord preserveth all them that love him..." Psalm 145:20

My Praises for Today

Praise. Praise, Praise

Having done a study in Biblical praise I am convinced more than ever that praise is a very necessary part of the Christian's life and the church. In fact, each day I have included a section in this devotional book for you to stop and just praise the Lord for His goodness every day. Praise needs to be a daily part of your life. How important is it? One such illustration of the importance of praise is found in 2 Chronicles 20:20-30. Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah was about to go into battle against Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir. Before they went into battle, they appointed singers to praise and worship God in the beauty of His holiness. As a result, the Lord set ambushment against the enemy and they were defeated and killed. Wow! The ammunition was singing and praise.

Leadership Principle

He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Benjamin Franklin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...the Lord will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou has delivered thy soul. Ezekiel 3:19

Stewardship Principle

Aliens, orphans and widows should be cared for by people of God, through their generous giving. Read Deuteronomy 14:28,29

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13,14

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2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21, Romans 11:13-36, Psalm 22:1-18, Proverbs 20:7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:..." Psalm 145:21

My Praises for Today

Praise Again

We talked yesterday about the importance of praise. Are you convinced yet? Have you spent time today praising God? Our New Testament reading today in Romans 11:36 says "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." We praise God because He is the source of all things - of Him; God is the channel of all things - through Him; God is the goal of all things - to Him. Man's only proper response to God is to worship Him. Are you praising Him?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...give ear unto my prayer..." Psalm 17:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I am debtor both to the greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. Romans 1:14

Stewardship Principle

Give to believers as thy have need. Read Acts 2:44,45

Leadership Principle

*People stop growing when
the price gets too high.*

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

*Like as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them
that fear him. For he knoweth
our frame; he remembereth that
we are dust.*

Psalm 103:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise the Lord, O my soul." Psalm 146:1

My Praises for Today

The Will of God

Our New Testament reading today tells us that our reasonable service to God is to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. We are to be separated from the world and transformed by Him. That means that we are to be surrendered and submissive to God's will for our lives. Every decision of our lives should be based upon His guidance or direction. This is a daily goal. We are to make our decisions based upon biblical principles. Have you presented your body to God as a living sacrifice today for His will to be done in your life?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry;..." Psalm 39:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 1 Corinthians 9:19

Stewardship Principle

Contribute to the needs of fellow believers without concern of repayment. Read Acts 4:32-5:11

Leadership Principle

Stop trying to grow your organization. Work on people's attitudes. If you do that, your organization will experience 10 percent growth overnight.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13,14

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2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27, Romans 13:1-14, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 20:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"While I live will I praise the Lord..." Psalm 146:2

My Praises for Today

Want to Prosper?

Teen years can be very difficult, but can you imagine ruling a country? In 2 Chronicles 26:1-5 we have the record of Uzziah becoming king. He was only sixteen years old when he became the leader. In verse 4, we find that he was a righteous king. Then in verse 5, we have a conditional promise. It says "...and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." My friend, read that over again. There's a lot of wisdom for life in that verse. Uzziah at a very young age had the secret of true success.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And Hannah prayed, and said, my heart rejoiceth in the Lord..."
1 Samuel 2:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 1 Corinthians 9:20

Stewardship Principle

Paul commends the Macedonian churches for their spontaneous, generous giving, in spite of their limited means. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Leadership Principle

Ideas won't keep: something must be done about them.

Alfred North Whitehead

Memory Verse of the Week

*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.*

John 3:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Happy is he..." "...whose hope is in the Lord his God: Psalm 146:5

My Praises for Today

The Seat where you will Stand!

One day in the future, every Christian will stand before Jesus Christ at what the Bible calls the judgment seat of Christ (Romans 14:10). According to Romans 14:12, every believer will give an account of himself to God. You will be rewarded for what you did for God since you were saved, and the work you did for sin and self will be burned. Are you living in light of the fact that you, one day, will give an account of yourself as you stand before Jesus? I challenge you today to live for God's glory and in the freedom that would not cause our good to be evil spoken of (verse 16).

Leadership Principle

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction.

George Horace Lorimer

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...And Samuel prayed unto the Lord." 1 Samuel 8:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 1 Corinthians 9:21

Stewardship Principle

God blesses those who give with an "eager willingness." Read 2 Corinthians 8:10-12

Memory Verse of the Week

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

August



2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21, Romans 15:1-22, Psalms 25:1-15, Proverbs 20:13-15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...the Lord loveth the righteous." Psalm 146:8

My Praises for Today

With how much of your heart?

Have you ever heard anyone use the expression, "they did it half-heartedly."? What they really mean is the job was done by a person who could have "cared less." The Bible records in 2 Chronicles 31:21 that whatsoever Hezekiah did for the Lord and in service of the house of God he did it with all his heart. What a testimony that is. He gave it all he had. He was committed to the task at hand. Wouldn't it be great if every Believer served the Lord like that? Hezekiah received a reward for his commitment. The Word said he prospered. My friend, if you serve God that way, you will too. Is anybody ready for prospering today?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. Psalm 54:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell..." Deuteronomy 32:22

Stewardship Principle

Invest in the future by giving generously on earth. Read Matthew 6:19-21

Leadership Principle

*There are no shortcuts to
anyplace worth going.*

Beverly Sills

Memory Verse of the Week

*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.*

John 3:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord shall reign forever..." Psalm 146:10

My Praises for Today

It's at the top of God's list

Pride is an awful sin, according to Proverbs 6:16-17. In fact when listing six things God hates, pride is at the top of the list. In 2 Chronicles 32:24,25 Hezekiah became ill, he prayed and God healed him but Hezekiah didn't acknowledge, praise or thank the Lord because his heart was so full of pride. The wrath of God came upon him. It wasn't until he humbled himself that the wrath of the Lord stopped. My friend, every good thing that you receive in this life is from God. Don't live without acknowledging His goodness to you. For you to live day by day without acknowledging God's goodness, is pride. Pride says, I don't need God, I'll do it myself. This is certainly one of God's lists which you don't want your name to be at the top.

Leadership Principle

One definition of insanity is to believe that you can keep doing what you've been doing and get different results.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Give ear to my prayer, O God;..." Psalm 55:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life: it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Stewardship Principle

Handle God's resources as though they are your own investment; seek the greatest return. Read Matthew 25:14-30

Memory Verse of the Week

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33, Romans 16:8-27, Psalms 26:1-12, Proverbs 20:19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises..." Psalm 147:1

My Praises for Today

"Talebearing"

I don't care whether it's true or not—to spread things which can hurt people is sin. I have seen many people torn to tears over something someone carelessly let fly out of their mouths. My advice to them: "Never pass up a chance to keep your mouth shut!" The Bible tells us in Proverbs 20:19 not to meddle with talebearers; stay away from them. In other verses dealing with talebearing, the Bible says that a talebearer's words are like wounds (Proverbs 18:8, 26:22). They promote strife (Proverbs 26:20) because when the talebearer leaves, the strife ceases. Talebearers are everywhere, even in the church. The Bible says stay away from them. If you are a talebearer I would encourage you to ask for forgiveness from this awful sin. (John 1:9) Remember a shut mouth gathers no foot!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. Psalms 61:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1

Stewardship Principle

You reap what you sow; therefore, sow bountifully. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

Leadership Principle

It pays to plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Memory Verse of the Week

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He healeth the broken in heart..." Psalm 147:3

My Praises for Today

Reflect and Rejoice

Life gets crazy, doesn't it? I saw a license plate the other day that read "2-BUSY". We get too busy to just stop and meditate on God's wonders. Sometimes we get so burdened with life's problems, pressures, setbacks and fears that we become discouraged, and our joy is taken away. When that happens, turn to Psalm 27:1-6 and be reassured of what we have in the Lord. Just reflect...

He is our light (vs. 1)

He is our salvation (vs. 1)

He is the strength of our life (vs. 1)

Why are we fretting? The Lord will protect us from all trouble and from enemies (vs. 2-5) and as a result we should sing praises to the Lord (vs. 6). What an awesome God— just take the time to reflect and the rejoicing will come automatically.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer:..." Psalms 64:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Hebrews 9:27

Stewardship Principle

Giving generously to those in need builds a treasure in heaven. Read 1 Timothy 6:18,19

Leadership Principle

I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow.

Woodrow Wilson

Memory Verse of the Week

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

August 5

Ezra 1:1-2:70, 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 20:22-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He telleth the numbers of the stars..." Psalm 147:4

My Praises for Today

Preaching is Foolishness?

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 1:21 that it pleased God to save them who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Preaching is important to the life and ministry of the local church. The Bible is a supernatural book that will change your life. When it is preached from the pulpit, it is a powerful force to save man from spiritual destruction. The message of the cross is what should be preached. When that is done Christ is honored. Take extra time today to thank God for your preacher who faithfully serves God and preaches the Word. And, if you are not in a church where the Word is preached, get out and find you one.

Leadership Principle

Leadership determines the direction of the company.

Organization determines the potential of the company.

Personnel determine the success of the company.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Psalm 65:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Stewardship Principle

"I do not believe we can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." C.S. Lewis

Memory Verse of the Week

*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.*

John 3:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Great is our Lord, and of great power..." Psalm 147:5

My Praises for Today

The Natural Man

1 Corinthians 2:14 tells us that the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God. Who is the natural man? No, we are not talking about someone who strives to eat healthy and regularly exercises. The natural man is the unsaved man. He can't understand about the things of God, because he does not have the Holy Spirit living in him to give him truth. Until a person experiences regeneration (being born again), he will never understand the things of God. The natural man's way to truth and understanding of God is through a belief and acceptance of Jesus Christ. In this scenario, you don't want to be a "natural man".

Leadership Principle

Heart is what separates the good from the great.

Michael Jordan

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? John 3:4

Stewardship Principle

"Many people give a tenth to the Lord. A tenth of what they ought to give." Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

August 7

Ezra 5:1-6:22, 1 Corinthians 3:5-23, Psalm 29:1-11, Proverbs 20:26,27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord lifteth up the meek:..." Psalm 147:6

My Praises for Today

Co-Laborer with God

The Bible tells us that Believers are laborers together with God. In the church God has given us different gifts for the purpose of building the church. Each one is important and each one is needed. As we labor together, God will give the increase. Your Christian fulfillment will come only as you determine what your gift is and then use it for God's Glory. You need to get plugged in to the ministry of the local church and be faithful at what you are called and gifted to do. No Believer can be used of God without being involved in the ministry of the church. Become a co-laborer with God.

Leadership Principle

Don't just learn something from every experience; learn something positive.

Allen H. Neuhaith

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. Psalm 66:20

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Stewardship Principle

Even in plundering an opponent, Abraham gave God 10 percent. Read Genesis 14:20

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

...sing praise upon the harp unto our God." Psalm 147:7

My Praises for Today

The most important preparation for your Heart

The Bible says in Ezra 7:10 that "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord". The Word of God says that about Ezra because it is important to us. My friend, do you prepare your heart daily to seek the law of the Lord? You do that by daily spending time with Him reading the Bible and praying, and by also allowing enough time to meditate and reflect upon what God wants to say to you. I do that every day. As a pastor, husband, dad, granddaddy and friend, I need to daily get God's instruction for my life. I need my heart prepared. I'm an early riser, even on my day off, because I value so highly my time with God to prepare my heart. Are you preparing your heart?

Leadership Principle

When you're through changing, you're through.

Bruce Barton

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"But as for me, my prayer is unto thee,..." Psalm 69:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Stewardship Principle

The tithe belongs to the Lord and is holy to Him. Read Leviticus 27:30

Jeremiah 31:3

August 9

Ezra 8:21-9:15, 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 21:1,2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Who covereth the heavens with clouds..." Psalm 147:8

My Praises for Today

Wow, this is heavy!

Imagine carrying around a 50 pound weight all day, every day, everywhere you go. You are probably saying, "I could never do that," but many of us do. Those weights are called "burdens" and sometimes they can weigh more than 50 pounds! What do you do when your burdens or problems overwhelm you? Your first answer perhaps would be to pray and you are so right, but what if just praying is not getting the results you need. Sometimes the only way we can hear from God is to fast (go without food) for a period of time and pray extra for the needed answer. That means go without breakfast, lunch or dinner and taking that time to pray. Ezra proclaimed a fast in Ezra 8 to seek God in a right way. As they fasted and sought God, He responded to them. Have you fasted lately? It will get rid of that burden.

Leadership Principle

It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

*Edmund Hillary
First to Climb Mt. Everest*

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer...." Psalm 84:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. John 3:7

Stewardship Principle

Always set aside a tenth for God. Read Deuteronomy 14:22

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He delighteth not in the strength of the horse..." Psalm 147:10

My Praises for Today

You Don't Own You

You hear it all the time, "I can do what I want, I own my own body," or "I make my own decision, it's my life." When you are saved, you give up your right to yourself. Your body belongs to God—you were bought with a price (paid at Calvary). Read 1 Corinthians 6:19,20. We are to glorify God through our bodies. That means we are to be Christ-honoring in our dress, communication attitude and obedience. We are to be a walking testimony of light and righteousness. We are representative of Jesus Christ, and we must live and act like it! Remember too, that God takes great care of what he owns. You will never regret being owned by the Master!

Leadership Principle

*Practice doesn't make perfect
it makes permanent.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer;..." Psalm 86:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Memory Verse of the Week:

Stewardship Principle

Nehemiah commanded all of Israel to give their tenth faithfully. Read Nehemiah 10:37-39

*The Lord hath appeared of old
unto me, saying, Yea, I have
loved thee with an everlasting
love: therefore with lovingkind-
ness have I drawn thee.*

Jeremiah 31:3

August 11

Nehemiah 1:1-3:14, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 21:4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him..." Psalm 147:11

My Praises for Today

What do you see?

Nehemiah's burden and vision was to see the destroyed walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. It consumed him. It distressed him that they were lying in waste. With Nehemiah's vision came a belief (faith) in God that God would prosper their building project. He said, "Let us rise up and build". With a vision comes difficulties, but, Nehemiah was focused on the vision and testified that, "The God in Heaven, he will prosper us". My friend what is your vision in life? What are you trusting God for? At this moment, I am trusting and believing God to help us build a one-and-a-half-million-dollar family worship center. We want to build it debt free. We need that building NOW. Even though I have no idea where that money is coming from, I believe that my God will prosper us in this endeavor. How far can you see?

Leadership Principle

Your attitude is either your best friend or your worst enemy, your greatest asset or your greatest liability.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let my prayer come before thee:..." Psalm 88:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

Stewardship Principle

Refusal to tithe is robbing God; tithing will cause Him to bless the givers. Read Malachi 3:8-10

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem..." Psalm 147:12

My Praises for Today

Sometimes a vision can blur life

In yesterdays' devotional, I shared with you concerning Nehemiah's vision to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He believed that God would help him accomplish his goal. And it was accomplished because in Nehemiah 4:6 the Bible states the people had a mind to work. Then verse 14 says that they remembered the Lord when troubles came and in verse 20 they said, "our God shall fight for us". Doing God's work is seldom easy. Trouble seems to lift up his old head when we are trying our very best to follow God's vision for us. But don't fret; our Lord will fight for us and will always prevail. Just hang in there and stay focused, it will all clear up soon!

Leadership Principle

People are changed, not by coercion or intimidation, but by example.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee." Psalm 88:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Stewardship Principle

"We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess." John Stott

Jeremiah 31:3

August 13

Nehemiah 5:14-7:60, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Psalm 33:1-11, Proverbs 21:8-10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...he hath blessed thy children within thee." Psalm 147:13

My Praises for Today

The know-it-all-Book

"If there were just a book to show us how to do it all" — have you ever heard that before? I have. I've heard it from new parents, newly weds, and those who are older. Eureka! There is such a book. It's all found in God's Word. It contains all the counsel we will ever need. His counsel always works because it is from God. We need to praise the Lord for His word. Through His counsel we know how to be saved, how to live the Christian life, how to love one another, how to be good husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, children, employers, employees and yes, even how to grow old gracefully. The list goes on and on. Are you taking advantage of the Book of all Knowledge?

Leadership Principle

Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together.

Jesse Jackson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Psalm 102:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Isaiah 49:15,16

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Romans 3:9

Stewardship Principle

Recognize that wealth is meaningless and unsatisfying. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He maketh peace in thy borders..." Psalm 147:14

My Praises for Today

A Promise For Our Nation

Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". A nation who honors God, worships God and lives by the principles of His Book will be blessed. I love this country, that is why it's so sad to watch the United States of America dishonor the God who has been so good to us. My prayer to God each day is "Oh Lord forgive us for kicking you out of the public schools and government workplaces. Forgive us for killing the unborn, for embracing abominable lifestyles; forgive us for the perverse sexual sins that we as a nation commit." I believe that our United States have violated the principles of making God the Lord of our nation. We will not be blessed as a result. Take extra time today to pray for our country. Wouldn't it be great to see our Nation blessed again.

Leadership Principle

Leadership is action, not position.

Donald H. McGannon

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...but I give myself unto prayer. Psalm 109:4

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 3:10

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ing child, that she should not
have compassion on the son of
her womb? Yea, they may for-
get, yet will I not forget thee.
Behold, I have graven thee
upon the palms of my hands;
thy walls are continually before
me. Isaiah 49:15,16*

Stewardship Principle

Be anxious about nothing; seek first God's kingdom. Read Matthew 6:19-34

August 15

Nehemiah 9:22-10:39, 1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13, Psalm 34:1-10, Proverbs 21:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He sendeth forth his commandment..." Psalm 147:15

My Praises for Today

Why do you sin?

Remember the old, old television program where "Geraldine" always said, "The Devil made me do it!" Well, the fact of the matter is, Geraldine (and you) did it because she (you) wanted to! Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 again. The promise is that the Lord will never put on us more than we can stand. Also, as you face temptations in life you have the power, through Jesus to say "no". God will make a way of escape for you "every time". Every time you sin, you do it because you have a desire to, even when you know the consequences. You sin because you want to. You will always reap what you sow. Does your "want to" need to be changed?

Leadership Principle

Leadership is getting people to work for you when they are not obligated.

Fred Smith

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;..." Psalm 141:2

Memory Verse of the Week

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Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Stewardship Principle

Master money by serving God with it. Read Matthew 6:24

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:2, Psalm 34:11-22, Prov. 21:14-16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He giveth snow like wool..." Psalm 147:16

My Praises for Today

To God be the glory

I remember as a young person hearing a preacher say, "If you can smoke a cigarette to the glory of God, bless God, do it!" Of course, the fact is you cannot smoke a cigarette to God's glory because of the hindrance to your testimony and the harm to your body that it causes. The preacher was trying to make the point that we should consider what God puts his hand of approval on and what He doesn't. I love the verse in 1 Corinthians 10:31 that says, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We should be a living testimony of God's goodness. Our whole attitude should be one of praise and our lifestyle should be lived in a way that always honors God. If there are things in your life for which you can't give God the glory, then get rid of them. If it's sin, confess it (1 John 1:9). Make things right today and do all to the glory of God.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Hear my prayer, O Lord,..." Psalm 143:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:19

Stewardship Principle

Actively "de-accumulate" those things which you no longer use or need. Read Matthew 6:19-21

August
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Leadership Principle

*Leadership is practiced not
so much in words as in
attitude and in actions.*

*Harold Geneen, Founder
M&I Communications*

Memory Verse of the Week

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ing child, that she should not
have compassion on the son of
her womb? Yea, they may for-
get, yet will I not forget thee.
Behold, I have graven thee
upon the palms of my hands;
thy walls are continually before
me. Isaiah 49:15,16*

August
17

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31, 1 Corinthians 11:3-16, Psalm 35:1-16, Proverbs 21:17-18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..." Isaiah 61:3

My Praises for Today

An Empty House?

Nehemiah asked the question, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" That question causes me to reflect on the thought of why Christians should be in church every Sunday. In Hebrews 10:25 we are exhorted to "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" but yet God's people on an average of 6 out of 10 stay out of church every Sunday. This admonition involves the worship of Christ and provides opportunity for encouragement, strength and the spiritual growth of one another. I believe a Believer should be in Bible study (Sunday School) as well as in worship. As a whole, most Christians are ignorant of the Bible simply by the fact that they have forsaken the house of God. How do you stand on this issue?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...but the prayer of the upright is his delight." Proverbs 15:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Romans 5:12

Stewardship Principle

If the rich cannot part with their wealth, they are not following Christ. Read Matthew 19:16-24

Leadership Principle

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Warren G. Bennis

Memory Verse of the Week

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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the Lord from the heavens..." Psalm 148:1

My Praises for Today

Remembering...

Regularly observing the Lord's supper is very important for the local church. The Lord said that every time you take of the Lord's supper, you should be reminded of his death.

It's not just a "thing" you do every month to be "Baptist," but it is to set aside a time to really reflect on what it must have been like to suffer and die on a cross. It is a word picture of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was His death, burial and resurrection that defines what the Gospel is. We need to remember that fact on a regular basis and in doing so, remember the time that He saved us. For me it was August of 1970. I thank and praise the Lord for that event every time we observe the Lords' supper. You should also remember.

Leadership Principle

Would you be willing to preach what you practice?

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. Luke 16:24

Stewardship Principle

The rich cannot buy God's favor; recognize material goods for what they are. Read Luke 12:16-21

Memory Verse of the Week

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August 19

Esther 4:1-7:10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-26, Psalm 36:1-12, Proverbs 21:21,22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye him, all his angels..." Psalm 148:2

My Praises for Today

Be careful for whom you make a "noose"

I love the story in Esther in which we see our God placing himself in the circumstances of life. We know from reading the story, Haman (the King's officer), planned to exterminate all the Jews. He first made "hanging arrangements" for Esther's uncle, Mordecai. Esther was brought by God to the palace to influence the King. She was there at that time for just what she was to do and it was through her faithfulness and her Uncle Mordecai's faithfulness that the race was preserved. The very noose which wicked Haman made for Mordecai he himself was hung on. My friends, God is in control of our situation whatever it may be. Just be faithful to Him and He will see you through.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer:..." Isaiah 56:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

Stewardship Principle

Paul was content in all situations, with whatever he had. Read Philippians 4:10-13

Leadership Principle

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln

Memory Verse of the Week

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Esther 8:1-10:3, 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13, Psalm 37:1-11, Proverbs 21:23,24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye him, sun and moon..." Psalm 148:3

My Praises for Today

The Gift that Keeps Giving...

Everybody wants to give just the right gift, one that the recipient will always remember and be thankful for. In 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4 the word of God talks about spiritual gifts. God's gifts are perfect and fit everyone to perfection. From our study of these passages we learn that every Christian at his conversion is endowed supernaturally with a spiritual gift or gifts which is an ability to be exercised within the local church to build up the body. If every Believer would exercise his spiritual gift, then the church would explode with successful inreach and outreach. Your goal should be to determine what your gift is, then use it.

Leadership Principle

Never follow the crowd.

Bernard Baruch

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications..." Daniel 9:3

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Stewardship Principle

The love of money is the root of all evil. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Hebrews 13:5

August 21

Job 1:1-3:26, 1 Corinthians 14:1-17, Psalm 37:12-29, Proverbs 21:25,26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise him, ye heavens of heavens..." Psalm 148:4

My Praises for Today

He will always show up

According to Job 1:7 Satan's activity is going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it. You just mark it down, whenever God is blessing and good things are happening Satan is going to show up cast doubt, try to separate, and bring division. He is responsible for church splits, backslidden lives and endless separations. We need to be aware of his devices. The word says to resist him and he will flee from you. He is always walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, 1 Peter 5:8

Let's be conscious of his devices and hang in there. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant,..." Daniel 9:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Stewardship Principle

Wealth distorts our values and lifestyles. Read James 5:1-6

Leadership Principle

No executive has ever suffered because his subordinates were strong and effective.

Peter Drucker

Memory Verse of the Week

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let them praise the name of the Lord..." Psalm 148:5

My Praises for Today

Do you want a spanking?

How many times did you hear that as a child, or use it yourself as a parent? Spankings are really not enjoyed by either party; but if you are a parent, you know they are necessary. A child who has never been corrected grows into a totally frustrated and undisciplined adult. Job tells us that "happy is the man whom God correcteth, therefore despise not the chastening of the Almighty". Aren't you glad that you have a Heavenly Father who restrains you from continually doing wrong by correcting or chastening you? Spankings are temporarily unpleasant but in the long run, life changing. The Bible tells us that happiness is the result of correction.

Leadership Principle

*No man is wise enough
by himself.*

Plautus

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed. 1 Peter 2:24

Memory Verse of the Week

*Let your conversation be without
covetousness; and be content with
such things as ye have: for he
hath said, I will never leave
thee, nor forsake thee.*

Stewardship Principle

"God looks not for the quantity of the gift but for the quality of the giver." Anonymous

Hebrews 13:5

August 23

Job 8:1-11:20, 1 Corinthians 15:1-28, Psalm 38:1-22, Proverbs 21:28, 29

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He hath also stablished them for ever and ever..." Psalm 148:6

My Praises for Today

In a Nutshell

If you ever need a quick definition of the Gospel, you can find it in verses 3 and 4 of 1 Corinthians 15. It tells the whole story of Christ dying for our sins, being buried and being raised the third day. A belief in the Gospel and acceptance of Christ will find you salvation, which means eternal life in Heaven. Jesus was God in human flesh. He is the only one who ever defeated death. The grave couldn't hold Him. He was victorious over death and the grave. Have you believed in the Gospel? It's a simple belief.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...My house shall be called the house of prayer;..." Matthew 21:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17

Stewardship Principle

No act of generosity done in His name will go unseen or unrewarded. Read Matthew 10:42

Leadership Principle

No man will ever be a big executive who feels that he must either openly or under cover, follow up every order he gives and see that it is done, nor will he ever develop a capable assistant.

John Mahin

Memory Verse of the Week

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise the Lord from the earth..." Psalm 148:7

My Praises for Today

Keep on Keeping On...

In 1 Corinthians 15:58, Paul tells the Corinthian church to be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. Why? Because your labor for the Lord is not in vain. I would just like to stop for a moment and thank all the Christians who have taken the above admonition to heart. All I can say is God bless you. Today in the church we have so many who are non-committed and non-involved and when the first little problem arises, they leave for another church. If someone doesn't call them when they miss a Sunday or two, they are ready to say no one cares about them. We also have so many spineless men who are not the head of their home, as the Bible teaches they should be. They walk around like little puppy dogs. God help us. Thank God for those who stand through thick and thin. They don't serve men they serve God. They know that their labor is not in vain.

Leadership Principle

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or to get all the credit for doing it.

Andrew Carnegie

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets..." Matthew 6:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit: 1 Peter 3:18

Hebrews 13:5

Stewardship Principle

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Read Act 20:35

August 25

Job 16:1-19:29, 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Psalm 40:1-10, Proverbs 22:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let them praise the name of the Lord..." Psalm 148:13

My Praises for Today

State Your Faith

If someone were to say to you right now, "State your faith," what would you answer? Job didn't have any problem with stating his faith. He simply said, in chapter 19:25-28, "I know that my redeemer liveth." He lived with the faith that his Lord was in control. He indicated in the same verse that one day He's coming back. How else could a man endure what he endured. His testimony was, "though He slay me, yet will I trust him (13:15). We need to realize that Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible. If things aren't working good in your life don't despair, just have faith that our redeemer liveth and is working things out.

Leadership Principle

Now, gentlemen, let us do something today which the world may talk of hereafter.

Admiral Collingwood

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet,..." Matthew 6:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Stewardship Principle

Just as the widow who received oil from Elisha was blessed, so God blesses us for being obedient. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7

Hebrews 13:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He also exalteth the horn of his people..." Psalm 148:14

My Praises for Today

Short Victory

If you have experienced life at all, you have noticed that sometimes it seems those who do wrong get the blessing and those who are hypocrites seem to have the joy. Job 20:5 tells us that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment. Just wait and watch. You will see that every man reaps what he sows sooner or later. Don't become weary in doing right, the wicked will come to judgement. You WILL be found out.

Leadership Principle

Pay attention to everybody in a group. Not to just the leader or spokesman. A group is more than one.

My Priorities for Today

Les Gibli

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any..."
Mark 11:25

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Giving to the poor brings God's approval. Read Proverbs 28:27

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

August
27

Job 23:1-27:23, 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11, Psalm 41:1-13, Proverbs 22:5,6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord a new song..." Psalm 149:1

My Praises for Today

The most important training

Proverbs 22:6 is a very familiar verse. It simply says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." A child's mind and heart is a conglomeration of genes from his parents, grandparents and those who are in his genetic line. This leads to behavioral practices that sometimes are wrong and ungodly. The parents are admonished to watch and check the wrong behavioral pattern of a child and replace those patterns with training right behavior. It takes a constant watch of the child to accomplish the above. The sad thing concerning this is that parents, because of work and other activities fail to watch and observe the child in order to do what God has commanded. The result is an out-of-control child who brings heartache to all. Failure on the part of parents to do the above leads eventually to a dysfunctional home. Start that training today before it's too late.

Leadership Principle

Personal leadership is not a singular experience. It is, rather, the ongoing process of keeping your vision and values before you and aligning your life to be congruent with those most important things.

Stephen Covey

Daily Reflections for Highly Effective People

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And the whole multitude of the people were praying..." Luke 1:10

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13

Romans 8:32

Stewardship Principle

When they gave Him what they had, Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed more the 5,000. Read Matthew 14:14-21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let Israel rejoice in him that made him..." Psalm 149:2

My Praises for Today

When fear and being afraid is not the same

Fearing God in the Bible does not mean being afraid of God, but rather to revere or respect Him. Job 28:28 says the fear of the Lord is wisdom. Fearing God would be honoring Him with your time, talent, tithe, your behavior; in other words, living a life that honors God. Honoring God means obeying His word and putting Him first in everything. This truly is wisdom. Our praise and worship of Him would also fall under the realm of fearing God. Do you fear God?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,..."
Luke 3:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; Ephesians 1:7

Stewardship Principle

When they gave Him what they had, Jesus again multiplied it, this time seven loaves and a few fish to feed more the 4,000. Read Matthew 15:32-38

Leadership Principle

...power is not really good or bad; it is neutral. Power itself is not negative or positive, although our feelings about it may be. Power is the potential to influence others for good or evil, to be a blessing or a scourge. Like nuclear energy, it can provide the electricity to light a city, or it can fuel the bomb that destroys it.

Blaine Lee

*The Power Principle;
Influence with Honor*

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

August 29

Job 31:1-33:33, 2 Corinthians 3:1-18, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 22:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let them praise his name in the dance..." Psalm 149:3

My Praises for Today

Your eyes can give you heart problems!

You have probably never heard that one before. Job tells us that he made a covenant with his eyes. That's exactly what each of us needs. Our eyes can get us into trouble. It got Achan (Joshua 6 and 7) into trouble when he saw, he coveted, and he took. Our eyes, many times, can result in heart problems. We can see and lust in our heart. When sin is not checked, it can lead to adultery and marriage problems. We also can use our eyes to desire things we can't afford, and as a result, endure financial trouble. Let's make a covenant with our eyes today, or rather, right now. You don't want heart problems, do you?

Leadership Principle

Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him:..." Luke 9:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:20

Stewardship Principle

When Paul was in need, the Philippians supported him, and they will be credited accordingly. Read Philippians 4:14-17

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Job 34:1-36:33, 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 22:10-12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people..." Psalm 149:4

My Praises for Today

Conditional Promise

The Lord's promises are always conditional. You respond then He responds. That's the life of faith. It is a belief and trust that God will do what he says He will do. God says in Job 36:11 that if you obey Him and serve Him, the result will be a life of prosperity and your years will be lived in pleasures. On the other side, if you obey not, you will perish and die without knowledge. How do you stand in this promise?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

Stewardship Principle

The church should use people's gifts efficiently and effectively. Read Acts 6:1-7

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Leadership Principle

Remember that nobody will ever get ahead of you as long as he is kicking you in the seat of the pants.

Walter Winchell - Franklin

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

August 31

Job 37:1-39:30, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10, Psalm 44:9-26, Proverbs 22:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the saints be joyful in glory..." Psalm 149:5

My Praises for Today

Are You Fearful of Dying?

Dying is something most of us would rather not do today. The Christian should not be fearful of death, however. Why? Because it is then that he goes to be with the Lord. Look at the promise in 2 Corinthians 5:1 and 8. In verse one, the promise is if our earthly body dies, we have an eternal building from God in Heaven, a house not made with hands. Further in verse 8, we have the promise that if we are absent from the body, then we are present with the Lord. A Christian never experiences death. In John 11:26, the Bible says ...whosoever believeth in me shall never die. Praise God for that promise. When fully understood, the Christian should have no fear of death.

Leadership Principle

Remember the difference between a boss and a leader: A boss says, "GO"; A leader says, "Let's Go."

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...where many were gathered together praying." Acts 12:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle=

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts 13:38

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Stewardship Principle

"A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash." Anonymous

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth..." Psalm 149:6

My Praises for Today

With Friends like this, who need enemies?

If you know anything about Job's situation, you realize that during his distress he received miserable counsel from his three friends, Zopher, Eliphaz and Bildad. Rather than be revengeful toward them, he finally just prayed for them. According to Job 42:10, once he prayed for his friends, the Lord turned his captivity into a blessing and doubled his possessions. The point is this: we should pray for our enemies and critics. Don't take revenge in your own hands. It is very difficult to dislike someone for whom you are praying. I once had a list of 75 people whom I thought were my critics or enemies. That list finally dwindled because God blessed me for praying for them and he resolved many of those problems and differences. It's prayer, not revenge.

Leadership Principle

*Successful leaders have the
courage to take action
while others hesitate.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Praying us with much in treaty that we would receive the gift..."
2 Corinthians 8:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 1 Corinthians 9:21

Stewardship Principle

Money causes a rich person to put his faith in the wrong things. Read Mark 10:23-25

Memory Verse of the Week

*He that spared not his own
Son, but delivered him up for us
all, who shall he not with him
also freely give us all things?*

Romans 8:32

September 2

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Psalm 46:1-11, Proverbs 22:15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 149:9

My Praises for Today

Separated but not desolated

We are commanded in 2 Corinthians 6:11-17 to be separated from unbelievers. What exactly does that mean? It doesn't mean not to try to win them to Christ or witness to them, but it does mean don't yoke in areas of marriage, business partnerships and things of that nature. A Christian should never consider marrying an unbeliever or go into business with an unbeliever. God will not bless that type of union and you can be sure that trouble will be facing you down the road. A Christian should also be kind, considerate, and show Christ's love to everyone with whom he comes in contact. Be very careful and obey God in this matter of separation.

Leadership Principle

For children to take morality seriously they must be in the presence of adults who take morality seriously. And with their own eyes they must see adults take morality seriously.

William J. Bennett

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Colossians 1:3

Memory Verse of the Week

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

Stewardship Principle

Money keeps the rich unbeliever from seeking salvation in the right manner - by means of God's Word. Read Luke 16:19-21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise him in the firmament for his power." Psalm 150:1

My Praises for Today

Promises, Promises?

When times were tough, and things were pretty down for you, did you ever pray a prayer something like this? "Lord, if you will just get me out of this mess, I'll promise to serve you, or I'll promise to be faithful or I'll promise to start tithing. Sound familiar? Well, God pulled you out of the mess, and you went on and forgot the promise you made to Him. Right? Did you realize that God did not forget? Ecclesiastes 5:4 says "when thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; ...pay that which thou hast vowed." Do you have any unpaid vows? If you do, go back and fulfill your promise to God-NOW!

Leadership Principle

Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience.

Manual on Military Leadership

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: Colossians 4:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22

Stewardship Principle

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

Memory Verse of the Week

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

September 4

Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18, 2 Corinthians 7:8-16, Psalm 48:1-14, Proverbs 22:17-19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...praise him according to his excellent greatness." Psalm 150:2

My Praises for Today

Give it all you have

An athlete who plays a game without giving it everything will never succeed. The All-Stars never earned their positions by playing the game with half a desire to win. As a believer, I feel that whatever God has called me to do, I should do it with all my might as well. In short, I need to do the very best that I can. Are you giving your best to whatever you are doing? Your best OR your worst reflects your testimony. Somebody is always looking at us. These words are found in Ecclesiastes 9:10 "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." I believe that one day all Christians are going to stand before Jesus Christ and give account for the things we have done since we were saved and also the way it was accomplished. Give it all you have. Do your very best.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? 1 Thessalonians 3:10

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. Matthew 22:9

Stewardship Principle

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 1 Timothy 6:18

Leadership Principle

He who praises another enriches himself far more than he does the one praised. To praise is an investment in happiness. The poorest human being has something to give that the richest could not buy.

George Matthew Adams

Memory Verse of the Week

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet..." Psalm 150:3

My Praises for Today

Our Duty

"I don't feel like doing that." Have you ever heard that response? Sure you have. Maybe you said it. Before God, what is our real duty in life? That question is answered in Ecclesiastes 12:13 "...Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Our response to God should not be a casual one, but one of commitment and love to the One who saved us and gave us every good thing we have ever received. Most of the time, it's a joy to serve God, but sometimes, duty has to "kick-in" and that's when we "just do it anyway." We do have a duty to our God.

Leadership Principle

I always try to turn my personal struggles into something helpful for others.

Henri Nouwen

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication..." 1 Kings 8:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Memory Verse of the Week

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Stewardship Principle

"About all some people are giving these days is advice." Anonymous

Philippians 4:19

September 6

Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16, 2 Corinthians 8:16-24, Psalm 50:1-23, Prov. 22:22-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...praise him with stringed instruments and organs." Psalm 150:4

My Praises for Today

Honesty is the best Policy

You've heard that since you were a child, but it is still true. In 1 Corinthians 8:21 Paul says that we are to provide for honest things not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of men. Honesty is a standard that everyone should hold. We should be honest in all our financial dealings, our truthfulness to one another and our accountability to each other.

Some areas that I believe involve honesty are:

1. Giving our employer a good day's work.
2. Never "stretching the truth."
3. Not saying I will, unless you will!
4. Filling out forms honestly (Income tax, for example).
5. Be honest in even the simplest matters.

Honesty is a huge part of our Christian testimony. Can people trust you to always be honest with them?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Leadership Principle

*If I accept you as you are,
I will make you worse;
however if I treat you as
though you are what you are
capable of becoming, I help
you become that.*

Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

*But my God shall supply all
your need according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

Principle of Prayer

Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 1 Kings 8:45

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23

Stewardship Principle

"The dilemma for many people is that they give the widow's mite but not with the widow's spirit." Anonymous

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise him upon the loud cymbals:..." Psalm 150:5

My Praises for Today

"A man after God's own Heart"

Psalm 51 is the Psalm of David when Nathan the Prophet came to him after he had his affair with Bathsheba. Did you ever wonder why God called David "A man after God's own heart?" He was an adulterer and a murderer. David was not perfect, but he had a sensitivity to sin that few knew about. He talks about mine iniquity, my sin (vs. 2) my transgression (vs.3) and so on. After confessing his guilt (vs. 3-6), David prays for inner renewal (vs. 7-12). He never tried to shift the blame. His sin was his sin. This passage teaches that those who have failed God may be restored to the service of God. He asks God to renew the joy of his salvation. That's why David was a man after God's heart.

Leadership Principle

*If you just set out to be liked,
you would be prepared to
compromise on anything at
any time, and you would
achieve nothing.*

Margaret Thatcher

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me:..." 1 Kings 9:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

Stewardship Principle

Misers are oblivious to the concept of biblical stewardship.

Memory Verse of the Week

*But my God shall supply all
your need according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

September 8

Isaiah 1:1-2:22, 2 Corinthians 10:1-18, Psalm 52:1-9, Proverbs 22:26,27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD..." Psalm 150:6

My Praises for Today

Our God Is Reasonable

Being reasonable in a tight situation is hard. If someone has really done you wrong, you may just want to "get even" and forget the reasoning. In Isaiah 1:18 the Lord says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Our sin may be so great that we don't think we could ever be forgiven. But God says we can. This is a salvation verse with the Lord inviting us to come to Him to be saved. Our God is a reasonable God and will save you if you come to Him. He will wash away your sins. He's so wonderful. Make your decision now if you never have.

Leadership Principle

If you want to know the temperature of your organization, put a thermometer in the leader's mouth.

Rick Warren

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee...." 2 Kings 20:5

Memory Verse of the Week

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15:10

Stewardship Principle

"People give to a winning cause, not to a sinking ship." Kennon Callahan

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:..." Isaiah 6:3

My Praises for Today

The Fool

According to the Bible, a person who has never trusted or accepted Christ into his heart is a fool. There are those who claim they are atheists and, therefore, say there is no God. I really do not believe there is such a thing as an atheist. In the first chapter of Romans we see that the world evidences the realness of God. Man, through his wickedness, chooses to say no to God. The correct reading of Psalm 53:1 is, "The fool hath said in his heart, "NO"; God. The fool knows that there is a God but chooses to say no to Him. Please don't be a fool?

Leadership Principle

*Trust your subordinates.
You can't expect them to go
all out for you if they think
you don't believe in them.*

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Have respect, therefore, to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God,..." 2 Chronicles 6:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Matthew 9:37

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

You cannot reasonably expect the congregation to make a wholehearted financial commitment to the church if the leaders of the church do not somehow reflect that same depth of commitment.

*But my God shall supply all
your need according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

September 10

Isaiah 6:1-7:25, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33, Psalm 54:1-7, Proverbs 23:1-3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...O Lord, I will praise thee..." Isaiah 12:1

My Praises for Today

The Call

We have attributed verse 8 of Isaiah 6 as the "missionary verse." The voice of the Lord says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then Isaiah says, "Here am I, send me." Would you be that willing to respond to God's call by saying "Here am I, send me." In some way, if you are a Christian, I believe you have sensed that call before. What did you say? Do you remember Jonah's call from God? He responded by fleeing. You will also notice that God said absolutely nothing to him again until he repented. Have you wondered lately why God has said nothing to you? It may be that you have not responded to His first call. Think about that.

Leadership Principle

Develop a vision. People want to follow someone who knows where he or she is going.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 2 Chronicles 6:35

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38

Stewardship Principle

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great..." Luke 6:35

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song;..." Isaiah 12:2

My Praises for Today

Paul's Thorn In The Flesh

Have you ever had a splinter in your finger? It may be a little thing, but it bothers you tremendously, until you get rid of it. We find in 2 Corinthians 12 that the Apostle Paul had a physical ailment that bothered him greatly. It was considered his "thorn in the flesh." He sought the Lord to get rid of it, but it was there for a purpose. That purpose was stated in verse 7, "that he should not be exalted above measure." The Lord told him in verse 9, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul's attitude then was that he would glory in his infirmities and troubles. Do you have a thorn in the flesh that keeps you humble? If so, thank God for it. Rely on God to be your strength through your weakness.

Leadership Principle

Keep your cool. The best leaders show their mettle under fire.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place." 2 Chronicles 6:40

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Stewardship Principle

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth. Psalm 37:21

2 Thessalonians 3:3

September 12

Isaiah 10:1-11:16, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, Psalm 56:1-13, Proverbs 23:6-8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

My Praises for Today

"What a Day that will Be"

At our church we sing a lot of songs about the second coming. Sometimes while the choir is singing one of those great songs, I get so excited, I just have to stand to my feet! We believers have a great future to look forward to. Any day now Christ could come back (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17). Then for seven years we will experience the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven, while tribulation is happening on the earth. At the end of the tribulation, during the finality of the Battle of Armageddon, Christ will come back with His Saints, set up His Throne in Jerusalem, and reign for a thousand-year millennium! It will be a reign in righteousness! The description of that reign is found in Isaiah 11. What a future we have as believers. Let's praise the Lord for what we have in Jesus.

Leadership Principle

Encourage risk. Nothing demoralizes the troops like knowing that the slightest failure could jeopardize their entire career.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer,..." 2 Chronicles 7:12

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

Stewardship Principle

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper,..." Ecclesiastes 11:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord,..." Isaiah 12:4

My Praises for Today

Genuine or Fake

The burden I carry to the pulpit every week is whether my people, whom I minister to every week, are really saved. It's possible to look or act like a Christian and still be lost. Just because you come to church every Sunday, does not automatically make you a Christian, just like going in your garage on a continual basis doesn't make you a car!

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 13:5 to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." My friend, are you sure, absolutely sure, that you are saved? Does your heart and life exhibit a testimony of genuineness? Are your desires Godward? Do you seek to obey and please the Lord? Has there been a time in your life when you know that you repented of your sins and trusted Christ as Savior? My friend, we have a know-so salvation in Christ. Read 1 John 5:13. Examine your heart to see if you are in the faith.

Leadership Principle

Be an expert. From boardroom to mailroom, everyone had better understand that you know what you are talking about.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive unto the prayer that is made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:15

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Stewardship Principle

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

2 Thessalonians 3:3

September 14

Isaiah 15:1-18:7, Galatians 1:1-24, Psalm 58:1-11, Proverbs 23:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things:..." Isaiah 12:5

My Praises for Today

Are You Growing?

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 23:12 to apply your heart unto instruction and your ears to the words of knowledge. I've heard Charles "Tremendous" Jones say many times that the only difference in your life from now and the next twelve months will be, "the books you read, and people you meet". Are you growing? Are you learning anything? It's sad when a person refuses to learn and better himself. It is also sad when a person refuses to be teachable. I personally am committed to being all that I can be for the glory of God. I am constantly reading books, listening to tapes, going to seminars and conferences in order to apply my heart to good instruction. As I learn, I ask God to change the areas in my life that need changing so I can be used more for Him. Don't stunt your growth.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven. 2 Chronicles 30:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Stewardship Principle

Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. Luke 6:30

Leadership Principle

Invite dissent. Your people aren't giving their best... if they are afraid to speak up.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Isaiah 19:1-21:17, Galatians 2:1-16, Psalm 59:1-17, Proverbs 23:13,14

September
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My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for great is the Holy one of Israel in the midst of thee." Isaiah 12:6

My Praises for Today

Correction?

All children need correction. The Bible exhorts us not to withhold correction from the child. Children are an heritage from the Lord, they are a gift that is very special. The Bible also tells us that whom the Lord loves, He chastens. It's the same with our children. If we really love them we will chasten or spank them when they do wrong. Spankings are controversial in the world today, but not in God's word. Spankings should be strong enough to break the will or desire for them to do wrong, but should never, never be done in anger. It should be done in the respect of love. If you allow your children to get by with doing wrong without correction, I can say that you are probably headed for a life of heartbreak.

Leadership Principle

*Simplicity - you need to see
the big picture in order to see
the course - communicate it,
and maintain it.*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant,..." Nehemiah 1:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Memory Verse of the Week

*But the Lord is faithful,
who shall stablish you, and
keep you from evil.*

Stewardship Principle

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. Psalm 112:5

2 Thessalonians 3:3

September 16

Isaiah 22:1-24:23, Galatians 2:17-3:9, Psalm 60:1-12, Proverbs 23:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...thy shall sing for the majesty of the Lord..." Isaiah 24:14

My Praises for Today

Faith In Jesus, the Only Way

I know that you may have wondered how Old Testament people were saved, especially since they lived hundreds of years before Jesus came to this earth and died on the cross. Did Abraham know Jesus? Yes he did. In Galatians 3:8 the word tells us God himself preached the Gospel to Abraham and he was saved just the same way you and I are saved, and that is putting our faith in Jesus. Jesus is the only way. The entire Old Testament pointed toward the coming of King Jesus. That's why they went to the synagogue and offered a sacrificial atonement for their sins. It was a picture of Jesus offering himself once and for all, the ultimate sacrifice. Repentance (sorrow) for your sins and faith in Jesus is the only way anyone can ever be saved.

Leadership Principle

A good leader is not the person who does things right, but the person who finds the right things to do.

Anthony T. Davovano

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto our God,..." Nehemiah 4:9

Memory Verse of the Week

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

Stewardship Principle

"...go thy way, sell whatever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven;..." Mark 10:21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Wherefore glorify the Lord in the fires..." Isaiah 24:15

My Praises for Today

Just by Faith

"Just do it" is the famous logo of a company. It has been expanded worldwide. There is another "just" that has only been used worldwide. The word "just" in the Bible means justified. Just or justified people are saved people. Galatians 3:11 tells us that the "just shall live by faith" Yes, that means that you are saved by faith, but also living day to day by faith. If we can trust God to save us, why can't we trust God to take care of us day by day? Living by faith means obeying His word regardless of what you think the consequences may be. We live according to God's word not by the world's word or our personal word. We have an instruction book for everything in life. Just do it.

Leadership Principle

*Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.*

Helen Keller

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee,..." Genesis 20:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:22,23

Stewardship Principle

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Deuteronomy 28:8

Memory Verse of the Week

*God is faithful, by whom ye
were called unto the fellowship
of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

1 Corinthians 1:9

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Isaiah 28:14-30:11, Galatians 3:23-4:31, Psalm 62:1-12, Proverbs 23:19-21

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous...." Isaiah 24:16

My Praises for Today

Warning . . .

Money is powerful "...if riches increase, set not your heart upon them." (Psalm 62:10) Money will and can do strange things to people. We all need money in order to survive... and we usually need a little more than we have. However, if we set our hearts upon making money, it becomes a priority and other things go lacking. Which is more important: making money or spending adequate time with your lovely wife, making money or spending quality time with your children, making money or putting God first in time and talent? If you were at the end of your life, I know what the answer would be. No one has ever said on his deathbed, "I wish I had spent more time at the office."

The secret is balance and need. Sure you have to work and make an honest living, but when making money becomes a consumption in your life, watch out and remember that Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee,..." Exodus 33:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If we say that we have not sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8,10

Stewardship Principle

And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Revelation 22:12

Leadership Principle

A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;..."
Isaiah 25:1

My Praises for Today

Leave out the leaven

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. (Galatians 5:9) Well, what in the world is leaven? The dictionary says it is used to produce fermentation in dough. By the word of God it is considered false doctrine. In other words a little false doctrine corrupts the whole church. We need to be so careful to guard and watch our doctrinal teaching. An example would be teaching "good works" as a way to God. While good works is certainly important, faith in Jesus is the only way to God. Ephesians 2:8,9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast." What seems right is not always right if it conflicts God's teaching. Let us be careful to watch and guard our teaching, and don't add any fermentation!

Leadership Principle

*An army of a thousand is
easy to find, but, ah, how
difficult to find a General.*

Chinese Proverb

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. Judges 10:15

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:37,38

*God is faithful, by whom ye
were called unto the fellowship
of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Stewardship Principle

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may win Christ, Philippians 3:8

1 Corinthians 4:9

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Isaiah 33:13-36:22, Galatians 5:13-26, Psalm 64:1-10, Proverbs 23:23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10

My Praises for Today

The Evidence Is Convincing

As a saved person the Holy Spirit lives within us and produces fruit in our character. It is known as the fruit of the Spirit and is found in Galatians 5:22,23. If we are allowing the Holy Spirit to be pre-eminent in our life, then the Spirit fruit will be evident. The fruit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, (kindness) goodness, faith (faithfulness) meekness and temperance (self-control). Is the above fruit evident in your life?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And Samson called unto the Lord,, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once,..." Judges 16:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Psalm 130:3

Stewardship Principle

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the lord. Job 1:21

Leadership Principle

A true leader always keeps an element of surprise up his sleeve, which others cannot grasp but which keeps his public excited and breathless.

Charles DeGaulle

Memory Verse of the Week

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For the grave cannot praise thee..." Isaiah 38:18

My Praises for Today

Just Keep on Doing Good

The Bible is very conclusive on the fact that a man is always going to reap what he sows. Sometimes we can become so weary in well doing. We constantly try to keep in mind to do right and it seems it backfires. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Do right, till the stars fall." Our attitude should always be one of knowing that sooner or later you will reap what you sow. The word exhorts us in Galatians 6:9 to faint not or do not lose heart. Just keep on doing good. Then in verse 10, the word exhorts us to do good to all men especially to those who are saved. Just keep on doing good.

Leadership Principle

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God,..." Judges 18:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked. Isaiah 57:20

Memory Verse of the Week

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stewardship Principle

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Psalm 37:16

1 Corinthians 1:9

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Isaiah 39:1-41:16, Ephesians 1:1-23, Psalm 66:1-20, Proverbs 23:26-28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day:..." Isaiah 38:19

My Praises for Today

Do you need your strength renewed?

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 40:28-31 that the Lord fainteth not and is never weary. Also He gives power to the faint (weak) and increaseth strength to those who have no might. Then in verse 31 we are promised that they that "wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." What a promise and what a God. Are you claiming that promise today?

Leadership Principle

*Do something...lead, follow,
or get out of the way.*

General Patton

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God,..." 1 Samuel 12:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Galatians 3:10

Memory Verse of the Week

*God is faithful, by whom ye
were called unto the fellowship
of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord. 1*

Stewardship Principle

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Proverbs 15:16

Corinthians 1:9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord a new song..." Isaiah 42:10

My Praises for Today

It's By Grace

Did you know that we really don't deserve to be saved? It's God's goodness that saves us. I didn't find God, He found me and exhibited grace to me. Grace is unmerited favor. It's like mercy, which is receiving something I do not deserve. The Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. We are saved by grace (unmerited favor), and by faith (trust or belief in God's son). Good works has nothing to do with it. It is a gift (free) from God. Have you been saved according to the Bible's teaching?

Leadership Principle

Find the good and praise it.

Alex Haley

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. 1 Samuel 12:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18

Memory Verse of the Week

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stewardship Principle

"Then answered I them, and said unto them, the God of heaven, He will prosper us..." Nehemiah 2:20

1 Corinthians 4:9

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Isaiah 43:14-45:10, Ephesians 3:1-21, Psalm 68:1-18, Proverbs 24:1,2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice..." Isaiah 42:11

My Praises for Today

The Book

The Bible is a supernatural book. No one can read it with an open mind and not be changed. I read from it everyday. Each year I read the Bible through. I'm sold on its author (Jesus Christ) who saved me! It is also a source of truth for everything in life. The eleventh verse of Psalms 68 tells us the Lord gave the word. I challenge you today to live by its principles and claim its promises. It will change your life because it is a supernatural book.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...I will build thee an house; therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 2 Samuel 7:27

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power: 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Stewardship Principle

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2

Leadership Principle

Always give your people the credit that is rightfully theirs. To do otherwise is both morally and ethically dishonest.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let them give glory unto the Lord..." Isaiah 42:12

My Praises for Today

One Verse Salvation

We find in Isaiah 45:22 the word from our Lord "Look, (meaning 'turn') unto me and be ye saved." He is God and there is none other. Are you truly saved? If so what did you depend on to save you? Was it your good works? Your church membership? Your baptism? Your monetary gifts to the Lord? If you depended on any of the above, then you have depended on the wrong things. Jesus is the only one who can save you. Look unto Him and be ye saved. Do that today.

Leadership Principle

Be courteous. Have genuine consideration for other people's feelings.

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house,..." 1 Kings 8:33

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins. John 8:24

Stewardship Principle

But godliness with contentment is great gain; For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:2

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Isaiah 48:12-50:11, Ephesians 4:17-32, Psalm 69:1-18, Proverbs 24:5,6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...they shall shew forth my praise." Isaiah 43:21

My Praises for Today

Counsel & Safety

As a pastor, I am privileged to have twenty men on my board of deacons. All of them are Biblically qualified servants and a great help to me. I meet with them and discuss every major decision I make concerning the ministry. These men are very diverse in their backgrounds. I have some young men, middle aged men, and some older men. One reason for so many is because the Lord's work is so important. I value their advice, opinions, experience, vision and counsel. The Bible says in Proverbs 24:6 "...and in the multitude of counselors there is safety." I treasure their support and our ministry is benefited. In any major decision that you make you need several people to counsel you to safety.

Leadership Principle

Never tamper with the truth.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see...." 11 Kings 6:17

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, supposed ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of Grace? Hebrews 10:28,29

Stewardship Principle

Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,..." Isaiah 52:7

My Praises for Today

Beautiful Feet?

Have you seen any beautiful feet lately? The Bible refers in Isaiah 52:7 to those who have beautiful feet, meaning those who bring good tidings, those who publisheth peace, those who bringeth good tidings of good, and those who publisheth salvation. What is Isaiah talking about? He's talking about those who carry God's good news. The good news is that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, but rose again from the dead. All six billion people in the world need that message and if you are a carrier of this good news, then God says you have "Beautiful Feet". We have used some of those beautiful feet to put the Gospel into every home in our city and the surrounding counties. Do you want to have beautiful feet?

Leadership Principle

Be concise in your writing and talking, especially when giving instructions to others.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness...." 11 Kings 6:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Stewardship Principle

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind; 1 Peter 5:2

Psalm 18:2

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Isaiah 54:1-57:13, Ephesians 6:1-24, Psalm 70:1-5, Proverbs 24:8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...joy and gladness shall be found therein..." Isaiah 51:3

My Praises for Today

A House of Prayer

The Lord is very emphatic in the Old Testament that His House shall be called a "House of Prayer". My observation of Christians and churches for almost three decades of ministry is that we are weak in our prayer life. Yet that is at the top of the list of spiritual priorities. When you emphasize prayer and praying in Wednesday night services, very few show up. The power and blessings of God come only as God's people pray. Our spiritual maturity is based upon our prayer life. We know that, yet we are so weak in that area that we miss out on the great things the Lord has for us. Come on people, let's make a priority in prayer. We will notice the difference immediately.

Leadership Principle

Be generous. Remember that it is the productivity of others that makes possible your leadership position.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house; therefore, thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee. 1 Chronicles 17:25

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6,8

Stewardship Principle

Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no longer be admonished. Ecclesiastes 4:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing, O heavens; and be joyful..." Isaiah 49:13

My Praises for Today

What is Fasting?

In Isaiah 58:6 fasting is the discipline of abstaining from food for biblical reason. It is called "afflicting one's soul" (vs. 3), and is often practiced to demonstrate the sincerity of our prayers. There are several biblical reasons for fasting. Christians should fast when facing a national crisis (2 Chronicles 20:3; Ezra 8:21; Esther 4:16), for individual needs (Matthew 4:2; Acts 13:2), and in anticipation of Christ's return (Luke 5:35). Illustration: Many people have found that heavy burdens are relieved through fasting (ch. 58): wisdom is obtained through fasting (Daniel 10), revival comes from fasting (vs. 6), God's protection from danger is secured by fasting (1 Kings 21:27-29), recovery of a sick loved one may come after fasting (Psalm 35:13), and the inauguration of a great ministry may follow fasting (Matthew 4:2). Application: When a Christian fasts, he should begin with a short fast - one day from sundown - and attempt to spend time alone with God during the fast.

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Leadership Principle

Talkers are no good doers.

William Shakespeare

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...let thine hand, I pray thee, O Lord my God, be on me, and on my father's house, but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. 1 Chronicles 21:17

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to His own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5,6

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Stewardship Principle

If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasure. Job 36:11

Psalm 18:2

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Isaiah 60:1-62:5, Philippians 1:27-2:18, Psalm 72:1-20, Proverbs 24:11,12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice..." Isaiah 52:8

My Praises for Today

The Spirit Upon Me

In Isaiah 61:1 we find a prophetic statement about Jesus. When He comes, He would have the Spirit of the Lord upon Him. The New Testament confirms later that the "Spirit of God was upon him without measure," meaning He was totally filled and controlled of the Holy Spirit. His human eye projected that control. How about you? The word tells us in Ephesians 5:18 to be filled with the Spirit. The reason is to be able to witness and do God's work under the control of the Spirit of God. Let me challenge you with a piece of homework. Find out how you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. If you ask, I'll help you.

Leadership Principle

The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and will to carry on.

Walter J. Lippmann

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee, yet if thy pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them, 2 Chronicles 6:26

Memory Verse of the Week

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Galatians 3:13

Stewardship Principle

He answereth and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Luke 3:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For thus saith the Lord, sing with gladness..." Jeremiah 31:7

My Praises for Today

So you think you're pretty good!

You didn't lose your temper, you were kind to the dog, and you didn't even tell a lie. You deserve to wear the "I've been good today" pin. But wait—when you feel like you have things all together and you are feeling pretty good about yourself, read Isaiah 64:6. In the eyes of God our goodness is like filthy rags. In that light we aren't very good, are we? As long as we live, we will struggle in these old bodies of clay. We were born as sinners, unclean before God. But the miracle of it all is that Jesus Christ can take us and make us clean before God. Only through Him can we become clean and righteous.

Leadership Principle

You must choose the thoughts and actions that will lead you on to success...

R. C. Allen

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord today." 11 Chronicles 18:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30b

Stewardship Principle

Most churched people appreciate Biblical teaching about their personal spiritual responsibilities - even those related to giving.

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

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Isaiah 66:1-24, Philippians 3:4b-21, Psalm 74:1-23, Proverbs 24:13,14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise the Lord of host: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth forever;..." Jeremiah 33:11

My Praises for Today

Don't live in the "Yesterday"

Many of us live dwelling either on those awful failures or wonderful successes of the past. Paul tells us in Philippians 3:13 to forget the past. We are to reach forward to the future. It's sad to hear someone say I used to be that, or I failed in this and consistently dwell on it. The past is over, gone; you can't re-live it, so don't dwell on it. Just thank the Lord that by His grace you have a bright future to look forward to. All of us have failed in the past. Learn from your failures and go forward. Don't dwell on your past successes either. Use those as challenges and stepping-stones for today. Take one day at a time and give it all you've got for Jesus. With Him, you never face a future alone!

Leadership Principle

Decisions are made in a moment, but growth comes from daily discipline.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now..." Nehemiah 1:6

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Timothy 1:15

Stewardship Principle

The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Ecclesiastes 5:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the glory of the Lord..." Ezekiel 3:12

My Praises for Today

You can put your life on it!

There are so many principles and promises to live by in the fourth chapter of Philippians. We are to be happy in the Lord always (4:4); to pray about everything with thanksgiving (4:6); to continually have a thought life that involves things that are honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report (4:8); to be content with what we have (4:11); to realize we can do all things through Christ (4:13); and lastly, God will supply all our needs (4:19). This chapter is a series of sermons good for all of us. Please read and reread. Then, incorporate these principles into your life.

Leadership Principle

*Circumstances do not make
you what you are ...they
reveal what you are!*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

Stewardship Principle

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. Philippians 3:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

October 4

Jeremiah 2:31-4:18, Colossians 1:1-20, Psalm 76:1-12, Proverbs 24:21,22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: Daniel 2:20

My Praises for Today

In Him I Praise

Every good thing that I possess was given to me by Jesus Christ. When I accepted Him as my Savior in August of 1970 it was Jesus' blood by which I received redemption. He forgave me of all my sins. (Colossians 1:14). You see, Jesus is God, and according to Colossians 1:16,17 He created all things that are in heaven and earth. They were created by Him and for Him. By Him all things are held together, He preserves all that He made in creation. For that I praise Him as God. How about you? Where would we be without all those "good" things God gives us?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12,13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. Romans 5:7

Stewardship Principle

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

Leadership Principle

Leadership development is a life-time journey not a weekend trip.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

I thank thee, and praise thee,..." Daniel 2:23

My Praises for Today

Could they arrest you?

Long ago, I remember a Sunday school teacher using the word picture illustration, "If they came to town today to arrest all Christians, would they have enough evidence to convict you?" A person who knows Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior will live and walk in His ways. There should be no trouble distinguishing him from the world. None of us are perfect and we all will make mistakes, but the evidence of your life in Christ will show forth in our daily walk. As a Believer we will be built up in Him and established in the faith which means that we will grow more like Him as time goes on. We will also possess an attitude of thanksgiving. We are complete in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:6-10). If we have it, the evidence will show forth.

Leadership Principle

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it!

Ebert Hubbard

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"... and pray for us unto the Lord thy God,..." Jeremiah 42:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

Stewardship Principle

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

October 6

Jeremiah 6:15-8:7, Colossians 2:8-23, Psalm 78:1-31, Proverbs 24:26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And blessed be the most high God..." Genesis 14:20

My Praises for Today

Where are your affections?

Paul tells the Colossian church to set their affections on things above, not on the things of the earth. Your affection means your mind. We are to be mindful of the things of God. I make it a habit every day in my life to think about Christ, His Word and His will. I spend some time praising Him every day by reading His Word, praying to Him and just simply loving Christ for who He is. There are many other things that could steal our affections: making money a god in our life, too much attention to sports, addiction to television and any other thing that keeps you from serving God to the fullest. Many things are all right in themselves, but if they take your eyes off Jesus, then you are in trouble. Make Christ the very eye of your affections.

Leadership Principle

Many people go far in life because someone else thought they could.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass..." Jeremiah 42:4

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32

Stewardship Principle

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will sing unto the Lord..." Exodus 15:1

My Praises for Today

God's Grief

Has it ever occurred to you that God grieves? He is broken hearted over people who fail to come to Him, repent of their sins and get saved? The sad testimony in Jeremiah 8:20 is that the harvest is past, summer has ended and they are not saved. I hope that is not your testimony. There is a balm of healing in Gilead. The name of that balm is Jesus. Someone you know needs Jesus. Will you pray for that person right now? Don't let him die and go to hell.

Leadership Principle

People are like rubber bands: they must be stretched to be effective.

My Priorities for Today

John Maxwell

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Zechariah 8:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6

Memory Verse of the Week

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Stewardship Principle

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

October 8

Jeremiah 10:1-11:23, Colossians 3:18-4:18, Psalm 78:56-72, Proverbs 24:28,29

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The Lord is my strength and song..." Exodus 15:2

My Praises for Today

Are you using the right "How to Book?"

You can find them in any bookstore—books containing mounds of information on how to have a good marriage and family. However, you just cannot improve upon God's plan for doing it successfully. I know that God's plan works because we've tried it and it's right on target. We find those family instructions in Colossians 3:18-21. It simply states: 1) Wives, submit to your husbands, 2) Husbands, love your wives, 3) Children obey your parents, and 4) Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. In Ephesians 5, the word tells husbands to love their wives even as Christ loved the church. WOW! That's a lot of love. Family life is not a power struggle. It's designed by God to work. Is your marriage and family relationship working? Try the right book.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Matthew 5:44

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28

Stewardship Principle

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10

Leadership Principle

To go nowhere, follow the crowd.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. Exodus 15:18

My Praises for Today

The Lazy Man

The Bible refers to the lazy man as one who is slothful. Call it laziness or slothfulness, we have a lot of it in our society today. Some people work harder at figuring out how not to work than they would if they just went on and got a job! The Bible certainly discourages laziness. For a Christian it's a bad testimony. There are lessons to be learned from the slothful man. Look at his fields. Look at his yard. Look at his sleep habits. He usually lies in the bed longer than he should. The result is that he will be poor and never have enough to meet his obligations. You don't fit that description, do you?

Leadership Principle

If you're looking for a big opportunity, seek out a big problem.

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:29

Stewardship Principle

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? Luke 16:11

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths..

Proverbs 3:5-6

October 10

Jeremiah 14:11-16:15, 1 Thessalonians 2:10-3:13, Psalm 80:1-19, Prov. 25:1-5

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously." Exodus 15:21

My Praises for Today

Paul prays for love

Paul loved and ministered to the church at Thessalonica. In fact his prayer recorded in 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 was that the Lord would allow him to come in person to be with them because he was at that time in Corinth. Then another important part of the prayer was that they increase in love toward each other and to all men. I have no problem loving the lovable but I struggle loving the unlovable. I realize, however, that I should love everybody regardless of his or her sinful lifestyle or bad attitude. If we are going to be like Jesus, we have to love everybody. Let's work on that today.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Matthew 6:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 11 Timothy 1:12

Stewardship Principle

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

Leadership Principle

Walk so close to God that you leave no room for the devil.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"He is thy praise, and he is thy God..." Deuteronomy 10:21

My Praises for Today

He is coming!

As I pray everyday part of my prayer is for the Lord to come back and remove us from this earth. In numbers of places in the word we are exhorted to watch and wait for His second coming. What a day that will be! We will then experience resurrection from the dead, of course, unless you are still living. Living or dead, the church will be caught up by the Lord and be with Him for the rest of eternity. I challenge you to read these precious words again, found in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Comforting words? You bet!

Leadership Principle

If you don't do your homework, you won't make your free throws. Larry Bird

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts. 13:38

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

October 12

Jeremiah 19:1-21:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:4-28, Psalm 82:1-8, Proverbs 25:8-10

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Judges 5:2

My Praises for Today

Stop and reflect for awhile

As I read 1 Thessalonians 5, I realized that there were many things I wanted to bring to your attention, but there is not enough room in this day's devotion to elaborate, so I will be to the point. I challenge you to incorporate these Biblical principles into your life.

1. Love your preacher and others who labor in leadership among you. (vs. 12,13)
2. Warn them who are unruly (insubordinate) (vs. 14)
3. Comfort the faint hearted (vs. 14)
4. Support the weak (vs. 14)
5. Be patient to all men (vs. 14)
6. Don't render evil for evil (vs. 15)
7. Rejoice all the time (vs. 16)
8. Don't ever stop praying (vs. 17)
9. Give thanks for everything (vs. 18)
10. Abstain from all appearances of evil (vs. 22)

Those are 10 principles that will change your life. There are others also. Make your own list.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone. Matthew 14:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Stewardship Principle

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 Corinthians 8:1

Leadership Principle

*Are you feeling far from
God? Guess who moved?*

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

*Trust in the Lord with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him, and he
shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel."
Judges 5:3

My Praises for Today

Hear The Word of The Lord

Jeremiah writes in the twenty-second chapter, verse twenty-nine, "O earth, earth, earth hear the word of the Lord". While attending college, a professor once told me as he held his Bible up, "What you do with this book will determine what God does with you". I will never forget those words, and I sincerely believe that. The word of God is supernatural. It will change your life. That's why I preach the Bible. It is His word that will convict and change a person's life. It's why we are seeking to get the word of God into every home in our city. If they read or hear the word of God they may get saved. In fact, God promises that His word will never return void—and it will not.

Leadership Principle

*All accomplishments comes
from daring to begin.*

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My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. Matthew 19:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25

Stewardship Principle

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 2 Corinthians 8:2

Memory Verse of the Week

*Trust in the Lord with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him, and he
shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

October 14

Jeremiah 23:21-25:38, 11 Thessalonians 2:1-17, Psalm 84:1-12, Proverbs 25:15

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer." 2 Samuel 22:2

My Praises for Today

Claim it and believe it!

I'm over fifty now and have been a Christian for about thirty years. Recently I have had a conviction in my heart that we have not been believing or claiming what God has for us. For example, in Psalm 84:11 God says, "...no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly". Do you believe that? God said it didn't He? If we walk uprightly, God will not withhold any good thing from us. We need to start believing God rather than man. We have a great and marvelous God who loves His own. Why not take His promises seriously. He is serious, you know.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36

Stewardship Principle

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11

Leadership Principle

Vision adds value to everything.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Jeremiah 26:1-27:22, 11 Thessalonians 3:1-18, Psalm 85:1-13, Proverbs 25:16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised..." 11 Samuel 22:4

My Praises for Today

I thank you for your prayers

Paul said to the church at Thessalonica, "Brethren pray for us" (3:1). He understood the power of prayer. This preacher and every preacher needs your prayers also. I labor for the Lord daily. I need your intercession on my behalf. I need wisdom, discernment, protection, love for all, and a committed heart to do God's will. I also need power with God, a quiet heart to listen to His voice and continued integrity and trust as a leader. Further, I need protection from the wiles of the devil and discipline to use my time wisely. Finally, I need rest for this old body and exercise in order that it may work properly. Brethren, pray for me. Thank you.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. Mark 6:46

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Stewardship Principle

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 11 Corinthians 9:8

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Leadership Principle

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memory Verse of the Week

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

October 16

Jeremiah 28:1-29:32, 1 Timothy 1:1-20, Psalm 86:1-17, Proverbs 25:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name..." 1 Chronicles 16:8

My Praises for Today

Why Did Jesus Come To Earth?

The Apostle Paul dogmatically stated in 1 Timothy 1:15 that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Paul also thought himself to be the chief of sinners. In humility he realized his awful sin condition and recognized that Jesus was the only one that could save him. My friend, we too need to recognize our sinful condition. We are not good by nature but are products of our sinful and disobedient first parents, Adam and Eve. Jesus came to save everyone out of his or her sinful condition. It's sad that not everyone will recognize why He came and believe in Him. Have you let Him save you? Are you better than Paul? If not, maybe you too should take a personal inventory.

Leadership Principle

The attitude of your people is a reflection of your attitude.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Memory Verse of the Week

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Stewardship Principle

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? I Corinthians 4:7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto him, sing Psalms unto him..." 1 Chronicles 16:9

My Praises for Today

Discipleship

A disciple is one who is a learner. A disciple is one who teaches another. We find the best verse perhaps in the whole Bible on discipleship is 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul says that the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit or teach faithful men who in return will teach others. The key person in the discipleship process is a faithful man. What do you think are some Biblical qualities of a faithful man? He is faithful to God, his family and the church. He also reads his Bible, prays and witnesses. He is sensitive and is as obedient as possible to listening and obeying Christ's principles found in His Word. The disciple and the disciple must fall into the category of being a faithful man. Are you faithful? The world can only be reached through this process. There are six billion people in the world. Discipleship gives us the process of multiplication. If we disciplined one faithful man every six months and he does the same, it wouldn't take but a few years for the entire world to be evangelized. That's God's plan.

Leadership Principle

*If at first you do succeed,
try something harder.*

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:33

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

Memory Verse of the Week

*Therefore if any man be in
Christ, he is a new creature: old
things are passed away; behold,
all things are become new.*

Stewardship Principle

They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Jeremiah 31:27-32:44, 1 Timothy 3:1-16, Psalm 88:1-18, Proverbs 25:20-22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory ye in his holy name..." 1 Chronicles 16:10

My Praises for Today

What it takes to make a Pastor

We find the qualifications of a Pastor in 1 Timothy 3. Also listed in this passage are the qualifications of Deacons. The Pastor is responsible for the spiritual welfare of the local church. He is responsible to God for that (Acts 20:28). The Pastor is referred to by several names each of which means something relating to his leadership.

- Elder Refers to his wisdom and maturity.
- Bishop Refers to the administrative function of the office.
- Pastor Responsibility of caring for the church as a shepherd cares for the sheep.
- Preacher Refers to his ministry of publicly proclaiming God's word.
- Teacher Emphasizes that the pastor should be apt to teach.
- Servant Reminds us that he is to be servant of all.
- Steward Managing the property of others.

You should now realize you need to pray for your Pastor regularly and to be supportive of him. This list alone shows you why a dedicated Pastor puts in 16-18 hour days.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. Mark 14:38

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Luke 12:5

Stewardship Principle

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:36-37

Leadership Principle

Do what you can with what you have where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

Memory Verse of the Week

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Remember his marvelous works that he hath done..." 1 Chronicles 16:12

My Praises for Today

A good minister leads his people to remember...

The Bible in 1 Timothy 4:6 says that a minister is good if he puts the brethren in remembrance of the following:

- a. Refuse false doctrines (myths) (4:7)
- b. Exercise thyself in Godliness (4:7)
- c. Labor and realize you will suffer trouble (4:10)
- d. Don't despise your youth (4:12)
- e. Be an example (role model) in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and in purity. (4:12)

If you have a good pastor, he will preach to you about the above.

Leadership Principle

We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1

Memory Verse of the Week:

Stewardship Principle

What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? Psalm 116:12

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Jeremiah 35:1-36:32, 1 Timothy 5:1-25, Psalm 89:14-37, Proverbs 25:25-27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto the Lord, all the earth..." 1 Chronicles 16 :23

My Praises for Today

Preacher Bashing

I've been in the ministry almost three decades. Being a pastor is a leadership position, and someone is always shooting criticisms or negative comments at leadership. For me it's just a way of life. You can't go around spending your time putting out little fires. I have found that if I'll just trust God and pray about these things, God will take care of them in His time. The scripture in 1 Timothy 5:19 addresses how you should receive an accusation against a pastor. Only do it if there are two or more witnesses. Now I realize that pastors are human and can make mistakes, bad judgment calls and just sometimes may blow it. Let me warn you however, if a pastor is obeying God, preaching the Book and doing the best he can, you better leave him alone. There is a protection from God that surrounds the pastor. If there are accusations it must be substantiated by two or more witnesses. If he's living in sin get him out, but if he's doing the best that he can you better just pray for him and leave him alone.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. Luke 11:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

Stewardship Principle

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Leadership Principle

Most people spend more time planning Christmas than they do planning their lives.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." 1 Chronicles 16:25

My Praises for Today

Out of control

Recently I was watching a baseball game on television. During the second inning there was a call by the umpire with which one of the coaches disagreed. The coach ran out of the dugout, got face-to-face with the umpire and called him filthy names. We could tell what he was saying because the T.V. cameras were very close to the coach and umpire. The coach, a well known, popular man who had led his team to the World Series several times was out of control. He had no rule over his spirit (Read Proverbs 25:28). I was disappointed that a man of his stature and position would do that. As I recall, he even shoved the umpire. I was so disappointed in him that I e-mailed him a letter rebuking him for acting that way in front of children and national television. He never responded to me but about a week later I read in the sports section that he had been suspended for five games because of his antics. When you have no control over your spirit you will most likely do something that you will regret for a long time.

Leadership Principle

Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene.

Benson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32

Stewardship Principle

Give generously to those in need. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-10

Memory Verse of the Week

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Jeremiah 39:1-41:18, 11 Timothy 1:1-18, Psalm 90:1-91:16, Proverbs 26:1,2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory and honour are in his presence..." 1 Chronicles 16:27

My Praises for Today

Remember and pray

A shepherd is one who cares for his sheep by protecting them, feeding them, and probably most importantly, leading them. He would certainly never forget them. As a Pastor I am a shepherd of people. My people are my joy—I love them very much. I'm involved in their lives and I care about them. Paul said to his preacher boy, Timothy, that he prayed for him without ceasing. The most important thing you can do for a person is pray for him/her. I pray for my people regularly, and I know many of my people pray for me. It's a great joy for me to pastor a wonderful group of people. As I remember my people I am reminded to pray for them.

Leadership Principle

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

Eleanor Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. Isaiah 57:20

Stewardship Principle

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord..." 1 Chronicles 16:28

My Praises for Today

Get Approval

They come through the mail and over the telephone: "instant approval" or "you have been approved." . They don't know a thing about you, and yet they "approve." It's not quite that easy with God. There is a command in 11 Timothy 2:15 for us to study. We are to study God's word to show ourselves approved unto God. I don't know about you but I want God's approval. I spend sometime every day studying the Bible. It's a supernatural book that will change your life. You can't grow as a Christian without studying God's word. You can't know God's will as a Christian without studying His word. My advice to you my friend is, get in the book and get the right approval.

Leadership Principle

*Most of the things worth doing
in the world had been declared
impossible before they were done.*

Louis D. Brandeis

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. Luke 22:40

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Memory Verse of the Week

*Thy word is a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my path.*

Stewardship Principle

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 11 Corinthians 8:12

Psalm 119:105

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Jeremiah 44:24-47:7, 11 Timothy 2:22-3:17, Psalm 94:1-23, Proverbs 26:6-8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice..." 1 Chronicles 16:31

My Praises for Today

Seeker of man's praise.

Jeremiah's message to Baruch in Jeremiah 45:5 was not to seek great things for himself. You would be surprised at how many Christians serve God for personal Glory. Some churches and preachers try to build a name for themselves rather than trying to build a name for Jesus Christ. We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all for the glory of God. It's God's glory that's important. For whose glory do you serve?"

Leadership Principle

Make sure the thing you're living for is worth dying for.

Charles Mayes

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. Acts 8:24

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Isaiah 57:21

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Stewardship Principle

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 11 Corinthians 9:10-11

Jeremiah 48:1-49:22, 11 Timothy 4:1-22, Psalm 95:1-96:13, Proverbs 26:9-12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein." 1 Chronicles 16:32

My Praises for Today

Timothy's instructions

Paul exhorted his preacher boy Timothy to preach the word; not only preach, but to do it, in season and out of season. He was to reprove, rebuke and to exhort with longsuffering (patience). Preaching the word is not always popular but it needs to be done. It's the word that the Holy Spirit uses to convict people of their sins. It's the word that teaches a person to live the right way. It's the word of God that transforms a person's life. Thank God for those preachers who preach the word.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: Acts 10:9

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:30

Stewardship Principle

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

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Leadership Principle

People will work 8 hours a day for pay, 10 hours a day for a good boss, and 24 hours a day for a good cause!

Charles Mayes

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

October 26

Jeremiah 49:23-50:46, Titus 1:1-16, Psalm 97:1-98:9, Proverbs 26:13-16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord..."
1 Chronicles 16:33

My Praises for Today

Entertainment or preaching?

We are living in a day when we are so programmed for entertainment that it seems laborous to sit in a classroom or auditorium and listen carefully to a preacher preach God's word, especially if it's convicting. Many churches today try to use substitutes for preaching. Parents of teens give in to their wants in not encouraging their teens to be in church to listen to the preaching especially during the Sunday evening hour. My friends, the Lord tells us in Titus 1:3 that God manifested His word through preaching. We need to pray for the preacher that he will preach God's word. God's word says in 1 Corinthians 1:2 that "...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe". We can never place too much emphasis on the preaching. It is very, very important. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

Leadership Principle

Success isn't accumulating possessions, wealth, or power. Success is obeying God. It means having those closest to you love and respect you the most.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.. Proverbs 13:15

Stewardship Principle

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good..." 1 Chronicles 16:34

My Praises for Today

Are you qualified to teach?

When the Bible talks about aged women in Titus 2, I don't think it means women who are old in age, but rather older women who have matured spiritually. I can't begin to tell you the responsibility that I believe our spiritual women have in the church, especially in the area of leadership among younger women. Ladies, if you are spiritually mature you should be projecting a lifestyle of holiness, not false accusers, not addicted to wine and a teacher of good things. Paul tells us in his letter to Titus that you are to teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home (homemakers), good, obedient to their husbands. Why did he say all of the above? He said it so that the word of God be not blasphemed. Why don't you again read Titus 2:3-5. Pray over that passage.

Leadership Principle

*See your people as they could
be, not as they are.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. 11 Corinthians 13:7

Memory Verse of the Week

*Thy word is a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my path.*

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.. Proverbs 29:25

Psalm 119:105

Stewardship Principle

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24

October 28

Jeremiah 51:54-52:34, Titus 3:1-15, Psalm 100:1-5, Proverbs 26:18,19

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise."
1 Chronicles 16:35

My Praises for Today

Sing a Psalm

Psalm 100 is one of my favorite Praise songs. This Psalm contains a command to serve (1-3) and a command to praise (4-6). There are three calls to serve, make a joyful noise, serve the Lord, and come before Him. Why do we serve Him! We serve him because the Lord is God, He hath made us, and we are His people. Likewise there are three calls to praise, enter into His gates, be thankful and bless His name (vs. 4), followed by three causes for praise the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, His truth endureth (vs5). The above instructions, if followed, will make your Christian life joyous and profitable.

Leadership Principle

Those closest to the leader determine his level of success or failure. Mentoring potential leaders insures the leader and the organization of reaching their potential.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; Philippians 1:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Romans 7:24,25

Stewardship Principle

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord..."

1 Chronicles 23:30

My Praises for Today

Paul's Habit

The Apostle Paul possessed a habit that we should take note of and incorporate into our own lives. That habit was being thankful. As he wrote to Philemon he said, I thank my God for you. It is always so refreshing and encouraging to be around someone who is always thankful. The Bible commands us to be that way. In Philippians 4:4 we are told to rejoice always. Also in verse 6 of that same chapter we are told not to be anxious for anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Throughout Paul's letters, whether free or in jail, he always possessed a thankful heart to our Lord and for His people. Let us be that way.

Leadership Principle

A great man stands on God.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; Colossians 1:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1,2

Stewardship Principle

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

October 30

Lamentations 2:20-3:66, Hebrews 1:1-14, Psalm 102:1-28, Proverbs 26:21,22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"While I live will I praise the Lord..." Psalms 146:2

My Praises for Today

Speaking through His Son

You can't read the first few verses in Hebrews 1 without having a desire to fall down on your face and worship the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament God spoke to us through His prophets but in the New Testament He spoke to us through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. In verses 2 through 14 He is described as being heir of all things and was the world's maker. He is God in the flesh and He purged our sins and then sat down on the right hand of God. His deity is proved in verse 8 when it says, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God is forever & ever. A Scepter of righteousness is the Scepter of Thy Kingdom. If God the Father called the Son God then He is God. AMEN.

Leadership Principle

The gift is greater than the leader. God's anointing upon our lives points to His greatness, not ours.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Pray without ceasing, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? Luke 12:20

Stewardship Principle

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Memory Verse of the Week

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1,2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:13

My Praises for Today

Are you neglecting?

The book of Hebrews was written to the Hebrew Christians. As we realize that, we must come to the conclusion that Chapter 2:3 is a verse for Believers not unbelievers. It says, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." These Hebrew Christians were evidently second generation Believers by the tone of the verse. To neglect something or someone is to not give it attention or to ignore it. Now my friends, what God is saying here is to pay attention to what we have in salvation. Think about it, reflect upon it, be mindful of the one who gave it, be thankful for it, and testify about the one who gave it. All in all, live it out to its fullest. My Brethren, don't neglect what you have in Jesus.

Leadership Principle

*There are a lot of ways
to become a failure, but
never taking a chance is
the most successful.*

Lou Erickson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Brethren, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:7

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10

*Blessed is the man that walketh
not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sin-
ners, nor sitteth in the seat of the
scornful. But his delight is in
the law of the Lord; and in
His law doth he meditate day
and night. Psalm 1:1,2*

November

Ezekiel 1:1-3:15, Hebrews 3:1-19, Psalm 104:1-23, Proverbs 26:24-26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...the Lord loveth the righteous." Psalms 146:8

My Praises for Today

Believe it

Failure to believe is perhaps one of the biggest if not the biggest sin known to man. Failure to believe for the unsaved man will send him to Hell. Failure to believe on the part of the saved man can stunt his spiritual growth and leave him a life of miserable frustration. Sometimes it's hard to believe God has everything under control when we are right in the middle of the storm but the Bible tells us in Hebrews 3:8 to "harden not our hearts". We are then given an example of Moses and the children of Israel. Unbelief was Israel's chief sin. They didn't believe that God had things under control. They looked at the circumstances through the eyes of man and they were fearful. My friend, God is above the circumstances. We need to believe that God is who He says He is and to believe that God will do for us what He says He will do for us.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Stewardship Principle

Giving is a manifestation of God's grace in action, not His law. A gracious witness is worthy of publicity. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1

Leadership Principle

Decisions are made in a moment, but growth comes from daily discipline.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever..." 2 Chronicles 5:13

My Praises for Today

The B-i-b-l-e yes that's the Book for me.

The Bible is not a dead book of ancient history but it's God's word for you and me "TODAY". I am sure you have heard the expression "you are the only Bible some people will ever read." That's because when you have a steady diet of God's word in your life, it can't help but show on the outside in your daily walk. In Hebrews 4:12 the Bible describes itself as being "quick" that means alive (living). The Bible is alive and supernatural. It is also powerful (active) and sharper than any two edged sword. It reaches into the inner secrets of man's mind to discern even his thoughts and interest. God's eyes see man as though he were naked, unable to hide behind excuse or pretense. It can change a wicked sinner into a righteous man overnight! There's no other book that can do that. "I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

Leadership Principle

The greatest mistake we make is living in constant fear that we will make one.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1

Stewardship Principle

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 2 Corinthians 8:2

November 3

Ezekiel 7:1-9:11, Hebrews 5:1-14, Psalm 105:1-15, Proverbs 26:28

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high." Psalm 7:17

My Praises for Today

Grow Up

When we are born as babies our diet consist of milk only until we grow and reach the age for strained food. Then we are promoted to solid food as our growth continues. You know the Christian is also like that. When we are born again we study and understand the milk or the first principles of God's Word, meaning generally the knowledge of how to be saved, baptism, the gospel, Heaven, Hell and other beginning principles. God challenges us to grow, mature and eat solid Christian food. We can do that by being faithful to Him, studying His word and offering ourselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1,2). Growing up spiritually brings great blessings. Sadly, we understand that many new Christian babies never grow up. They are always drinking spiritual milk. Where are you in growth? I love babies, but I wouldn't want to be one all my life. Let's grow up together. (Hebrews 5:11-14).

Leadership Principle

The gift is greater than the leader. God's anointing upon our lives points to His greatness, not ours.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Memory Verse of the Week

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1

Principle of Prayer

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to be voluntary, not against our will. Read 2 Corinthians 8:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing praises to the Lord..." Psalm 9:11

My Praises for Today

Tomorrow: maybe, maybe not?

It happens every day and every night as we sleep. People die unexpectedly from accidents or numerous other causes. I'm sure that you have thought about your future and whether it's tomorrow or twenty years from now. Has it ever occurred to you that you might not see tomorrow? That's a real possibility. Only God has control of the future. In fact Proverbs 27:1 tells us not to boast yourself of tomorrow, why? Because you don't know "what a day may bring forth." That's a challenge to me, I want to live "TODAY" as if it were my last day on this earth. I want to be right with God TODAY, with my family "TODAY"; to be right with others "TODAY", and to use my time "TODAY" as if all of it will be spent up when the day is over. Tomorrow? It may never come for me (or for you).

Leadership Principle

*Life is 10 percent what
you make it and 90 percent
how you take it.*

Irving Berlin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. Hebrews 13:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7

*Blessed is the man that walketh
not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sin-
ners, nor sitteth in the seat of the
scornful. But his delight is in
the law of the Lord; and in
His law doth he meditate day
and night. Palm 1:1*

Stewardship Principle

Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 2 Corinthians 8:4

November 5

Ezekiel 12:1-14:11, Hebrews 7:1-17, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 27:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...in the midst of thy congregation will I praise thee." Psalm 22:22

My Praises for Today

Do you have an Idol?

Webster's dictionary says that an idol is "a representation or symbol of an object of worship." Anything that continually stands between you and your time with God has become an idol in your life. Sometimes very innocent things can become idols. Your work, making money, sports, sleep, and even your family (babies in particular) can all be candidates. Everything in your life has a place and if prioritized will fit in perfectly with God's plan. God spoke to Israel through Ezekiel concerning idols in Ezekiel 14:3,6. The ultimate solution to having an idol in your heart is to realize it's wrong and remove it. It's as simple as that.

Leadership Principle

A determined person is one who, when they get to the end of their rope, ties a knot and hangs on.

Joe L. Griffith

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. James 5:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

Stewardship Principle

Giving is a central part of a complete and healthy Christian walk, not peripheral to it. Read 2 Corinthians 8:5

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Ye that fear the Lord praise him..." Psalm 22:23

My Praises for Today

Friend Helping Friend

As a pastor I am always open for constructive criticism, personally and church wise. If a friend or family member sees something in my life that needs to be corrected, I am open to it. Yes, I admit it can be hurtful to me when it is shared, but if they do it in the right spirit, I am the one who benefits. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 27:6 that "Faithful are the wounds of a friend..." Quite to the contrary an enemy might flatter me with compliments, but yet hate me or cover up his hate for me, "...the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." True criticism from a friend can hurt for a time but may be welcomed because it is from a heart of love, whereas the kisses of an enemy is an attempt to conceal his hatred.

Leadership Principle

Above all, try something.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5:1

Stewardship Principle

Personal giving is encouraged, but not commanded. Read 2 Corinthians 8:8

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

November 7

Ezekiel 16:43-17:24, Hebrews 8:1-13, Psalm 106:13-31, Proverbs 27:7-9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation:" Psalm 22:25

My Praises for Today

Don't Forget

I try to spend some time everyday reflecting on God's goodness to me. I go back to 1970 and thank the Lord for my salvation and all the price that was paid for me to be saved and the love that God exhibited to me by drawing me to himself. I also thank and praise Him for all the benefits of life that He has sent my way and daily gives me. The point is this: I don't want to forget about or presume upon God's goodness to me. The children of Israel made the mistake of forgetting God's goodness and didn't wait for God's counsel. Friends, let's not forget about God's goodness and His daily benefits. Let's praise and thank Him daily.

Leadership Principle

God chooses what we go through; we choose how we go through it.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. Numbers 11:2

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24

Stewardship Principle

The spirit and heart of giving is central to sharing Christ's Spirit. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice..." Psalm 32:11

My Praises for Today

The Soul That Sinneth

The Bible proclaims in Ezekiel 18:4 that "...the soul that sinneth it shall die." Now we know that the Bible also says that "...it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment." The difference is this: The death spoken of in Ezekiel 18:4 is eternal death, not just a physical death. If a man dies in his sinful nature, he will spend an eternity in Hell. He will not only die physically but will die (live in Hell) eternally. God's instruction concerning eternal life with Him or without Him is pretty clear in scriptures. Where do you stand?

Leadership Principle

Progress is a tide. If we stand still we will surely be drowned. To stay on the crest, we have to keep moving.

My Priorities for Today

Harold Mayfield

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today: 1 Kings 8:28

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to be thoughtful, not impulsive. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10,11

John 14:6

November 9

Ezekiel 20:1-49, Hebrews 9:11-28, Psalm 107:1-43, Proverbs 27:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...for praise is comely for the upright." Psalm 33:1

My Praises for Today

Without it, no forgiveness

One of the most important teachings in the Bible is that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from our sins. In fact Hebrews 9:22 says, "...without the shedding of blood there is no remission or forgiveness." Let's not forget that Christ's blood was God's blood. He cleansed us (forgave us) by His blood. I love the songs we sing about the blood. "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins," "There's power in the blood," and many others that show of his unmatched love. In the Old Testament it was the blood sacrifices that pointed to the coming of Jesus. Without it, we would be lost. Thank God for the blood of Christ.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 1 Kings 8:54

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to come from what we have, not from what we don't have. Read 11 Corinthians 8:12

Leadership Principle

Experience is knowing a lot of things you shouldn't do.

William Knudson

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise the Lord with harp..." Psalm 33:2

My Praises for Today

Will the real man stand?

During the years of the Babylonian Captivity of Israel, God said in Ezekiel 22:30, "I sought for a man" in order to stand in the gap between the land and me so that they would not destroy it. The sad fact was that he couldn't find one. God is looking for men today to stand in the gap—one that would be faithful to Him and controlled by Him. I can personally say, yes Lord I want to be that man. How about you? Can God count on you?

Leadership Principle

Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second and keep your foot on first.

My Priorities for Today

Frederick Wilcox

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Daniel 6:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

"...but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to be governed by the principle of "abundance" in Christ's family, not the formula of a tithe. Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

November 11

Ezekiel 23:1-49, Hebrews 10:18-39, Psalm 109:1-31, Proverbs 27:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto Him a new song..." Psalm 33:3

My Praises for Today

Don't forsake the assembly

Now we know that Hebrews 10:25 talks to the New Testament Christian concerning his church attendance. The admonition involves more than occasional attendance. It involves the worship of Christ. Your outward church attendance is an indication of your inner spiritual condition. The assembling of God's people provides encouragement, strength and the stirring up that can be gained from one another. It consists of participation in worship and fellowship. The church is a body that interacts. I trust that you are actively involved in the church and its ministry. It was the church that Christ died for. It is the institution where Christ said, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It is a place of safety. Don't forsake it.

Leadership Principle

Problems are not your problems. It's not what happens to you but what happens in you that matter.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God. Daniel 9:20

Memory Verse of the Week

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Revelation 20:14

Stewardship Principle

Gifts are to be handled in a credible way with safeguards, not irresponsibly. Read 2 Corinthians 8:20-22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

My Praises for Today

What's Faith?

Hebrews 11 doesn't so much define faith but describes what faith does. In verse one it tells us that faith is the realization of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. All of our faith should be in God. Our trust, dependence, and desires should be in Him. Through faith we understand God. Verse six tells us that without faith it is impossible to please Him. The Bible also tells us that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. You have faith in God, not only to be saved but also in living day by day. Where do you place your faith?

Leadership Principle

Most people are educated way beyond their level of obedience.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to be encouraged by positive reinforcement to the giver, not by guilt or emotional manipulation. Read 2 Corinthians 9:1, 2

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

November 13

Ezekiel 27:1-28:26, Hebrews 11:17-31, Psalm 111:1-10, Proverbs 27:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3

My Praises for Today

Faith Examples

The Lord has given us so many illustrations of faith, especially in Hebrews 11. I believe these illustrations are for our admonition, for us to take note of so that we can have great faith in our Lord. In Hebrews 11:17-19, we find the faith that moved Abraham to offer up his son Isaac. Think about that! What a step of faith, however, that Abraham really believed after offering Isaac up that God would raise him from the dead, picturing the gospel that God had already shared with Abraham. Faith is believing the impossible— that God can do what He says He will do. How's your faith life?

Leadership Principle

If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves.

Thomas Edison

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...he kneeled upon his knees three time a day and prayed..." Daniel 6:10

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. 1 Peter 1:10

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoc edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Stewardship Principle

Generous people will be treated generously by God and man, not left alone. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise thee among much people." Psalm 35:18

My Praises for Today

How many weights do you run with?

You've seen runners who carry the small weights in their hands; well even those small weights can become very heavy in a long race. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 12 that we are to run the race of life that is set before us. In so doing we are to lay aside every weight and the sin that would hinder us. What is a weight? It is something that burdens us. These are things that are not necessarily wrong but are things that must be removed from a diligent runner or faithful Christian's life. It's an impediment to our life, such as watching too much T.V. when we should be doing something else, oversleeping when we should be up doing the Lord's business or having our quiet time with God. In other words, it is wasting time. What are those weights that hold you back from running the good race of life for the Lord Jesus Christ? Get rid of them. You can run much faster without them.

Leadership Principle

Your friends will stretch your vision or choke your dream.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed..." Matt. 26:39

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Stewardship Principle

Giving is to be done cheerfully, not grudgingly. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7

November 15

Ezekiel 31:1-32:32, Hebrews 12:14-29, Psalm 113:1-114:8, Proverbs 27:18-20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...with the voice of joy and praise..." Psalm 42:4

My Praises for Today

Peaceful living

The Bible is pretty clear concerning the fact that we are to pursue peace with all men. (Hebrews 12:14). We may not be able to agree with all men about everything but we can live in peace with them. I may not agree with my wife on how she squeezes the toothpaste tube but I'm not declaring war over it. She may not agree with me on how I snore on those tiresome nights, but she still talks to me in the morning! In 2 Corinthians 13:11 the Bible says, "...live in peace...." In 1 Thessalonians 5:13 "...And be at peace among yourselves." Then in Romans 12:18 "...If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Yes, it did say all men! Are you mad at someone right now? Have you made things right with all those that with whom you are in conflict? It's your responsibility.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. Daniel 9:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Stewardship Principle

God's generosity to us is for our ministry, not our consumption. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8,10

Leadership Principle

Life is a lot like tennis the one who can serve best seldom loses.

Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoc edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will sing of mercy and judgement..." Psalm 101:1

My Praises for Today

Are your hands bloody?

God told Ezekiel in Ezekiel 33 that he had set him as a watchman to the House of Israel and therefore his responsibility was to warn the wicked of his evil way. He was to preach God's word to them so that they might repent of their ways. The consequences of the prophet not warning the wicked would be that their blood would be on his hands. In like manner we Believers have been commanded to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth in order to warn the wicked of eternal Hell. We have the message of Jesus Christ that can change anyone's life. If we fail to do as commanded we no doubt will have blood on our hands. Are you involved in telling others and warning others? Today would be a good day to start. Can you remember a time when you spoke to someone about his or her relationship with Jesus Christ? It is our responsibility to warn the wicked.

Leadership Principle

*The measure of a life,
after all is not its duration
but its donation.*

Corrie Ten Boom

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth." Daniel 9:13

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:7

*For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper than
any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of
soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. Hebrews 4:12*

Stewardship Principle

Giving is an act of worship, not just a meeting of needs. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12

November
17

Ezekiel 35:1-36:38, James 1:1-18, Psalm 116:1-19, Proverbs 27:23-27

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...upon the harp will I praise thee..." Psalm 43:4

My Praises for Today

Bitter or Better

Life is filled with trials and testings. The Bible tells us in James 1 that we are to accept our "negative experiences of life" with joy, not because of the experience, but because of the positive work that God can accomplish through the testings. I believe trials produce spiritual maturity. Many of you reading this can give testimony to that. But, so often the things we endure make us bitter instead of better with no spiritual growth. It has been said that those Christians whom God can use the most are those whom God has bruised the most. Remember the tree that is correctly pruned produces the most fruit and beauty!

Leadership Principle

If you think you can, you can, and if you think you can't you're right.

Mary Kay Ash

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Daniel 9:17

Memory Verse of the Week

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Stewardship Principle

Giving is an investment toward the worship and growth of others. Read 2 Corinthians 9:13

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts;..." Psalm 103:21

My Praises for Today

Hearing and /or Doing?

As Christians , we are responsible for what we know. The Bible is God's instruction book for Believers. If God says it, we should believe it and if we believe it we should obey it. We are to be the living example of his Word. In James 1:22 we are exhorted to be doers, not hearers only. The big problem in the church is that we have many people hearing and very few doing. Are you a hearer only or are you a hearer and a doer?

Leadership Principle

*I teach what I know, but I
reproduce what I am.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. Daniel 9:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

Memory Verse of the Week

*For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper than
any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of
soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. Hebrews 4:12*

Stewardship Principle

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? Luke 16:11

November 19

Ezekiel 39:1-40:27, James 2:18-3:18, Psalm 118:1-18, Proverbs 28:2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...bless the Lord, O my soul." Psalm 103:22

My Praises for Today

Harder than taming a lion

The tongue is little but according to the Bible it can set fire to the whole course of life. It can be unkind, critical, it can destroy a testimony or the trust we have in each other. It can curse and cause destruction in many ways. The Bible says in James 3:8 that no man can tame or control his tongue. But let me tell you who can. The Holy Spirit of God can convict you and tame your tongue. If you are listening to Him and obeying Him the tongue can stop being used in an evil way. Why don't you put your tongue on the altar of God today. He will help you to control it.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. Jonah 2:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12

Stewardship Principle

Owing no man anything. Read Romans 13:8

Leadership Principle

People are your only appreciable asset.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him

John 3:36

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live..." Psalm 104:33

My Praises for Today

Does God Resist You?

What does God mean when he says he resists the proud? We find that truth in James 4:6. On the other side of the coin, He gives grace (unmerited favor) to the humble. Then there is a promise in verse 10 that says if we will humble ourselves in the sight of God then he shall lift you up. This is what the Liberty Illustrated Bible has to say. "Humility is a freedom from arrogance that grows out of the recognition that all we have and are comes from God. Biblical humility is not a belittling of oneself but an exalting or praising of others, especially God and Christ. A humble person focuses more on God and others than on himself. Biblical humility is also a recognition that by ourselves we are inadequate, without dignity and worthless. True humility does not produce pride but gratitude." The same God is both our Creator and Redeemer; our existence and righteousness depend on Him. Check yourself out. Are you a proud person?

Leadership Principle

Leadership is servanthood. Observance of this truth keeps your motives pure and protects you from ambition. It also makes you like Jesus.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"He went away again the second time, and prayed..." Matthew 26:42

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Romans 11:26

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Stewardship Principle

Warnings against gaining anything dishonestly. Read Proverbs 15:16, 20:17, 20:21, 20:23, 21:6, 25:16

John 3:36

November 21

Ezekiel 42:1-43:27, James 5:1-20, Psalm 119:1-16, Proverbs 28:6,7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My meditation of him shall be sweet..." Psalm 104:34

My Praises for Today

It's The Word

For years I have challenged the children, the teens, the adults, and the couples to read and obey God's Word. A Believer cannot grow without a constant diet of God's Word. I will say again, as I have said often, the Bible is a supernatural book. It will cleanse you, change you and keep you from sin. It's the most important book in your life. We should read it, meditate upon it and memorize it on a daily basis. There are so many benefits derived from being involved in God's Word. Read again Psalm 119:9-11 and also go back to Psalm 19 and read verse seven through fourteen. We are to desire God's Word more than we desire eating and making money. It is a priority. Is it yours?

Leadership Principle

Never take shortcuts...they don't pay off in the long run.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matt. 17:21

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

Stewardship Principle

Need for confession and restitution for things you've taken dishonestly in the past. Read Numbers 5:7,8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him..." Psalm 105:2

My Praises for Today

No Obedience, No Answered Prayer

God's word says emphatically in Proverbs 28:9 that if you turn your ear away from hearing the law, then your prayer will be an abomination. Can it be any clearer? You will have to agree that the Bible teaches that the Lord honors those who obey Him. I believe that if you get God's attention, it must be through doing those things that are pleasing in His sight. God's promises are located in His Word so, therefore, you've got to get in the Word and listen to it in order to know the mind of the Lord. Is your prayer an abomination to God?

Leadership Principle

*No man is wise
enough by himself.*

Plautus

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Giving what you have to God's servants. Read Ecclesiastes 2:26

*He that believeth on the Son
hath everlasting life: and he that
believeth not the Son shall not
see life; but the wrath of God
abideth on him*

John 3:36

November 23

Ezekiel 45:13-46:24, I Peter 1:13-2:10, Psalm 119:33-48, Proverbs 28:11

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name:" Psalm 105:1

My Praises for Today

Be Holy

Our God is holy, holiness is His name say the scriptures. Our God calls His people to holiness, according to 1 Peter 1:15. We are to be holy in our conversation, which means conduct. Are you holy in your conduct? Are the words that come out of your mouth holy? The Bible says, "let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto thee..." How about your thought life? According to Ephesians 4:32 our conduct should display a kindness to one another and we are to be forgiving of one another even as God forgives us. The word says. "Be ye holy for I am holy." That will make you different from the world. Holiness causes you to take a stand for what is right.

Leadership Principle

No man will ever be a big executive who feels that he must either openly or undercover, follow up every order he gives and see that it is done, nor will he ever develop a capable assistant.

John Mahin

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. Matthew 21:13

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him

John 3:36

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Stewardship Principle

Instructions for those who have stolen things in the past. Read Exodus 22:3

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Glory ye in his holy name..." Psalm 105:3

My Praises for Today

A Short Account

Keeping a short account of sins is very important. The wisdom in Proverbs 28:13 tells us that if you cover up your sins you will not prosper. That means if you fail to confess your sins or to acknowledge them, you will not be successful. But if you confess your sins and forsake them, God will be merciful to you and forgive you. In I John 1:9, the Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." My friend, keep a short account. Confess your sins daily. Agree with God that your immoral thoughts, bad attitude and disobedience to Him are sin and if not confessed, will cause you to fail miserably as a Christian. (KISS-Keep it short sinner!)

Leadership Principle

The man who starts out going nowhere, generally gets there.

Dale Carnegie

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. Mark 9:29

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

Stewardship Principle

Seek God FIRST, and then watch and experience His Father's care in your life. Read Matthew 6:33

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

November 25

Daniel 1:1-2:23, I Peter 3:8-4:6, Psalm 119:65-80, Proverbs 28:14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Remember his marvelous works that he hath done..." Psalm 105:5

My Praises for Today

Make Friends With The World

Daniel was a long way from home as he served the King of Babylon in his palace. The people of God were in the midst of the 70-year captivity, which He had promised them because of their spiritual adultery. Daniel loved God and his testimony no doubt was very strong as he served the people in Babylon. He had made friends with the Babylonians and because of his attitude and great spirit he was granted favor in the King's Court. Daniel had requested that he not eat the King's meat because as a Jew it would defile him, nor did he want to drink the King's strong drink. The request was granted on the condition of proof that after ten days he would look as physically fit as those who ate the King's meat. Daniel ate only vegetables and at the end of the ten days his countenance appeared fairer and fatter than all the children who ate the King's meat. He had an opportunity to prove himself simply because he purposed in his heart not to defile himself and lived out a good testimony. What does the world think of your testimony? Are you kind and gracious to the unsaved? Do you make friends outside the body of Christ? Does your good testimony give you opportunities that you would not normally have?

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. Mark 11:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark 5:19

Stewardship Principle

Hold back on your giving and you'll experience loss. Read Proverbs 11:25

Leadership Principle

Commitment in the face of conflict produces character.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Psalm 106:1

My Praises for Today

Where does it all come from?

I love to hear someone say "I have been blessed of God for all the good things that I have." That's a true statement because the Word says every good and perfect gift comes from God. When Daniel was serving the King of Babylon someone was needed to interpret a dream and no one, including the wise men, astrologers, magicians or soothsayers, could interpret the dream. When Daniel was contacted about the matter, his response was that there was a God in Heaven who could reveal secrets and make known the meaning of the dream. God did, through Daniel, interpret the dream and God also received the glory. Do you make it a habit in your life to give God the glory for all the good things that come your way? We even need to praise and acknowledge the Lord for the different things in life, realizing that he is molding and making something out of us for His glory.

Leadership Principle

Christians are supposed not merely to endure change, nor even profit by it, but to cause it.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Luke 1:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 3:10

Stewardship Principle

A poor woman who gave to God all she had. Read Mark 12:41-44

Memory Verse of the Week

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 1 John 2:15,16

November 27

Daniel 4:1-37, 2 Peter 1:1-21, Psalm 119:97-112, Proverbs 28:17,18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Oh that men would praise the Lord..." Psalm 107:8

My Praises for Today

It Is God's Word

I believe the Bible is God's Word and that it came straight from God. God gave about 40 holy men of God His Word and they wrote it down as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). We do not deny the personalities and writing styles of these men but we do believe that the Holy Spirit controlled the process by bringing the very God breathed work to these men. Take a minute and read 2 Timothy 3:16,17 and make a note of what God says Himself about His Word. As Christians read the Bible they can be confident that it is the very word of God. If you have some trouble with the above explanation then I challenge you to just read the book with an open mind, follow the instructions and live by its principles. I guarantee you will be a changed man. By being God breathed it is a supernatural book. It is God's Word.

Leadership Principle

The leader's growth determines the people's growth.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Memory Verse of the Week

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Principle of Prayer

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

Stewardship Principle

A poor widow who gives her "last meal" to feed God's servant before meeting her own family's needs. Read 1 Kings 17:15,16

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the Lord God..." Psalm 106:48

My Praises for Today

Experiencing God's Word

The Psalmist says in Psalm 119:127 "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea above fine gold." No man could make a statement like that without having experienced the truth of God's Word. Now money is a pretty important issue in most people's lives. However if you have experienced God through following His instruction you will also come to the same conclusion as the Psalmist. Let me ask you, can money buy peace and joy? Can money buy eternal life in Heaven? Can money buy salvation and all of its benefits? Can money give a man and woman the right kind of marriage? Can money raise children properly? No, it cannot, but God's Word can. For those of us who have experienced the truth of God's Word, we would come to the same conclusion as the Psalmist. His commandments are more important than all the money in the world.

Leadership Principle

If you're looking for a big opportunity, seek out a big problem.

Unknown

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11

Stewardship Principle

People in poverty who still gave generously. Read 2 Corinthians 8

Memory Verse of the Week

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Daniel 6:1-28, 2 Peter 3:1-18, Psalm 119:129-152, Proverbs 28:21,22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise him among the multitude." Psalm 109:30

My Praises for Today

The Whole World

When Jesus Christ went to the cross, shed His blood and died for our sins, he did it for the whole world. In John 3:16 the Bible tells us "For God so loved the world..." That means you, all your relatives, all your neighbors, all your friends and all the people you don't know who has ever lived, those living now and all those who will live in the future. We are reminded in 2 Peter 3:9 that he is "...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." If our Lord is so interested in everybody and wants to save everybody then I believe that we too should be interested. A man's soul will live eternally, either in Heaven or Hell. As Jesus, we should be interested that man be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. It's the whole Word.

Leadership Principle

*Great minds have purposes;
others have wishes.*

Washington Irving

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow. Luke 22:45

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Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8

Stewardship Principle

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." John Wesley

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Sing praises to God, sing praises:..." Psalm 47:6

My Praises for Today

Dealing With The Offended

"Great Peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" Psalm 119:165

I spend a whole lot of my time trying to work out little petty matters where people are offended or get their feelings hurt. There are a whole lot of whiners in the church today. They whine if they don't get their way, they whine if they don't get recognized, they whine if they don't agree with the direction and vision of the church, and on and on and on. If a person is truly offended then Matthew 18:15-18 needs to be exercised; but if it's just a little pride, self exaltation issue then get over it and go on. You show how spiritual you are by what it takes to offend you. Our peace comes from God through His Word and nothing will cause us to stumble. Period

Leadership Principle

Leadership functions on the basis of trust. When trust is gone, the leader soon will be.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14

Memory Verse of the Week

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Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

Stewardship Principle

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Ecclesiastes 5:12

December



Daniel 8:1-27, 1 John 2:1-17, Psalm 120:1-7, Proverbs 28:25,26

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the name of the Lord:..." Psalm 135:1

My Praises for Today

How do you really know?

If someone would ask the question, how do you know that you are saved? How would you answer? In the Epistle of 1 John, there are at least thirteen answers to that question. There are certain things that will be evident in your life if you are saved. One of them is found in 1 John 2:3, "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." You may occasionally fail at keeping the commandments of the Lord but all in all, if you are saved you are going to treasure His Word and obey what He says. It's as simple as that. A man who doesn't want to be baptized, doesn't want to go to church, doesn't want to tithe, doesn't want to pray and doesn't want to read the Bible, I believe, manifests the fact that he doesn't know Christ. How about you?

Leadership Principle

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Memory Verse of the Week

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Principle of Prayer

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Titus 1:16

Stewardship Principle

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...I will praise the Lord with my whole heart..." Psalm 111:1

My Praises for Today

And here's more evidence

In yesterday's devotional, we discussed how a person knows whether he's saved. Of course there are the reasons given in the Epistle of 1 John. More evidence is found in 1 John 3:6 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." That doesn't mean that if you commit one sin you are not saved. What it does mean is this— you can't habitually sin or make sin a life style and be saved. A person who lives as a habitual drunkard or participates continually in sex sins, or is a constant thief, according to the Bible, is not saved. Please refresh your memory of what I Corinthians 6:9, 10 says. More is coming tomorrow.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. Acts 3:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Stewardship Principle

"The only right stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love."
John Calvin

Leadership Principle

*Excellence is the gradual result
of always striving to do better.*

Pat Riley

Memory Verse of the Week

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December 3

Daniel 11:2-35, I John 3:7-24, Psalm 122:1-9, Proverbs 29:1

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Praise ye the Lord..." Psalm 113:1

My Praises for Today

And here's even more...

I could not stop from expounding upon the subject how you can know that you are saved. We are still reading in the Epistle of I John in verse fourteen we know that we are saved because we love the brethren. Brethren means fellow believers. In other words we love Christian people. That means we enjoy their presence, help them in time of need and encourage them on a regular basis. We love them even when they are unloveable or when their attitudes aren't pleasant. We love them when they are happy and we love them when they are sad. We just simply love our brothers in Christ unconditionally. If you find yourself having problems with that then you may not be saved. Read verses seven, eight, eleven, twelve, twenty and twenty one.

Leadership Principle

When was the last time that you did something for the first time?

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Acts 10:31

Memory Verse of the Week

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Stewardship Principle

People no longer give to the church simply because it is the church. The church must prove it is worthy of donations through the mark it leaves on the world.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Blessed be the name of the Lord..." Psalm 113:2

My Praises for Today

The Two Resurrections

In Daniel 12:2 the Bible speaks of two resurrections- one to everlasting life, and one to shame everlasting contempt. For the Believer, resurrection from the dead means an eternal abode with Christ in Heaven living in our glorified body. For the unbeliever resurrection from the dead will mean a judgment from the Great White Throne of Judgment and to be cast into hell where the unbeliever will be forever and ever. The only way to escape everlasting contempt is to know and accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. Do you know Him?

Leadership Principle

*Circumstances do not make
you what you are...they
reveal what you are!*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts 12:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9

Memory Verse of the Week

Stewardship Principle

Establish a company tithing or benevolence fund.

*Now unto him that is able to do
exceeding abundantly above all
that we ask or think, according
to the power that worketh in us,*

Ephesians 3:20

December 5

Hosea 1:1-3:5, I John 5:1-21, Psalm 124:1-8, Proverbs 29:5-8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant" Psalm 135:3

My Praises for Today

Being an Overcomer

As we continue to track down the reasons why we can know that we are saved, chapter 5 of the Epistle of 1 John gives us more reasons. We find in verse four that if we are born of God then we are an overcomer, meaning we overcometh the world. Why? Because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Satan has no control over us unless we allow him to have control. A saved man is an overcomer. The verse goes on to say we overcome because of our faith. And we are victorious because of our faith. Praise the Lord.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made;..." Acts 16:13

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalm 9:17

Stewardship Principle

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:6,7

Leadership Principle

*Are you gonna get any better,
or is this it?*

Earl Weaver

*Baltimore Orioles Manager
... to an Umpire*

Memory Verse of the Week

*Now unto him that is able to do
exceeding abundantly above all
that we ask or think, according
to the power that worketh in us,*

Ephesians 3:20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"But we will bless the Lord..." Psalm 115:18

My Praises for Today

Walking In Truth

The apostle John writes in 2 John 4 that he rejoiced greatly when he found some of God's children walking in truth. Walking means day-by-day living in truth; the truth that we get from God's Word. John goes on to warn the brethren concerning deceivers. There are a lot of spiritual deceivers in the world today. You can usually determine whether they are a deceiver or not by what they believe about Jesus Christ. If they carry not the doctrine of Christ, they are not saved. Jesus is God Himself who took upon Himself human flesh. He came to this earth, lived, died on Calvary's cross and shed His blood for our sins. He was buried, rose again the third day and defeated death; then lived again on the earth for forty days. He then ascended to Heaven to the right hand of the Father where He is presently intercessing or praying for us. He possesses all power that is in Heaven and earth. He will one day come back for His church. If someone tries to come to your door and tell you differently, have nothing to do with him or her.

Leadership Principle

Loving people precedes leading them. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Psalm 64:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Stewardship Principle

"One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."
Gordon MacDonald

Ephesians 3:20

December 7

Hosea 6:1-9:17, 21 John 1:1-14, Psalm 126:1-6, Proverbs 29:12-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...call upon the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:13

My Praises for Today

A Great One In The Old Testament

One of my favorite verses in the Old Testament is Psalm 126:6. It's a soul winning verse that I attribute to be the Great Commission in the Old Testament. The New Testament Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:19, 20. Both of these passages tell us to "go". That's the responsibility of every Christian. You will notice that Psalm 126:6 then says "weepeth". You know that the real burden doesn't come until you first go. Then both passages tell us to sow the word or preach; and as a result, people will be saved. Then those we have led to the Lord, bring them (with rejoicing) to the church for baptizing and teaching. That's pure evangelism, the responsibility of the church, but more importantly, for you as an individual believer.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Romans 10:1

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Thessalonians 1:8

Stewardship Principle

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

Leadership Principle

Every change in human attitude must come through internal understanding and acceptance. Man is the only known creature who can reshape and remold himself by altering his attitude.

John Maxwell

Memory Verse of the Week

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Bless the Lord..." Psalm 135:19

My Praises for Today

Restraint For The Little Ones

I don't believe that it is possible to raise a child properly without using the rod or spanking him and restraining him when he does wrong. A child who is raised without restraint is trouble. The Word tells us in Proverbs 29:15 that the rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. It is the Father and Mother's responsibility to raise the child in such a way that he obeys them and respects them. No doubt, many times in public you will find an unrestrained child reacting to parents in a disrespectful way. I've seen this happen thousands of times, not only from teenagers, but those as young as two or three as well. What are we to do? Use the rod or some other method of restraint approved by God. That's His way.

Leadership Principle

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

John A. Shedd

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Romans 12:12

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. Luke 16:24

Stewardship Principle

"When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain." Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

December 9

Joel 1:1-3:21, Revelation 1:1-20, Psalm 128:1-6, Proverbs 29:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving" Psalm 116:17

My Praises for Today

Fear = happiness

The word blessed in the Bible means "happy". In Psalm 128, the Word says blessed or happy is everyone that feareth the Lord. This fear, putting it very simply, means a reverence of Him, because He is everything! There are four verses that give us the result of fearing the Lord. Verse 2 says, you will eat from the labor of your hands, you will be happy, and it shall be well with you. Then in verse three, there is a promise that your wife will be fruitful and your children blessed. That's what God promises to the man who fears Him.

Leadership Principle

Hurting people hurt other people. Once you learn this, it's easier to "turn the other cheek."

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. Mark 1:35

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10

Memory Verse of the Week

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

Stewardship Principle

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...ye that fear the Lord, bless the lord." Psalm 135:20

My Praises for Today

Your First Love

As believers, our first love should be Jesus Christ. Have you left your first love? In addressing the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:4, the Lord says, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." This is an admonition for our church today. Have we left our first love? If we have, then we need to repent, come back, and in so doing, restore the joy of our salvation. When Christ is our first love, we spend time with Him, pray to Him, obey His commandments, exalt and magnify Him and worship Him. It means that He is in the very center of our home, our plans and our future. Have you lost your first love? Come back today. He's waiting.

Leadership Principle

Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday.

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way. 1 Samuel 12:23

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thessalonians 1:9

Stewardship Principle

The women in Jesus' entourage were widowed, but helped finance His ministry. Read Luke 8:2, 3

Memory Verse of the Week

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

December 11

Amos 4:1-6:14, Revelation 2:18-3:6, Psalm 130:1-8, Proverbs 29:21-22

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 116:19

My Praises for Today

Prepare

The Lord spoke through the prophet Amos exhorting Israel to prepare to meet God. God had punished them, but Israel had failed to repent of their sins. Preparing to meet God is a very important issue in a person's life. You are saved or you are lost. Even if you are saved you may not be honoring God in your lifestyle. According to James 4:14, life is brief so we need to set our life in order. We need to know God and come to Him through the shed blood of Calvary's cross. If we have done that, we need to be very conscious of the fact that we will meet Him face to-face-one day. It is then, we will give an account of our every deed and thought since we have been saved. (Romans 14:12) Are you preparing to meet God? It may be today or any given day in the future.

Leadership Principle

Leading followers is fast and easy, and it has little return; leading leaders is slow and hard, and it has a great return.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1

Memory Verse of the Week

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7, 8

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 14:12

Stewardship Principle

Give at least a tenth of any gain or profit from any investment to the Lord's work.

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O praise the Lord all ye nations..." Psalm 117:1

My Praises for Today

On The Outside Looking In

All of us have seen the picture, which portrays Jesus standing outside the door knocking, waiting to be invited in. That picture depicts what is said in Revelation 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock..." Many have taught us that this verse is a salvation verse but it really isn't. The message is to the church at Laodicea, the church that was neither cold nor hot. It is a church that makes God sick! (Revelation 3:15, 16). It depicts Jesus not on the inside but on the outside knocking and waiting to get in. That's a horror to me! A church is to honor and magnify Christ. He's to be on the inside, not the outside. It is He who should be proclaimed to the world as Savior and Lord. Let's let Jesus take active control and leadership of His own church. He died for the church. The church should live for Him.

Leadership Principle

*Leading others takes courage.
Knowing the right decision is usually easy. Making the right decision is hard.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

*Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock,
and it shall be opened unto you:
For every one that asketh
receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth; and to him that knock-
eth it shall be opened.*

Matthew 7:7,8

Stewardship Principle

Earmark proceeds from a specific investment to the Lord's work.

December 13

Obadiah 1:1-21, Revelation 4:1-11, Psalm 132:1-18, Proverbs 29:24,25

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"For his merciful kindness is great toward us..." Psalm 117:2

My Praises for Today

Men Pleasers

You have heard the expression he's a man pleaser. I see that all the time. We live in a political society that even invades the work of the church. There are many good evangelists and preachers in our society today who have been called and anointed of God and who are used in a mighty way. The problem with some is that they are man pleasers, who stay only in their peer group when they could go out beyond their little political group and be a greater blessing to many more. They are nothing more than man pleasers. The Bible says in Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man bringeth a snare but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." If I understand my calling correctly, God called me, not man, and I'm going to get my leadership and instructions from Him. I am going to trust Him. It is my desire to follow Him day by day. Be a God pleaser rather than a man pleaser.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

Stewardship Principle

God will remember all the giving you did in this life because of your love for Him. Read Hebrews 6:10

Leadership Principle

Keep away from people who belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Mark Twain

Memory Verse of the Week

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7, 8

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles..." Psalm 118:15

My Praises for Today

Where are You?

Has there ever been a time in your Christian life when you felt God was not answering your prayers, nor communicating with you at all? And you began to wonder, Lord where are you? In the book of Jonah, God called Jonah to go and preach against the great wickedness of Nineveh. As most of you know, he disobeyed and ran from the call of God. He, of course, ended up in a sea monster's belly for three days and three nights. You will notice that God did not say anything to Jonah when he ran, and it was not until Jonah recognized his sin and repented did God speak to him again. In fact he spoke to the creature before he spoke to Jonah again. When God did speak, it was the same call that He issued before. This time Jonah obeyed. You might be where Jonah is today. The Lord may have spoken to you, but you either ignored Him or disobeyed. That might be why God has said nothing to you lately.

Leadership Principle

*You can't build a reputation
on what you are going to do.*

Henry Ford

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. Luke 5:16

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Matthew 7:13

*Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock,
and it shall be opened unto you:*

*For every one that asketh
receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth; and to him that knock-
eth it shall be opened.*

Stewardship Principle

He will only trust us with much after we prove ourselves worthy with a little. Read Luke 16:10

Matthew 7:7, 8

December 15

Micah 1:1-4:13, Revelation 6:1-17, Psalm 134:1-3, Proverbs 30:1-4

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"O give thanks unto the Lord." Psalm 118:29

My Praises for Today

Bless Him

I have learned in recent years that the Lord is honored by our blessing Him. The Psalmist says in Psalm 134, bless ye the Lord. He recognized the sovereignty and greatness of God as our Creator. We are to lift up our hands and bless and worship Him. I challenge you today to bless the Lord. Oh come let us adore Him. Let us cry worthy is the Lamb that was slain. Let us magnify and praise His name. He deserves all the honor, praise, adoration, exaltation and blessing that we can give Him. Spend some time today blessing and praising Him.

Leadership Principle

People who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.

Elbert Hubbard

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Ye also helping together by prayer for us..." 2 Corinthians 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Memory Verse of the Week

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7, 8

Stewardship Principle

A rich man that was unwilling to give. Read Matthew 19:21-24

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...thou art my God, I will exalt thee." Psalm 118:28

My Praises for Today

A Case For God's Word

In Proverbs 30:5, 6 the Bible says God's Word is pure; meaning, it has been tried and found pure. It also says that we are not to add (take away either) to His words because the punishment would be reproof from God; and in the process you would be considered a liar. In realizing the above fact, I am always amazed at how people spiritualize God's Word. They say or teach things that aren't there. That's wrong. Just because something has been done a certain way for years doesn't mean that God said to do it that way. Sometimes in our churches the commandments (or traditions) of men take precedence over the commandments of God. We need to be very careful. God's Word stands for itself. Don't make it say something that it doesn't.

Leadership Principle

*Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where the fruit is?*

Frank Scully

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 2 Corinthians 9:14

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14

Stewardship Principle

A rich man that was willing to let go of his business to go and serve God full-time. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21

Memory Verse of the Week

*Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock,
and it shall be opened unto you:
For every one that asketh
receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth; and to him that knock-
eth it shall be opened.*

Matthew 7:7, 8

December
17

Nahum 1:1-3:19, Revelation 8:1-13, Psalm 136:1-26, Proverbs 30:7-9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart..." Psalm 119:7

My Praises for Today

Do We Understand Who God Is?

The Bible tells us that fearing God is the beginning of wisdom. That fear means a reverential awe or respect for God. It is so important to serve and worship God upon the knowledge of who He is. He is holy, righteous, and merciful. In fact, in today's reading of Nahum 1:1-8, we catch a glimpse of who God is and some of His attributes. Notice that He is a jealous God, He avenges His enemies, He is slow to anger, and He is great in power. He also has power over all nature, He's good, a stronghold in trouble and He knows those who trust Him. We serve a mighty and Holy God. May we trust Him to take control of our lives.

Leadership Principle

*People who live for themselves
are in a mighty small business.*

Anonymous

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. Philippians 1:4

Memory Verse of the Week

*Come unto me, all ye that
labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take
my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest
unto your souls. For my yoke
is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Stewardship Principle

People that gave generously to help accomplish needed building renovations. Read 2 Corinthians 24:8-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks..." Psalm 119:62

My Praises for Today

The Cry of my Heart

The request of Habakkuk through his prayer to God was "O Lord Revive thy work." That's the cry of this preacher's heart. I believe that the Lord wants to send revival more than we even desire revival. We need a visitation from God so badly. This visitation can only come from God's people who are willing to humble themselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14). The responsibility is upon us, not The White House, not the State House, not the Supreme Court, but the Church House (God's people). We need to corporately pray for God to come in His power to revive our hearts. We need a transformed community. May the above be the cry of your heart also.

Leadership Principle

Winner's concentrate on winning; loser's concentrate on getting by.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Ephesians 6:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Stewardship Principle

People that gave to a building project. Read Exodus 35:5

Memory Verse of the Week:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

December 19

Zephaniah 1:1-3:20, Revelation 10:1-11, Psalm 138:1-8, Proverbs 30:11-14

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Seven times a day do I praise thee." Psalm 119:164

My Praises for Today

Commitment To Praise

Again we want to reflect upon the commitment to Praising God. The Psalmist, in Psalm 138, starts out by individually praising God with his whole heart, and then, verses four through six, He looks forward to universal praise. Trouble in life or difficulties should never change our praise life. Why? Because a believer realizes that all his troubles are but temporary. God's mercy endureth forever. He is good, isn't He.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:19

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. I Timothy 1:15

Stewardship Principle

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:14

Leadership Principle

Do not follow where the path may lead. Follow God, instead, to where there is no path and leave a trail.

Anonymous

Memory Verse of the Week

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My lips shall utter praise..." Psalm 119:171

My Praises for Today

God Don't Make No Junk

The above title may not be good English, but it is good theology. As a general rule, I find that people are too down on themselves. They make such statements as, "I can't do that, I'm so dumb, I can't do anything or I can't be anything." Now I do realize that all of us are sinners, and we are imperfect however, God "don't" make no junk. I challenge you to read Psalm 139:13-17. The Lord knows us even in the womb as He forms our inward parts. Then the Psalmist says in verse 14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works;" Did you get that my friend? You are wonderfully made. You are important to God. He thinks about you and desires your fellowship. Again I'll say, God doesn't make any junk!

Leadership Principle

*If you want to make enemies,
try to change something.*

Woodrow Wilson

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Stewardship Principle

Preparing your home so it could be used by God's servant(s) when they are in the area. Read 11 Kings 4:8-10

Memory Verse of the Week

*Come unto me, all ye that
labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take
my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest
unto your souls. For my yoke
is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

December 21

Zachariah 1:1-21, Revelation 12:1-13:1a, Psalm 140:1-13, Proverbs 30:17

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"My tongue shall speak of thy word..." Psalm 119:172

My Praises for Today

You step, He'll bless

There are thousands of promises in the Bible for the Christian. Has it ever occurred to you that most of them are conditional? You must take the first step, then God will respond. An example of that is in Zachariah 1:3 "...Thus saith the Lord of hosts, turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you..." You've got to take the first step. In James 4:8, the Bible says, "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." In the book of Exodus when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, the Red Sea didn't open up until they took the first step forward. The same was true when Joshua led the people of God from the wilderness to the Promise land through the Jordan River. How about you, my friend? Take that step toward God today.

Leadership Principle

*People do what people see.
They forget your words
but follow your footsteps.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. I Timothy 4:5

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6,8

Stewardship Principle

Someone who was overly concerned about their inheritance. Read Luke 12:13-15

Memory Verse of the Week

*Come unto me, all ye that
labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take
my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest
unto your souls. For my yoke
is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee..." Psalm 119:175

My Praises for Today

How do you respond?

I remember many years ago a friend I loved and trusted turned on me and in anger told me "I am going to watch you sink." That was an extremely hurtful thing to say, but there have been many since then. If you have experienced life, you must realize that every one of us faces trials, temptations, difficulties and troubles. How should a Christian respond to these things? We find that answer in Psalm 141. First of all we pray (vs. 1,2) and our prayer is that God would help us to guard our lips in what we say (vs.3) and our heart so that it will not be filled with evil. Then we should realize we need to put our trust in the Lord. We are not to retaliate toward the saved or unsaved if they treat us wrongly but should just trust God for deliverance. Do that today.

Leadership Principle

*Problems are those things
we see when we take our
eyes off the goal.*

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2

Memory Verse of the Week

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

*Come unto me, all ye that
labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take
my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest
unto your souls. For my yoke
is easy, and my burden is light.*

Stewardship Principle

Selling lands and houses to help meet some of the needs that God shows you. Read Acts 4:34-36

Matthew 11:28-30

December 23

Zechariah 4:1-5:11, Revelation 14:1-20, Psalm 142:1-7, Proverbs 30:21-23

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord..." Psalm 134:2

My Praises for Today

It's By His Spirit

A very familiar verse of scripture that we often use in doing God's work is found in Zechariah 4:6, which says, "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." We can plan programs, organize the church, and do as much as we can to plan success, but my friends, if the spirit of God doesn't put His blessings upon it, then it will fail. In my own heart I long for the power of God to be upon our lives and our church. God is a sovereign God and can send His Spirit as He chooses. However, setting up ourselves to be available for the power of the Spirit must come from obeying and praying. Are you doing these two things?

Leadership Principle

Now, gentlemen, let us do something today which the world may talk of hereafter.

Admiral Collingwood

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

Stewardship Principle

"Charitable giving should be a spiritual, rather than economic, decision. Economically, charitable giving never pays." Ronald Blue

Memory Verse of the Week

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name..." 1 Chronicles 16:29

My Praises for Today

Advice From The Psalmist

We find in Psalm 143 that the Psalmist is again surrounded by his enemies. As he addresses God, he entreats Him for His help. The entreats are found in verses six through twelve. I will list them.

1. I stretch forth my hands unto thee .vs. 6
2. Hear me speedily. vs. 7
3. Hide not thy face from me. vs. 7
4. Cause me to hear thy loving kindness. vs. 8
5. Cause me to know thy way. vs. 8
6. Deliver me from my enemies. vs.9
7. Teach me to do thy will. vs. 10
8. Lead me into the land of uprightness. vs. 10
9. Quicken (revive) me. vs. 11
10. Bring my soul out of trouble. vs. 11
11. Cut off and destroy all my enemies. vs. 12

That's pretty good advice.

Leadership Principle

I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

Ralph Nader

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. 2 Corinthians 1:11

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? John 3:4

Stewardship Principle

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

December 25

Zechariah 8:1-23, Revelation 16:1-21, Psalm 144:1-15, Proverbs 30:29-31

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice..." | Chronicles 16:31

My Praises for Today

Speak The Truth

In Zechariah 8:16,17, God's instructions for Israel and Judah was to speak the truth to your neighbor and do not think evil in your hearts against your neighbor. It's surprising how many of God's people fail to be truthful about a lot of things. Lying is a serious sin. It will ruin your integrity and testimony. Then there is the sin of thinking evil of your neighbor. When you find yourself having wrong thoughts toward anyone, you should stop immediately and pray for that person. It's difficult to dislike someone for whom you are praying. The above are serious issues for each of us to consider. Take time today not only to think on these truths, but to praise God for giving us His Son. Happy Birthday Jesus.

Leadership Principle

In simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, and gets up, and goes.

*John Erksine,
The Complete Life*

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 2 Corinthians 9:14

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Stewardship Principle

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"...sing ye praises with understanding." Psalm 47:7

My Praises for Today

Zion's Future King

In verse nine of Zechariah 9, we have a prophetic description of the New Testament coming of Jesus Christ. The verse says that He is just (righteous) and will bring salvation. He is described as being humble (lowly) and riding upon a donkey, which was an animal of peace. That very prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus made His triumphed entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:4). What a great day that was when Jesus came to this earth, lived, died, bore our sins on the cross, shed His blood for our redemption, was placed in a grave but rose from the dead, defeated death and is presently sitting upon the right hand of the Father praying for us in Heaven. That's a sentence full!

Leadership Principle

*It is amazing how much people
can get done if they do not
worry about who gets the credit.*

Sandra Swinney

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, Ephesians 6:18

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

Stewardship Principle

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

Memory Verse of the Week

*If we say that we have fellow-
ship with him, and walk in
darkness, we lie, and do not the
truth: But if we walk in the
light, as he is in the light, we
have fellowship one with another,
and the blood of Jesus Christ
his Son cleanseth us from all
sin. 1 John 1:6,7*

December 27

Zechariah 10:1-11:17, Revelation 18:1-24, Psalm 146:1-10, Proverbs 30:33

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." Psalm 48:1

My Praises for Today

It's Beautiful To God

Do you know what is beautiful in the sight of God? It's found in Psalm 147:1. The Bible says that "praise is comely" meaning it's beautiful and God loves it. The word says, "... praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God." One of the reasons we sing praise songs in our church service is because it honors God and is honoring to Him. I personally praise the Lord regularly because it is pleasing to Him. We need to evaluate our praise life. Take inventory to see how much you are involved in praising God.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. Philippians 1:4

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Stewardship Principle

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

Leadership Principle

It is always easier to dismiss a man than it is to train him.

No great leader ever built a reputation on firing people.

Many have built a reputation on developing them.

Unknown

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"I will call on the Lord who is worthy to be praised..." 11 Samuel 22:4

My Praises for Today

The Reality of Hell

No matter what anyone says concerning hell, let me assure you that it is real. It was prepared for the devil and his angels. We find in Revelation 19:20 that the beast and false prophet of the Great Tribulation were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. All those who don't know Christ will spend eternity in hell, a place of eternal torment. Jesus Christ came to redeem us from our sins and to give us eternal life through Him. Have you received Him? Only through Him can you escape hell.

Leadership Principle

Always give your people the credit that is rightfully theirs. To do otherwise is both morally and ethically dishonest.

My Priorities for Today

Unknown

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

"...for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

Stewardship Principle

Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. Proverbs 25:5

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

December 29

Zechariah 14:1-21, Revelation 20:1-15, Psalm 148:1-14, Proverbs 31:8,9

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me..." Psalm 50:23

My Praises for Today

The Book of Life

The word tells us in Revelation 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Those names that are in the book of life are only those who have been saved. I trust that your name is in that book. Unserved people will have a separate judgment called the Great White Throne Judgment. Everyone who has ever lived, who did not by faith trust in Jesus Christ, will be judged at that throne and then cast into the lake of fire. This is considered in verse 14 as the second death. If God is just, then He must punish those who by choice continue to live in their sinful condition. God is merciful. He gives everyone a choice and a chance to come to Him.

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. Daniel 9:3

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38

Stewardship Principle

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. Philippians 4:18

Leadership Principle

You must choose the thoughts and actions that will lead you on to success

R.C. Allen

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name..." I Chronicles 16:8

My Praises for Today

The Proverbs 31 Woman

In verses ten through thirty-one of Proverbs 31, we have a description of the virtuous woman. Many preachers preach messages describing her and she is certainly a creation of beauty. As I read those verses I certainly am reminded of my own bride who has been so faithful to the entire family and me for so many years. I believe that the fitting conclusion of this woman described in Proverbs 31 is found in verse 30 when it says "...but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

Leadership Principle

Decisions are made in a moment, but growth comes from daily discipline.

John Maxwell

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Daniel 9:17

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Matthew 9:37

Stewardship Principle

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24

Memory Verse of the Week

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

December 31

Malachi 3:1-4:6, Revelation 22:1-21, Psalm 150:1-6, Proverbs 31:25-31

My Thoughts about Today's Scripture

"So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,..." Psalm 61:8

My Praises for Today

Are You A Thief?

The title of today's devotional may be offensive to you. The nerve of that preacher, asking me if I'm a thief. The fact of the matter is that any person who fails to give at least a tenth of his income to the Lord IS a thief according to God's Word. God says in Malachi 3:8-10 that any person or nation that fails to bring a tenth of his income to Him then he will be cursed with a curse. That's pretty serious. On the other hand, if you do tithe you will be blessed so abundantly that there will be hardly enough room for all those blessings. He will open the windows of Heaven and bless you. That's God's plan. So many of His people fail to see the importance of tithing. Oh my friend, be a part of God's plan by obeying this principle of giving. You will never regret it. I have been tithing and giving above the tithe for over thirty years. I could write a book telling you about the abundant blessings of God. And before you get angry with me, it is God's idea!

My Priorities for Today

My Others Project for Today

Principle of Prayer

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. Jonah 2:7

Soul Winning and Missions Principle

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Stewardship Principle

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Proverbs 11:25

Leadership Principle

Leadership development is a life-time journey not a weekend trip.

John Maxwell

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My project for the year 2000 was to read the Bible through and I accomplished this by using "TODAY- a daily guide for spiritual strength". This guide not only helped me understand the important message of each day, but also made me think about Priorities, Principles of Prayer, Soul Winning, Stewardship and Christian Leadership Principles. I often used messages from "Today" in an Adult Bible Study at my church. I thank Pastor Powell for this book. It helped me through the stresses of each day and guided me through the year-long study of the Bible. I am sure "Today" will touch your heart and guide your life as it did mine.

Carolyn Cash

Region Account Manager, Oce USA., Inc.

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I praise God for the wisdom, love, and desire Brother T. A. Powell has in his heart for folks like us to have a closer relationship with Christ. The best way to start my day is taking the time to have devotions like "Today" to teach me lessons of life to help me draw closer to my Lord. It gives me an insight on how to better reach out to others. It feeds me spiritually and gives me a sweeter walk with my Savior. It is medicine for the day. It encourages me to step out in faith and trust God to use my life. Thank you for putting this inspiring book together, to touch and speak to our hearts all across the country. "Today" devotions will give us strength for tomorrow.

Geraldine Ragan & Ricky

Evangelist/Ventriloquist

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With my hectic travel and ministry schedule, finding time for a quality devotional life is challenging to say the least. That is why I have been so thankful to my friend and colleague, T. A. Powell for compiling the devotional guide you are holding in your hand right now. "Today" provides me with the just enough structure to keep me motivated and on track in my personal prayer and study. It has also been a great help in keeping me "on schedule" with my goal to read through the Bible at least once a year. Whether you are a pastor, missionary, or lay person, "Today" is a guide that will bless you.

Dr. John R. Kimball

Senior Pastor, Cypress Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia

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Christ thought it was of critical importance to spend time with God daily. He made it a priority. I believe His example teaches us to rise early and spend that time with our Heavenly Father in His Word and in prayer. Like Christ, we can use it as a time of worship, to gain direction and as a source of real strength for what will confront and challenge us in life. That is how "Today" will help in your daily walk with Him.

Richard J. Holland, Jr.

President, CEO, Farmer's Bank, Windsor, Virginia

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Helpful, uplifting, and encouraging reading. Your heart will be moved and challenged to serve the Lord with greater devotion than ever before.

Dr. Jerry Falwell

Chancellor, Liberty University

T. A. Powell's daily devotional book is a great tool for helping a faithful follower of Christ systematically read through God's Word. The author's inspirational commentary is deeply challenging, thoroughly biblical, and consistently practical. I recommend it to any reader who wants a closer walk with the Lord and daily strength for victorious Christian living.

Doyle Chauncey

Executive Director, Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

Pastor T.A. Powell's devotional book will be a blessing to you individually and to your family. I can personally vouch for the integrity of Brother Powell's ministry and individual life. He has modeled the principles found in this book in his own life, family, and church. If you use one devotional book this year, use this one. It will help you get into the Word of God and get the Word of God into you!

Randy Hogue, Evangelist

There is no disagreement among believers over the need for help in our daily time with the Lord. We need help that strengthens, encourages, equips and empowers our day with joy. T. A. Powell has risen to the occasion in his book, "Today" to meet these demands. The daily user will find the guide for which he has been looking. Use it! Bless a friend with a copy. Your life will be enriched.

David Wood, Evangelist/Author

Reading the Bible through every year in my daily devotions has been a practice of mine for many years. My dear wife challenged me over and over again to record my thoughts each day as God spoke to my heart in those early morning hours. In January of 1999, I did just that, hence, the devotional book you now hold in your hand.

Seemingly, the last thing that is needed is another book of this nature, especially since there are so many good ones available today. However, this one is different from others because the things included are what you need to think about... "Today." I have asked God for wisdom concerning what the Believer should accomplish in his everyday walk. Be sure to read the explanation on the assignments. Just follow the things prescribed in this daily devotional "Today" and tomorrow will take care of itself.



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