

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 22

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Peter 1

□ MARK IF READ *BONUS* □ PROVERBS 22 □ PSALM 106-110

2 PETER 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

A person's nature determines a lot about him... **Nature determines APPETITE.** The Pig wants the slop. The sheep desires green pastures. With a spiritual nature, we must seek to develop our spiritual appetite. **Nature determines BEHAVIOR.** Eagles fly because it is in their nature to fly. The actions and attitudes of a Christian ought to be different than non-Christians. **Nature determines ENVIRONMENT.** Trout live in the water. God's people should not spend time in places that are contrary to the nature within them. **Nature determines ASSOCIATION.** Lions travel in PRIDES. The associates of a child of God ought to be those that share your beliefs.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: James 5

☐ MARK IF READ *BONUS* ☐ PROVERBS 16 ☐ PSALM 76-80

JAMES 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

I heard a preacher say one time that the word “effectual” means “you believe it will make a difference.” Did you ever pray for something out of duty, but you really didn’t believe it was going to make a difference. Sadly, I have. We must realize that our God is all powerful. He has done mighty things through prayer in the past, and he still can do a great work today. He can move the hardest heart. Pray with fervency. Pray with passion. Pray with enthusiasm and energy. Show God some emotion and “get with it” in your prayer life! Its time for God’s people to pray. Have a heart to pray today. Set aside some time and think of some serious needs you or someone you care for may have. Pray effectually. Believe it will make a difference by faith!

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1. Who do we count happy? _____
2. What character trait was evident in Job? _____
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1 PETER 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Respect should come and go from all directions. Wisdom does not necessarily come with age. Everyone should be treated with respect. Those who are worthy of respect are those who give it the most. If you want respect, you ought to give it. Just because you are older and wiser doesn’t mean you can or should treat everyone like they are inferior. Good and wise leadership sees the potential in those coming after them. We must see them not as they are, but what they will become. The children are the future of the church. They learn respect from those of us who are older. What kind of respect and submission are you teaching to the next generation?

QUESTIONS

15. With what is a Submissive Christian “clothed”? _____
16. What does God do to the proud? _____
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1 PETER 4:1

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

When you go to bed at night and turn the lights off, everything is black. When you wake up in the middle of the night you can see clearly. Your eyes become accustomed to darkness – but when you suddenly turn on the light, it hurts. Many a Christian has grown accustomed to the darkness of sin. The picture here is that of a soldier EQUIPPED & ARMED for battle. We must look at sin for what it is. It is an enemy attacking us in an effort to destroy us. Sin is Satan’s weapon of destruction. Sin is an infectious, deadly disease to our soul. I’m for loving God, loving our neighbor, and even loving our enemies, but when it comes to sin, we MUST develop a HOLY HATRED!

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1 PETER 1:5

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

Christians are kept for the glory of God. Our glory is not only reserved, but kept and guarded. “KEPT” is a military term meaning guarded or shielded. Sometimes a hotel may mess up your reservation. It may pass your room off to a more important guest. But to those of us who are saved, our reservation is secure and guarded by God. We don’t have to worry about preserving our reservation in our own power! Our reservation is kept by the power of God! The assurance of Heaven is of great help as we travel this life. As the former Pastor of Moody Church in Chicago expressed in one of his songs, “Who can mind the journey when the road leads home?”

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1 PETER 2:18

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Submission is a godly character trait that goes beyond simple obedience. Submission is NOT obedience, although it often brings about obedience. Submission is the attitude behind our obedience. It is our attitude towards the authority that GOD has placed in our lives. We live in a rebellious society. Our culture embraces and rewards rebellion. Human nature does not like to be under authority. God has placed authority in every one of our lives that we need to be in submission to, and there is a reasons why... SUBMISSION is the recognition of God's Authority in our lives. God established gov't, the home, and the church in which God's authority is to be recognized.

QUESTIONS

- 6. How should we desire the sincere milk of the Word?

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1 PETER 3:8

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Unity does not mean uniformity; it means cooperation in the midst of diversity. Members of a body may be different, but they should all find a way to work together in unity. On a football team, all are not the quarterback. They all NEED to have different skillsets to bring to the table for the good of the team. If they were all identical, it would be detrimental to the team. Cultivating Christ's love helps me see the big picture. It's not about me - I'm not trying to reproduce myself. I'm trying to reproduce Christ. Many of us are as different as daylight and dark, but what brings us together is our love for Christ and our desire to please and promote him in this world. We may differ on "HOW" something is to be done, but not on "WHAT" is to be done!

QUESTIONS

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- 10. To whom should a man give honor? _____
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