



WHEN TROUBLE COMES COUNT IT ALL JOY

My brothers and sisters in Christ, you should know that times of trials will certainly come. You are to respond to that by counting it all joy that you are allowed a chance to grow in the faith by the testing that envelopes you. Be assured that the trial and proving of your faith is to bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience and when these characteristics have fully worked in your life it will produce a perfectly and fully developed person with no defects and lacking nothing. Your endurance grows through the testing of

your faith so that you will be strong in char-



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acter and ready for everything that Satan should bring against you. Your opportunity to grow is an opportunity for joy. The greater the trials, the greater the faith. Would you grow in faith? Ask God to send great trials!

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ASK FOR THE WISDOM OF GOD

Do you need wisdom? Is there something that you need to know? Do you need to know what God wants you to do next? Ask Him. God loves to inform His children of every detail that they will turn over to Him. No matter how many times you go to Him, He will always answer without resenting your asking. But when you ask, be sure that you expect Him to answer. People that don't should not expect to receive anything from God! Ask and believe.

EVIL DESIRE GIVES BIRTH TO SIN

Temptation comes from the lure of your own evil desires. These evil desires lead to evil actions and evil actions lead to death. God does not tempt people but He blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Do not be confused, that Satan draws you into sin using your lusts. Whatever is good and perfect, free, large and full is the gift of God. God is always good and He never changes even so that he never casts a variable shadow. It was of His own free will that He gave us birth as sons and daughters by His

Son which was His own true Word. Be ready to listen but slow to speak, take offense and get angry. Anger can never make things right in the sight of God.

Get rid of all evil in your lives and submit to the word of God so that the message that He has planned and planted in you shall save your soul and set you upon the right road.

To submit to the word is

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to obey the word. If a person listens to the word without obeying the word or doing what it calls for in actions, then they only fool themselves. Obedience to God requires more than hearing the word.

The one who looks carefully into the word and is faithful to it, being an active doer of the word, he shall be blessed in all that he does for his life of obedience. Do not be a heedless hearer of the word and be puffed up by your religion, your religion cannot save you. Being obedient to God can.





LET EVERY ONE BE SLOW TO ANGER

Anger is an outward expression of an inward condition. Anger is to lose control so that something else controls you. Is it God? Is it the work of Satan? Do you really want to give yourself over to anger? The word directs us to handle this in the following way.

Be ready to listen but slow to speak, take offense and get angry. The wrath of man worketh not the righteous of God. Anger can never make things right in the sight of God.

What then should we do? Lay it aside. Lay aside anything that is not pleasing to God. I want all of my actions to be pleasing to God. The right thing to do is to eliminate all of the bad things and concentrate on doing the good things. There is so much hurt and need in this world, that you will never finish doing good things in all of your life. Do good not



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because you want to work your way into heaven but do good work because you are a citizen of Heaven!

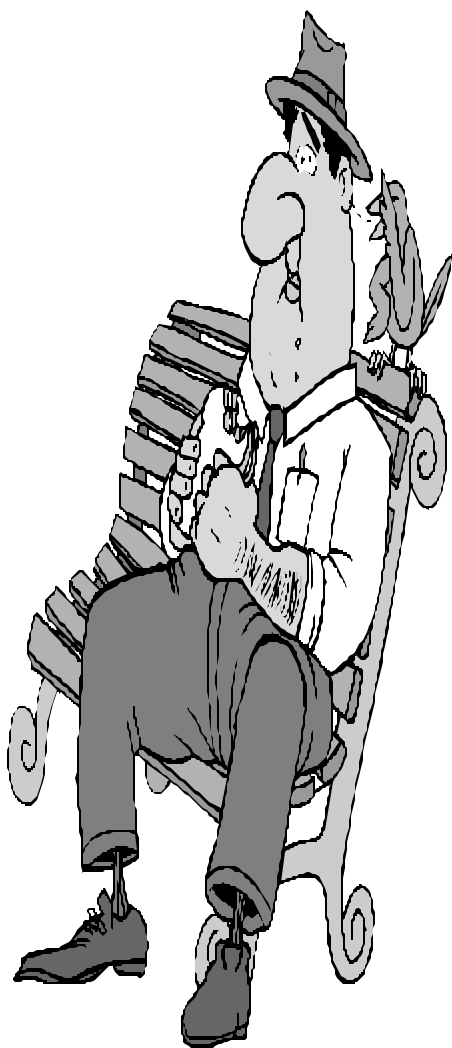
PURE AND HOLY RELIGION!

When is a good deed a good deed? When the one to whom you do it for cannot return a favor to you for doing it. The widows and orphans were poor and extremely disadvantaged in the time of James. One who had a heart to minister to them did so out of a heart of love. This is the way the church should operate today. Each member going out to the people in need of the physical as well as the spiritual necessities of life and meeting those needs with the resources that God has blessed them with. Religion pleasing to God does so.



SHOW NO PREJUDICE

My brothers in Christ, do not attempt to practice faith in our Lord Jesus Christ the Lord of Glory while you show prejudice and partiality or snobbery.



How can you claim that you have faith in Jesus if you favor some people

Listen to me my brothers and sisters. God chose the poor of this world to be rich in faith. They are the ones who will inherit the Kingdom God promised to those who loved Him. You insult the poor and those with a different skin color. You give special place to the rich which are the

Plant the seed that you want to

ones who oppress you. The word says "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you insult the poor or another race and give special place to another, you are committing sin. If you break one law in one single instance, you have broken all of the law because the same God gave all of the law.

Whatever you say or do, do it as if you were going to be judged in the same manner by the law

of love which set you free. There will be no mercy



for you if you have not had mercy toward others. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy, you can be confident, will win over his judgment toward you.

I am reminded of the rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

This is as a farmer planting seeds, in time he can expect a harvest. The harvest will be what he planted, it will be greater than he planted and he will receive his rewards at harvest time.



FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

Can the kind of faith that a person has which allows him to say "I am saved", and do nothing in the work of the Lord save that person? What is the use of saying that you have faith and it not be meaningful enough to cause you to come to action? What is the profit in empty talk of faith, can that kind of faith save you? That kind of faith cannot save anyone. Read it for yourself James chapter two verse fourteen. The person who goes to Sunday morning church and does not live it every hour every day and feel compelled into action to help those in need around him needs one thing. SALVATION! Faith is the beginning, not the destination. Faith begins with believing and goes on to action in

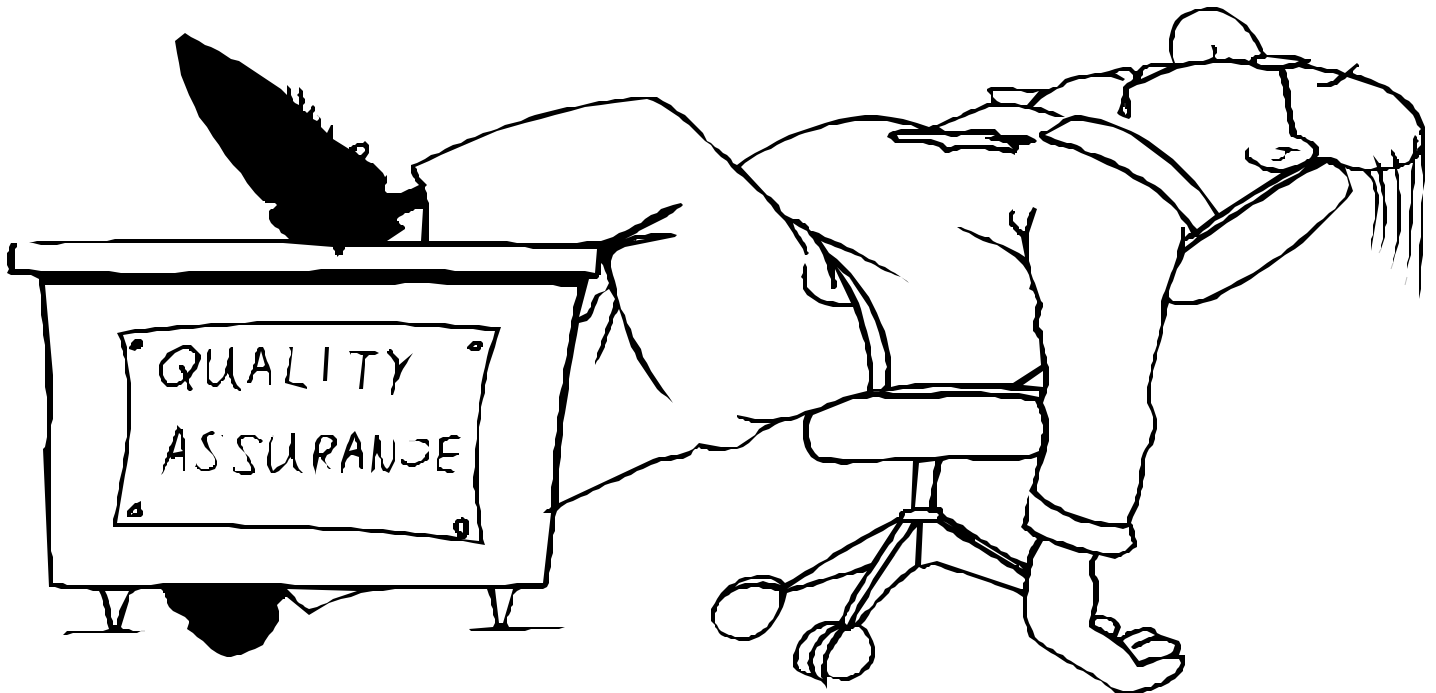
ministry. Where there is no action there is no ministry. Where there is no ministry and action, there is no saving faith. It is not enough to believe that there is one God, even demon spirits believe that and in fact tremble in fear of Him. The kind of faith that does not result in good deeds is useless.

Use Abraham being willing to offer his son as an offering before God as an example.

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God told him to do. You are justified by the kind of faith that brings you to action in good deeds. You cannot work your way to Heaven. You cannot talk your way to Heaven. It takes the kind of faith that causes you to rise up and do the good that God has shown you to do and you have every desire to be obedient to what He wants you to do.

Praise God that He gives us an opportunity to act out the love that He has for people by our doing what He would be doing if He were physically walking on the Earth today. In fact He is because the church is His body and being so, we have the mind of Christ to help and minister in deed and not word only to the needs of a lost and dying world around us.





TAME THAT TONGUE

You can put bits in a horse's mouth and control it's whole body. A tiny rudder determines the direction of a huge ship. The tongue is a small member of your body but it does many things to start the fire of sin. It can ruin your life, it can turn your whole life into a course that leads to destruction that comes from hell itself. No person has total control of the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil. It is like deadly poison. One moment it blesses God and in another moment it curses one of His children. It ought not to be that way. How can good and evil flow from the same fountain? How can good things and evil things both come out of your heart? Be consistent and be consistently good! We are accountable for every word that comes across our tongue. If we love God then we must strive to do and say good and put an end to the evil that we bring into being by our words. Oh that we could be able to speak with the wisdom of God because of our fellowship with Him and put an end to the confusion and disorder and strife that results from the uncontrolled tongue. Righteousness is sown by words uttered in love for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Let the words of my

SHOULD YOU BE A TEACHER OF THE WORD

My brothers and sisters, not all of you want to become a teacher in the church. Because God holds teachers to a higher standard and judges them with greater severity than others. The teachers work within a congregation and it is of supreme importance that the converts are to have correct instruction in the facts of the Christian gospel and the edification in the Christian

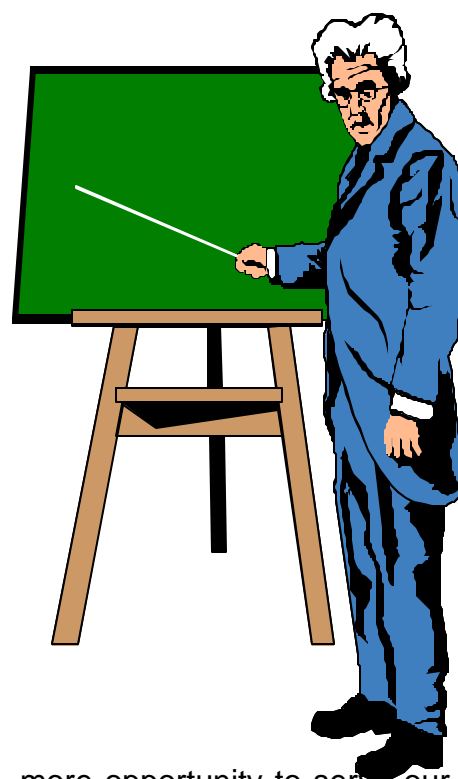
It is better to fail doing something great than to succeed in doing nothing at all.

faith. A teacher puts the stamp of his own faith and knowledge on those who are entering the church for the first time. In various places in the New Testament, we see teachers who failed their responsibility or were false teachers. (Note Acts 15:24; Romans 2:17-29; 1 Timothy 1:6-7; 2 Timothy 4:3)

Should you just not be a teacher? No, that is not what is meant, by pointing out the special dangers and responsibilities of this great vocation it is an encouragement to do more for

the Kingdom of God. It is however, a reminder and warning that we are not to sit in judgment of others.

There seems to be a principle that as one is given



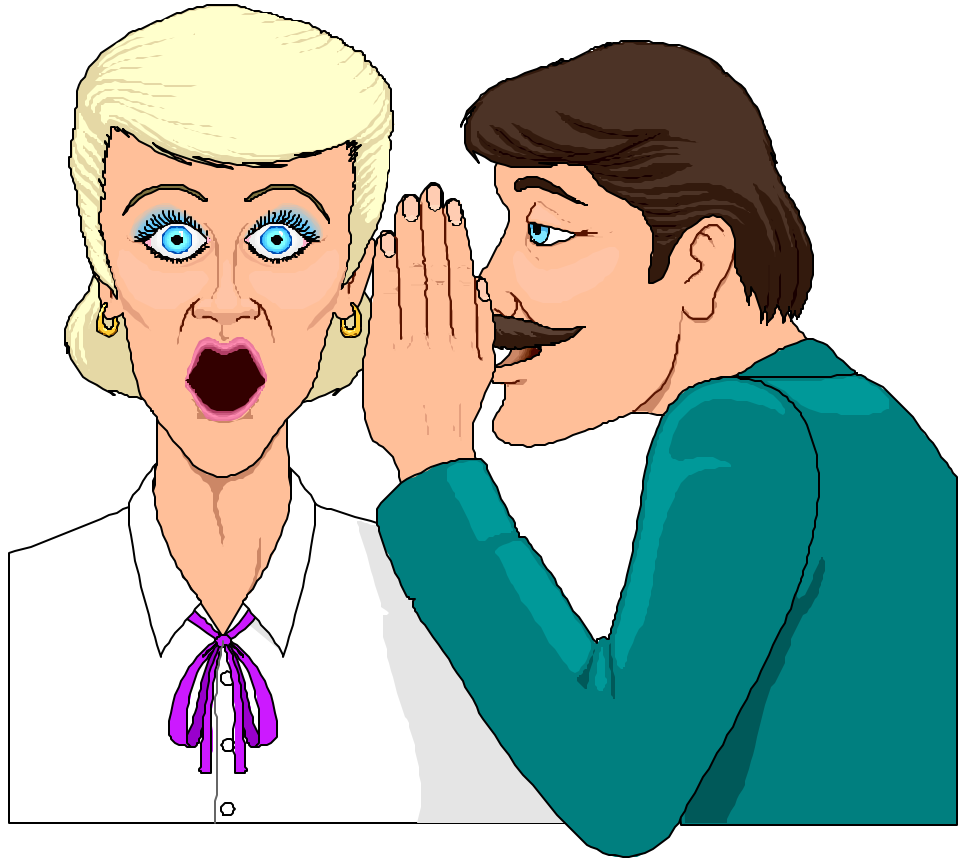
more opportunity to serve our Lord and Saviour, there is a corresponding responsibility that goes along with that honor so that one is expected to be beyond the average or passive believer. God wants you to take the gifts and abilities that He has given you and attempt great things in His name. Unless you attempt great things, you will never accomplish anything that is great in His sight. It is better to fail doing



WHAT THE TONGUE CAN DO FOR YOU OR AGAINST YOU

I have gotten into trouble before because my words were not fitly chosen as apples of gold in pictures of silver. We all make mistakes and slip up to say wrong things. When you have control of your tongue, you have control of the rest of your body.

Children are destroyed by the tongue of parents that constantly put them down. Fellow workers and your spouse can be hurt by your words. You can lose your witness by an improper word or



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comment in the presence of an unbeliever. It is hard to be a witness while you are angry. Who can you edify by being angry or saying wrong things? Let us not do wrong things or say them but

in all that we say or do. Do not let gossip come from the same tongue that praises God. Remember that the fruit is like the root. If the root in your heart is pure then the fruit of your tongue will be good to hear. If there is evil there, it will come out in your words. Give Satan no place in your heart or in your words because if you give him a small place then he will own you.

RESULTS OF YOUR INTENT ON PLEASURE

Why do Christians fight against each other? Why do denominations put other denominations down? Why do non-denominational denominations put all denominations down? It is for the same reason that there are wars and fightings between countries. People living in the lusts of the flesh want to have advantage over others. Church people uncommitted and lacking fellowship with the God of love want to boost their position by putting

You have not because you ask not. You ask and receive not because your motive is wrong, you want worldly pleasure.

down others. How well does that fool God? Church people have committed spiritual adultery by letting the world be important to them when they need to get the world out and God into their hearts because

YOU HAVE NOT BECAUSE YOU ASK NOT

You try all the ways of men to have all the things of the world and yet you do not have enough and you cry to God that the wicked have more than you. The fact is that when you do this, you are the wicked! If you seek first the things

of God and ask Him for anything, you will receive a blessing so grand that you are not able to handle it all. But when you ask in greed to feed your lusts, God does not honor that.





HOW TO GET GOD TO COME CLOSE TO YOU!

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. If you come close to God and resist evil the evil will flee because the presence of God causes it to run in fear. Humble yourself and submit yourself to God. Purify your hearts you hypocrites. There should be tears of sorrow for the things that you have done wrong. Bow and humble yourself before God and admit that you are not able to save yourself but in all things you depend on Him and He will lift you up. God is the only lawgiver and is fully able to forgive your sins. Confess them to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

It is an honor to be able to kneel before almighty God and to come into His presence to thank Him for all His blessings and to ask His forgiveness for our transgressions of His law and forgiveness for our not doing the things that were right for us to do

and in His will for us to do but be neglected to do them and in doing so, we

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sinned against God. Lord help us to do what you lay on our hearts to do.

REMEMBER, GOD IS IN CONTROL

Remember that God is in control, not us. Will I see you tomorrow? If God wills, I will. If not, there is nothing I can do to change that. We will do something tomorrow only if God chooses to give us a tomorrow. Only God has the power to give us another day. Only God has the power to give us another breath. Live like you believe that!



HOW AM I DOING WITH GOD'S MONEY?

Remember that as you drive your car to your comfortable home that you are there by the grace of God. In fact, the total expense of that average car is more than the average person of almost every other country makes in a year. Do you do things at the expense of stealing a part of the tithe from God? Do I use my financial means that I am blessed with as a way to minister to the needs of others and win the lost to Christ? If you are stealing from God, don't ask me to close my eyes and pray with you about whether you should tithe or

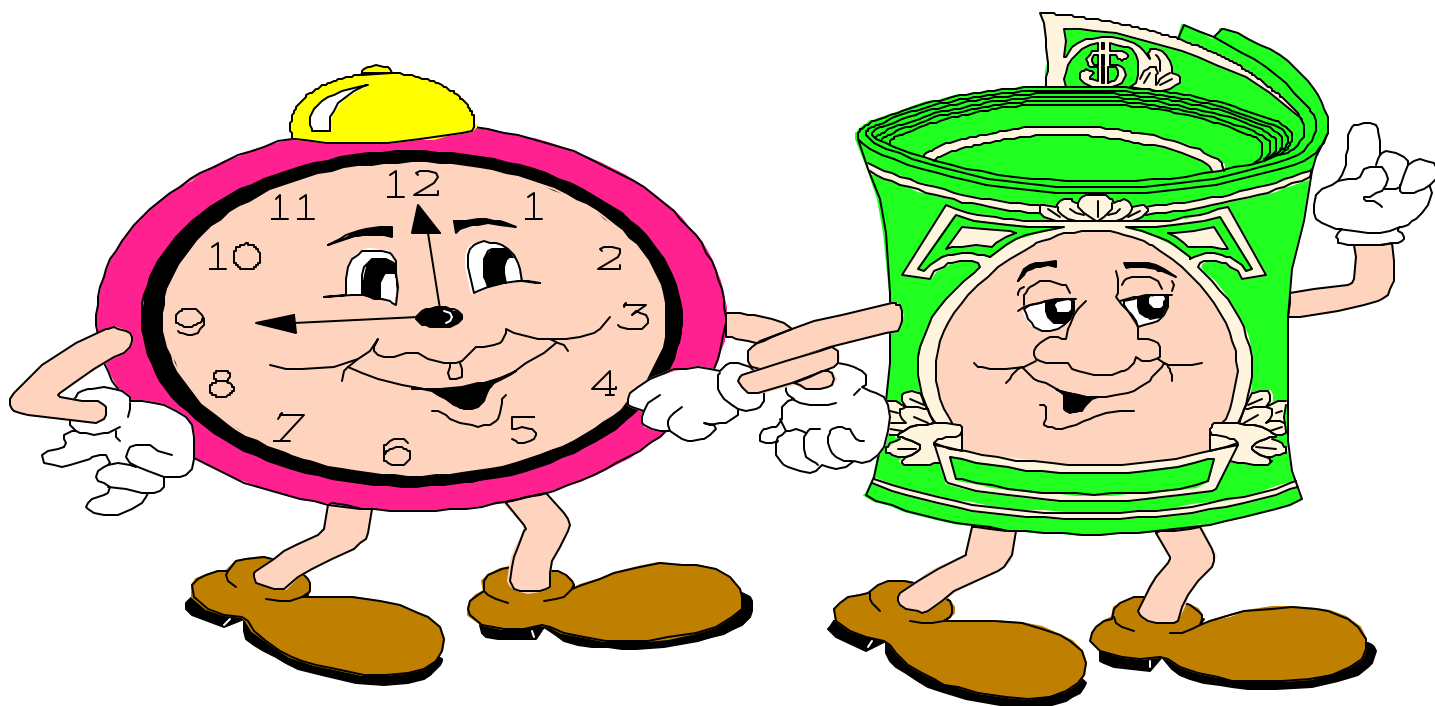
VANITY OF RICHES IN A SPIRITUAL ETERNITY !

Are you proud of your possessions? Do you have a wonderful house or car or whatever it is that you like? Are you rich (even comfortable) in the things of this world? Go ahead and cry because of all of the terrible trouble that is going to come upon you. Your wealth is rotting away. Your fine clothes

are moth eaten. Your gold and silver that you depend on will eat your flesh like the fire of hell. The ones that you have stepped on in getting rich cry unto God and He hears! You live in the pleasure of self-gratification while others do not have food to eat. The Judge is at the door! Justice will come.

It is better to lay up treasures in Heaven than to lay them up on earth for someone else to enjoy. You will be judged as a steward of what God has allowed you to have.

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ARE YOU SICK? ILL TREATED? SUFFERING EVIL? THEN PRAY!

If you are suffering, ill treated or have needs, you should pray and keep on praying about it. If you are thankful, you should praise God and keep on praising Him.

If there is anyone among you that is sick, they should call for the elders of the church to anoint them with oil and pray over them and the prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and God will make them well. If that person has sinned, they will be forgiven.

If you go to a church that will not anoint you with oil and pray for you as the scripture directs, you need to find a Bible believing Bible practicing church to help meet your needs. Faith is a wonderful thing that brings healing to the sick and peace to the troubled and brokenhearted. It is your obligation as a fellow believer to pray for the sick, not in cute little churchly prayers while not in their presence but real meaningful prayers offered

Can prayer heal? Even non-Christian research is finding that people who have been prayed for have a better recovery rate than those without it. It is sad that the research of the lost finds out about the healing power of God before many

Praise God that I have seen with my own eyes and experienced the healing power of God toward those who seek Him in prayer and ask for healing. The finger of God can touch the sick through your hand if you will give it over to HIM.





GOD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS!

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results. Elijah was a person just like you, but when he prayed, God closed up the heavens and no rain fell for three and one half years. Then he prayed for rain and down it came and crops grew again. God hears your prayers. When you feel torn between good and evil, pray and seek God and Satan will flee from you. You have power to have victory by prayer. Use it. You are, as a believer, an intercessor for other believers around you. You have a purpose.



BEFORE YOU GO, BE A PRAYER HERO!

Pray for the sick and those who have need. Pray for those who have temptations that they may make right decisions and overcome evil. You may need to restore them in prayer and love if they wander from the truth. It is the calling and purpose of every believer to minister to the needs of other believers and to minister to the needs of unbelievers is to want to tell them of the wonderful salvation that you have through Christ Jesus and to share it with them.

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