

PRAY FOR PEACEFUL WORSHIP

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After posting my sermon (Gay Marriage) online and providing a link to it on my Facebook page, a close friend of mine sent me a private note in which he stated "I wonder how long it will be before sermons like that are outlawed and considered to be hate crimes."

His statement is similar to one a brother here expressed to me following the sermon. As I understand it, the laws that are in place already directly affect Government workers, especially those in the military; and they must be very careful about the things they say; and in some cases they are even compelled to go so far as leading

training sessions about why being a homosexual is natural and normal..

As far as preaching against homosexuality, it's my understanding that the Matthew Shepard Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on October 28, 2009, makes concessions for preaching and such like, but let's not be naive, attempts are being made to silence the Gospel in many ways.

Paul said we should pray "for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life... (1 Timothy 2:2). Let's pray that our leaders do not pass laws that would prohibit Gospel Preachers from preaching against sin! ☞

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

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Paul wrote, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When he speaks of our labor not being in vain, he's speaking of our eternal reward. But to receive this reward, we must...

Be Persistent. "Be steadfast" The Greek indicates the idea of being settled. Ever hear someone speak of "Getting settled in?" We must get settled into Christ. We must get settled in to and comfortable with Him and His ways. Too many of us get settled into this world. We just fit right in. But the Bible says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). James reminds us that "Friendship with the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4), and John tells us not to love the world or the things in the world (1 John 2:15-17). Just because the world dances, drinks, watches unfit movies, etc., this doesn't mean we should. We must settle into Christ and serve Him persistently (Revelation 2:10).

Be Planted. "Immovable." The idea is to be firmly grounded; rooted in. Don't be like the seed that fell on the stony ground, which sprung up because of all the joys associated with following Christ, but fell away when the persecutions, because of the word, came (Matthew 13:5, 20-21). It's easy to condemn sin in others until we are faced with the same temptations. Many are lax when it comes to the very things that develop the spiritual root system: Daily Bible Study (Acts 17:11), prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17), Worship (Hebrews 10:25), doing good works, and the list goes on. We must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard lest we drift away (Hebrews 2:1). If we're planted firmly in Christ, we will not drift.

Be Productive. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." Do-nothing Christianity did not originate in the mind of God. We are called to good works; we are created for good works (Ephesians 2:10). We must be zealous for good works (Titus 2:14). Our good works will determine our eternal destiny (Matthew 25:34-36, 46). As we have opportunity, we should do good to all men, especially to the saints (Galatians 6:10). Be productive! ☞

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PRAYER
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Usually when we say “Watch your mouth,” we are using the statement in order to discourage folks from using their mouths for negative things; such as lying, gossiping, and slander, etc. But what about watching our mouths in a positive sense?

Not only should we keep our mouths from speaking unholy things, but we should train them to speak in a holy manner. Prayer is one of these. How often do we really pray?

Paul wrote “*Pray without ceasing*” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The idea here is to have a habit of praying, to make it our custom. There should be times throughout the day that we set aside to go to God in prayer. Not just a sleepy prayer before bedtime, but habitual prayer throughout the day. Daniel had a “Custom” of kneeling down and praying toward Jerusalem three times a

day (Daniel 6:10).

So what do we pray about? Well, everything! “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God*” (Philippians 4:6). Paul lists four components of prayer in 1 Timothy 2:1. Supplications (asking God for the things we need), prayers (praying to God intensely, in a worshipful manner), intercessions (going to God in prayer on behalf of others), and giving of thanks (Thanking God for His blessings).

If you’re one of those who say “I just don’t know what to pray for,” then it may be that Satan has blinded your heart to the many tremendous ways in which God has blessed you.

May we always be a habitually praying people! 🙏

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

-Ephesians 5:1-2

Remember, tonight is the continuation of our series of sermons on Bible Authority. 6 pm

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Background Check On Jesus

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

- DUTY LIST...**
- SUNDAY MORNING**
- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
 - Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: Proverbs 14:1-5
 - Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
 - Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
 - Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Frank Anderson
 - Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh
- SUNDAY EVENING**
- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
 - Lord’s Table.....Lynn Buttrey
- WEDNESDAY EVENING**
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
 - Invitation.....Ben Reagh

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

- GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION**
- There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.
- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
 - Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
 - Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
 - Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
 - Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
 - Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10
- Obey Today!**