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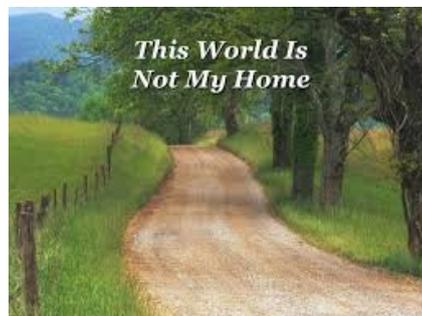
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This World Is Not My Home

Mike King



There is an old church song, the sentiments of which ring loud and clear in my mind. It was titled, *“This World Is Not My Home.”* The lyrics are simple but profound! The part that I remember best says, “This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven’s open door and I can’t feel at home in this world anymore. Oh, Lord you know I have no friend like you, if heaven’s not my home, then Lord what will I do? The angels beckon me from heaven’s open door and I can’t feel at home in this world anymore!” It would be great if we could mature spiritually to the point that we do not feel at home in this world anymore! Being too permanent here makes heaven seem distant and undesirable.

Keep in mind that the “field is the world” – we do not live or dwell in the field, but only labor in it (Matt. 13:38). We know that *“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (Jn. 3:16). From this we see that God’s love was merely a means to an end. Jesus actually prayed that His followers not be removed from the world, but that they learn how to *“not be a part of the world”* (Jn. 17:9-19). This learning process cannot occur from obtaining worldly wisdom. God is not known through wisdom that comes from men. Matter-of-fact, He chose the foolishness of preaching to be an avenue through which an impartation of the good news of Christ crucified as the *“wisdom of God”* (I Cor. 1:21-24) is realized.

Our parting with the world comes through Christ’s influence. The “world is crucified unto me and I unto the world” thus enabling the “crucified” to become “new creatures” (Gal. 6:14f). Those without Christ become aliens, or outsiders, *“from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world”* (Eph. 2:12).

Demas made a serious mistake by forsaking Paul, and in essence forsaking Christ. It is concluded that he did so due to *“having loved this present world”* (2 Tim. 4:10). Falling in love with the world and the things of the world cause us to fall out of love with God. This explains why we are to *“Love not the world neither the things that are in the world,”* because they will pass away but doing the will of God *“abides forever”* (I Jn. 2:15-17).

Pray for Our Children

One challenge we face as we pray for our children is: How do we pray for our young people to be within the will of God? A good way to know that what we are praying for in our young peoples lives is the will of God is to pray scripture. God has revealed his will for us through his word, and we can know our prayers are within his will by praying his word for our kids. Below are some scriptures which you may want to pray for your child: I Chronicles 29:18, 19.

O Lord, God of our fathers, make _____ always want to obey You, and see to it that his love for you never changes.

Give _____ a good heart toward God, so that he will want to obey you in the smallest detail. I Chronicles 29:18,19

Withhold not your tender mercies from _____ O Lord, let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve. Psalm 40;11

That _____ will follow you, Lord, because he knows your voice. May he never (on any account) follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because he does not know the voice of strangers or recognize their call. John 10:4-5

Lord, keep my _____ from the traps set for him by evildoers. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while he passes by in safety. Psalm 141: 9,10

Don't let others spoil _____'s faith and joy with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's ideas, instead of on what Christ has said. Colossians 2:8

That _____ would hear the instruction of his father; and reject not or forsake the teaching of his mother. Proverbs 1:8

I ask that you will keep and protect _____ from the evil one. John 17:15

I ask that the worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desire for other things will not creep in and choke and suffocate the Word in _____'s life. Mark 4:19

O Lord God of our fathers, make _____ always want to obey you, and see to it that his love for you never changes. Give a good heart toward God, so that he will want to obey you in the smallest detail. I Chronicles 29: 18, 19

That _____ would not be quarrelsome - - fighting and contending, may he be kindly to everyone and mild tempered - - preserving the bond of peace. II Timothy 2:24

Let _____'s light shine before men, that they may see _____'s good deeds and praise his Father in heaven. Matt. 5:16

~ Philip Cummings

A Teen-Ager's Prayer

“Dear Father in Heaven, I am young and don't understand what it is like to be a parent, but it must be very hard. I pray you will help Mom and Dad to be good parents, strong in the ways you want them to be. I want to look up to them with admiration and feel confident that their instruction is right.”

“Help me, dear Lord, to understand my parents. Remind me that, when I don't get my way, it is because they love me and not because they want to be mean or deprive me of a good time”

“When I become stubborn and refuse to listen, help me, God, to accept the fact that they have wisdom and experience since they were once teen-agers themselves; whereas I have never been a parent.”

“Put in my heart the respect and consideration they deserve for their years of hard work and sacrifice. They raised me as best they could. Let me not repay them with grief or shame. Rather, help me to give them obedience, respect, forgiveness and love.”

“Most of all, God, while I still have my parents here on earth, help me to appreciate them and let them know I do.”

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor your father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-4)



PRAYER LIST



Carol Anson, sister of *Terry Young* suffered a stroke Sunday and was admitted to the local hospital. She was released Monday.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold & Deloris Crowe*, received good news from her recent tests.

Linda Griggs had a pacemaker installed Monday. Her procedure went well.

Bobby and Sue Marques are having health issues. *Bobby* has been dealing with blood pressure problems and *Sue* has walking pneumonia.

Continue to Remember:

William Bailey, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Jacqueline Golden, Linda Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Laura Hollowell, Shane Hutton, Taylor Kirk, Johnny Lee, Dean Long, Barbara Raines, Cliff Sanders, Pete Scriara, Kayla Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Genice Collett, Wanda DeLoach, Jean Drummond, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mary Frances Reid, Price & Claudia Senter, Ione Wall

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals

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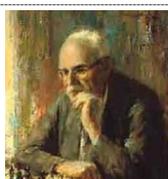
- One furnace melts all hearts — love;
- One balm soothes all pain — patience;
- One medicine cures all ills — time;
- One light illuminates all darkness — hope.

Answer to last weeks back page quiz.

Nails

I've Learned...

If you wish to be a leader, you will be frustrated, for very few people wish to be led. If you aim to be a servant, you will never be disappointed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- April 18.Kurt Clayton
- April 19.Harold Crowe
- April 19. Thomas Wall
- April 20. Lynn Harrison

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 17.Alvin & Kaye Parks



THANK YOU

Thank you for your cards, calls and especially your prayers during my sickness.

Roger Clayton

YOUTH NEWS

- Lads to Leaders will make their presentations Wed. night at 7:00pm. The boys will meet in the auditorium and the girls in the annex building. Please be present and show your support for our fine young people. This year's convention will be held this weekend, April 14th-16th, in Memphis. Several our young people will be participating. Please remember them in your prayers.
- High School Seniors, please turn in your senior picture and your school accomplishments to the office by April 30th, if possible.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- An Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Wed. evening April 12th, at 5:45, at the fellowship building. The youth are asked to bring a dozen candy filled eggs.
- Lads to Leaders Convention will be held April 14-16th; Fri.-Sun. in Memphis.
- Deacon's Meeting April 23rd, at 5:00pm.
- Youth Devo April 23rd ,following PM services. *Phil & Paige Young* will be hosting.
- 5th Sunday Services. Potluck meal following the AM service. PM service led by the youth at 1:15pm.

OUR DREAM:

To become better friends with God in 2017!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Martin Crotts
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
 Closing Prayer....Phillip Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 ClosingRonnie Griggs
 Wed.4/19.....Richard Jennings
 Wed.4/19.....Bill Lyon
 Usher & Lock....Harold Russell

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....95
 Sunday A.M.....123
 Sunday P. M.....79
 Wednesday.....115
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How to Be Miserable?

All of us are always thinking and working to find ways to be happy and stay happy. We don't think often of how to be miserable, and yet, many find themselves in this state all too often.

Listed below are some ways to be totally miserable. Let's read them, think on them, and then make sure we avoid them.

We will be Miserable:

1. When we talk about ourselves all of the time (Prov. 10:19;cf. Jas. 1:19).
2. When we think about ourselves constantly (Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3).
3. When we are too sensitive to slights (Gen. 4:3-8).
4. When we expect to be appreciated all of the time.
5. When we trust nobody but ourselves (Prov. 3:5-5; Ps. 37:3,5).
6. When we think no one is right but us.
7. When we always think that we know more than all others (1 Cor. 8:1;cf. 1 Cor. 13:4).
8. When we use "I" as often as possible (cf. Ecc. 2; Lk. 12:16-19).
9. When we shirk our duties if we can (Matt. 25:24-30).
10. When we do as little as possible for others (Jas. 2:14-17; cf, Matt. 5:15-16).
11. When we demand agreement with our own view on everything (Amos 3:3).
12. When we think we are the only one that cares for the truth (1Kgs. 19:1-18;cf. Rom. 11:1-4).
13. When we sulk if people are not grateful to us for favors shown to them (Lk. 15:25-30).
14. When we shut God and His Word out of our life (Hos. 4:6; cf. Isa. 5:11-15).

~ Mike Riley