

Monday, 30 May 2016

Matthew 6:12

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Lord, forgive me for I often find it difficult to forgive those who offend me. I would rather dwell on the offense and plot revenge than accept their plea for forgiveness.

Lord, remove the compulsion to punish the offender by rehashing the details of the offense and attempting to make the individual understand the depths of my hurt feelings. Help me to respond as You have responded to me. With gentleness, love and restoration.

Praise You, Lord Jesus.

Tuesday, 31 May 2016

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord, this is a hard teaching to understand, but the words of Apostle Paul are a great help. Thank You for this example of the synergy of the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Wednesday, 1 June 2016

Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Someday, as I stand before You at that great judgment seat (2 Corinthians 5:10), I will be called to account for my conduct towards my fellow believers. How will I answer when put to the question? I'm afraid that many

of my actions will be burned as wood, hay and stubble. (1 Corinthians 3:12)

Lord, continue to transform me into one who shows sacrificial love to his brothers.

Thursday, 2 June 2016

Matthew 6:16-18

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

You know, Lord, that I struggle and often ineffectually against the compulsion to let others know what a super saint I am. Why is it that I am more anxious to hear the world's 'well done' rather than Yours?

Forgive me and continue the transformation.

Friday, 3 June 2016

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

As Paul said, *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* (Colossians 3:1-2) and again *"For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal"* (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Lord, help me to gain a clearer Kingdom vision. I beg that every action, every word will advance the Kingdom

of Heaven in the here and now.

Saturday, 4 June 2016

Matthew 6:22-23

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

I have a greater understanding of this passage after recently benefited from surgery to remove cataracts. Colors are far more vivid, my vision is sharper, I can see what I did not know I was not seeing.

Lord, that my spiritual eyes will continue to sharpen, that I will see what I did not see. As those Greeks cried out to Phillip, *"I want to see Jesus."* (John 12:21)

Lord's Day, 5 June 2016

Psalm 119:4

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

Precept: a principle intended especially as a general rule of action.

What is involved in keeping the precepts of God diligently?

1. To understand their scope
2. To apply obediently.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



May 30-June 5, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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