

SUNDAY—AUGUST 20

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6

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EPHESIANS 6:6-7

*Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*

*7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:*

This is a major battleground for Christians—serving Christ from the heart. Satan tempts us with personal glory and swelling pride. Many “serve” for personal profit. They do so to be seen of men. Human nature enjoys the thrill of affirmation from adoring followers. We must be careful not be motivated by the pleasure of man, but for the glory and pleasure of God. Whether we are praised or not, Jesus is worthy to be served. Check your motives for why you do what you do. If you serve for man’s applause, you will get discouraged. Most genuine service goes unnoticed by people, but we can be assured that God sees every sincere act of love for the sake of Christ’s glory.

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MONDAY—AUGUST 21

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1

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EPHESIANS 1:19

*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

God is amazingly powerful. There are so many aspects of God's might that cause us to stand in awe. Viewing nature and the complexity of creation reveals a mighty God. Scripture reveals time and time again, above all, that the greatest demonstration of the power of God is His ability to change a person's life. The mighty power of the resurrection is instilled in all of us who accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Because of this, we have access to an enablement that can help us overcome anything that stands in the way of His work in our lives! Through yielding and prayer, we can behold God's almighty power. Stand amazed at God's power today!

QUESTIONS

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2. Where did Paul cease not to mention the Ephesian people? In his \_\_\_\_\_
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:17-33

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EPHESIANS 5:19

*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

There are several relationships mentioned in Ephesians 5-6: husband/wife, parent/child, servant/master... One we often overlook as our relationship with "ourselves." The Scripture says, "speaking to ourselves..." Many struggle in life because they are not at peace with themselves. We can be our own worst enemy. The answer is to have a song in our heart. What are you singing today? Determine to have a song on your heart that illustrates unity with Christ along with joy and peace. Making melody would indicate a song that is "on key" and is pleasant to hear. Pick a song to sing today. Look through a hymnal and read the words. You'll be surprised how God will use

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EPHESIANS 2:10

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

To God, we are His project. He takes the time to mold and make us to be exactly what He made us for. Think about the fact for a moment that you were brought into this world for a purpose. Are you allowing God to prepare you for that reason of existence? You weren’t put here to do your thing. Not at all. You and I were given the gift of life that we might bring honor and glory to Him while fulfilling His plan. Transformation takes a life-time, but it is exciting to see Him make us usable along the way. Rejoice today that you are God’s workmanship. That is an honor and a privilege. He wants to make something wonderful out of your life for His sake.

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*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

Verse eleven tells us that God has gifted the church with certain spiritual leaders and guides for a special purpose—to help us grow and mature as Christians, to help the ministry be productive, and to build up the church body as a whole. We all need the help of spiritual guides. God set it up that way. We will not become all that God wants without having a teachable spirit to those God has placed in authority. The Devil gets in our heads trying to convince us that leadership is only against us or trying to hold us back. Men and women of God are actually God's gift to the church body. Its sad that our gifts often go un-thanked and unappreciated. Are you in submission to the gift of guidance and teaching that God has provided for you?

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