

WOW

Connections

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Quiet Time (Part 1)

I arise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in Your Word. Psalm 119:147

Why you do something is far more important than what you do. Because it is quite possible to do the right thing but with the wrong attitude, attitude is the first thing we should check when we come to meet with God in a quiet time.

When we approach God, we need to check the following attitudes:

- Expectancy - Come before God with anticipation and eagerness. Expect to have a good time of fellowship with him and receive a blessing from your time together: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you." (Psalm 63:1)
- Reverence - Don't rush into God's presence, but prepare your heart by being still before him and letting the quietness clear away the thoughts of the world: "The Lord is in his holy

temple; let all the earth be silent before him." (Habakkuk 2:20)

- Alertness - Get wide-awake first. Remember that you are meeting with the Creator, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Redeemer of men. Be thoroughly rested and alert. Get to bed early so you will be in good shape to meet God in the morning
- Willingness to obey - Don't come to your quiet time to choose what you will do or not do, but come with the purpose of doing anything and everything that God wants you to do. Jesus said, "If anyone chooses to do God's will he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own." (John 7:17) Come to meet the Lord having already chosen to do his will no matter what.

Taken from Rich Warren's Daily Devotional

Church Events

- Mar 2nd -Ladies Book Study
- Mar 5th – Carry-In
- Mar 7th – Mobile Farmers mkt.
- Mar 9th Ladies Pinterest Party
- Mar 17th Leadership Training
- Apr 2nd - Carry-In
- Apr 4th – Mobile Farmers mkt.
- Apr 13th – Ladies Book Study
- Apr 15th Easter Egg Hunt
- May 4th Ladies Book Study
- May 7th – Carry-In
- May 19th– Leadership Training
- June 1st – Ladies Book Study
- June 3rd – Community Festival

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Abraham was known as the Father of Faith. God spoke to Abraham:

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:"
Genesis 12:2

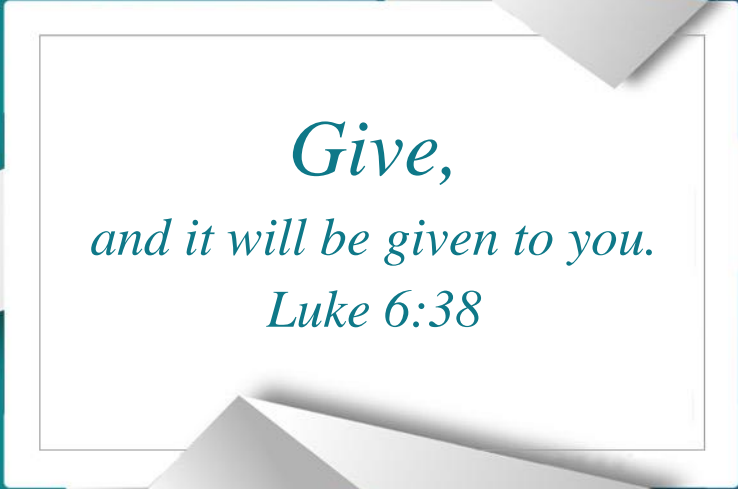
God spoke to Abraham, "Thou shalt be a blessing." It is God's desire that we live our lives so that we will be a blessing; not only a blessing to God, but a blessing to all nations [peoples]. When we become a blessing, then we release God's hand to bless us. The Lord promised Abraham:

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:3

When we become a blessing in the sight of God and in the sight of all men, this releases God's blessing in our lives. He promises that He will bless those that bless us and will curse those who curse us. We can depend on this promise. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." II Corinthians 1:20

All God's promises are "yes" and "so be it," nothing to be changed or added. How can we become that blessing before God? He has given us three distinct ways that we may become a blessing before God and man:



*Give,
and it will be given to you.
Luke 6:38*

GIVE ABUNDANTLY

First, the motivation behind your gift is more important than your gift. This is the point being made in 1 Corinthians 13:3, which says, *"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."*

The reason you give is more important than what or how much you give.

God prospers us so we can establish His kingdom (Deut. 8:18), give to those in need (Eph. 4:28), and abound unto every good work (2 Cor. 9:8). We do need to expect to receive when we give, primarily so we will be resupplied and able to give more. However, the

emphasis should be on giving, not receiving. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). We should live to give and not give to live.

Second, there has been a lot of misunderstanding about when we should give. Many Christians only give after all their needs have been met. But the Scriptures teach that our gifts are first fruits (Prov. 3:9). That means the first thing we do when we receive money is to honor the Lord by giving a portion of it to His work.

The Scripture says, *"As he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver"* (2 Cor. 9:7).

The Lord wants us to give as we desire to give, not under pressure.



Pastor's Notes

"That's why I encourage my congregation to take notes during my sermons. Did you know that if you don't, then within 72 hours you'll forget 95 percent of what you hear?" -Rick Warren

In his Epistle to the church at Colossae Paul answered the question of who is Jesus? From the earliest days of Christianity and the church there has never been a shortage of alternative viewpoints and theories regarding that question. Today we see and hear the same types of things from other religions and even those who claim to be Christian. Paul's letter written to believers combated the pagan ideas that were creeping into the church. Throughout his letter Paul emphasized the deity and supremacy of Christ and presented the doctrinal truths that Jesus is much more than just a messenger or a prophet.

Some of the truths revealed in Paul's writings are the world is the creation of Christ; and the Church is the new creation of Christ. Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, never to die again! He was the first to rise with a glorified body! He rose from the dead as Head of a new creation. Jesus Christ is supreme! He is above all, He is preeminent and all the fullness of God dwells in Him!

Jesus is not simply a sketch of God or a summary or merely a portrait of Him. In Him there is nothing left out; He is the full revelation of God, and nothing more is necessary! If we will just grab ahold of that revelation and the assurance that comes with it, our lives will be flooded with peace and joy resting in His complete unconditional love for us. Jesus has "reconciled" man with God! A total, complete, and full restoration of the relationship man had enjoyed with God before the fall of man in the Garden of Eden.

Starting in chapter three Paul transitions from a doctrinal presentation to a practical application of the truths he has shared. This new relationship with God that a believer experiences at the new birth should bring about a marked change in their lifestyle and relationships with other people. It is a decision that each one of us has to make on a consistent basis.

Let us strive to not take for granted the truths of God's word that has been revealed to us!

What You Need To Know



Don't forget to change your clocks, Sunday, March 11th!

- **Our worship team** is in the process of putting together a band! If you play an instrument and would like to be a part of our praise team, please complete a volunteer form at the information table to set up an audition.
- We are looking for volunteers to help in our **children's ministry** areas. If this is something you would like to get involved in, please complete a volunteer form at the information table and give it to an usher. Please note that all children's workers are subject to a background check.
- **WOW CHURCH APP!** If you didn't know, WOW Church has an app available for your smartphone. This app will give you updated information on upcoming events, newsletters, pastor's messages, etc. You may download the app via iTunes or GooglePlay.
- **Mobile Farmers Market** – The Greene County Food Bank will be at WOW Church, delivering food to residence of Bowersville on the 1st Tuesday of each month. We are required to have someone available to assist them, if this is something you would like to help with please see Rachel Cline for more information.
- **Sound booth relocation** – As you may have noticed, we are in the process of re-locating our sound booth. If you would be able to help with this process, please let Pastor Will know.
- **Women's Book Study** – the ladies will be starting a new book in April, "Marriage on the Rock" by Jimmy Evans. *"You have a 100 percent chance of succeeding in marriage! But it all depends on what you are willing to put into it—and Whom you have at the center."* Join us as we learn how to become the wives God created us to be. (More information is available at the information table)
- **FREE Books** – Check out our book table (located behind the sound booth) for FREE books that will help you in your daily walk with the Lord.
- **TELL Your Friends!** If you are excited about what God is doing in your life – share that with them. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to come to church with you.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, April 15th

Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at WOW Church. We will helping the Fire Department stuff eggs on Friday night, April 14th and could use your help. The egg hunt will begin Saturday at 1:00pm

Saturday, June 3rd

Community Festival

This will be our 2nd Annual Community Festival with FREE food, games, blowups and more. We will be talking about this in more detail soon but we need ALL your help so wanted to make sure to get it on your calendar early.

