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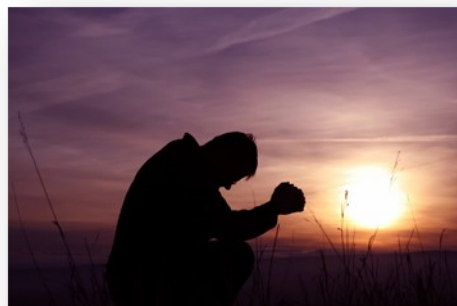
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## Quiet Moments With God

Mike King



An article appeared in a publication a number of years ago, written by *A.R. Kepple*, then of Kansas City, MO, that was enlightening. Let me share with you his emphasis on quiet moments with God:

- Prayer Moments ~ Jesus went often into the mountains to pray; sometimes he would pray all night (Lk. 6:12). His disciples would accompany Him across the sea, but He would ascend into the “*mountain by Himself to pray...He was there alone*” (Mt. 14:22-23). He would also rise in the morning before day to pray. Though Jesus was sinless, He still felt a need for and sought out the time and place to be alone with His Father. (Mk. 1:35). He knew His followers needed the same, so He encouraged them to enter into a room with a closed door to pray in secret so God could reward openly (Mt. 6:5-6). Prayer is not a public display, but a personal petition.
- Praise Moments ~ The Psalmist David felt unworthy to fully express the joy of his heart, but found satisfaction in trying. Some excerpts from his written thoughts are: “*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*” “*Bless the Lord O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.*” “*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.*” We are not to worry about expressing self fluently, but to be confident and sincere!
- Confession Moments ~ “*He who covers his sins will not prosper; but whosoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy*” (Prov. 28:13). Peace of mind comes when praying quietly to our loving and approachable God to admit/apologize for our wrongs. They will be heard and answered!
- Commission Moments ~ These times are most fruitful in the morning. This is a great time to commit all that we have, are, and ever hope to be to His loving care and custody. We can be sheltered behind the sturdy walls of His powerful fortress of unfailing care. With this mindset, we can face the new day without doubt, distrust or indecision; confidence becomes our battle-cry, never to be forsaken or fail.
- Invitation Moments ~ These are moments when we can invite the host of heaven to be our guest in our home for the day to impact every thought and behavior. We have the privilege to have a celebrity guest daily with whom we can company!

## Growing Down

One Sunday long ago, a minister went to a family gathering. He did not want to think about the things that had happened to him that week.

-A church leader announced that he was planning to resign because other church members had made his ministry fail.

-A lady had confided in him that she was no longer wanting to come to worship because church members did not seem friendly or sensitive to her problems.

-After many years of unhappiness, a woman was now planning to leave her husband.

- And a Bible class teacher had said he would no longer teach because someone offended him.

Sad to say, this was not a particularly unusual week for the minister. But as the family now sat and talked on the porch, he tried to forget his problems and ignore the shouts of the ten excited grandchildren running and playing nearby. Suddenly, he noticed one of the children standing inside the doorway, sulking.

"Why are you not with the others?"

"I am not playing with them because they won't obey my rules!" came the mournful reply.

"You, too?" he thought. We adults are more like our children than we like to think. But then he saw a difference between the child and the adults. The unhappy boy soon understood that his quitting the game did not stop it. Neither did it keep his cousins from having as much fun as they were having before. And the boy saw that the saddest child was the one who had chosen not to play. He heard his friends entreating him to come back into the game. And he knew that he really did want to be with the others.

So he soon forgave his comrades and joined the game again. Within moments, he seemed as happy as before. His sulking had lasted but just a few minutes.

Do you see the difference between the little boy and us adults?

Lord, today we will not ask for you to help the children grow up. Today, if it is not too late, we simply ask, could you help us "grownups" to grow down?  
~ Tim Woodard ~

## Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy set out to meet God. He thought it could be a long trip to where God lives so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his little suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry so he offered him a Twinkie.

The elderly gentleman gratefully accepted it and smiled at the lad. His smile was so pleasant the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

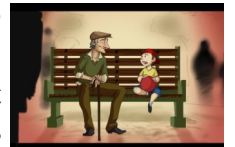
As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." Before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

— author unknown



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## PRAYER LIST



**John Popson**, brother-in-law of Sue Stroud is having health problems.

**Roger Clayton**, returns to his doctor Tuesday, and is expected to have knee surgery, possibly Wednesday.

**Paul Carruth**, cousin of *Terry Stubblefield* is suffering from COPD, congestive heart failure and is on a respirator at the Tupelo Hospital.

**Charlene Coker** spent several days in the local hospital with shortness of breath and swelling in her legs. She was released from the hospital this past Friday.

**Eleta Grimmett** is still struggling daily with her lung condition and not able to be out. Please pray for her.

**Nancy Petrowski**, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris* Crow was able to return home Thursday, Aug. 14th after a lengthy stay at the Vanderbilt Hospital. She is grateful for all the many cards she received and especially for all the prayers on her behalf.

### Continue to remember:

Mildred Shackelford, Pat Reed, Eleta Grimmett, Rebecca Anthony, Marvin Atchison, Kent Brantley, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

### Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

### Military List:

Tim Baxley, Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

## I've Learned...

to give God what's right, not what's left.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 21..... Mary Frances Reid  
August 23..... Emerson Dewberry  
August 26..... Gary Turner  
August 30..... Richard Adams  
August 30..... Alyce Jennings  
August 30..... Troy Robertson  
August 31..... Cade Carpenter  
August 31..... Rachel Peeler

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 21..... Roger & Kathy Clayton  
August 21..... Jerry & Lucille Gibson  
August 29..... Larry & Janice Drummond



## RESPONSE

*Nicki Weaver* responded to the invitation Wed. night August 13 requesting prayers for strength to face the difficult struggles of life. Please continue to remember *Nicki* in your prayers and encourage her as she strives to live for Christ.

## 5th SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, August 31st we will have an All Day service with a meal following our morning services. Our evening service will be at 1:15, and lead by our senior men.



## AREA EVENTS

- **West Main Church of Christ** invites you to their **Back-to-School Bible School** Sat. Aug. 23rd, beginning at 9:00am
- A **Gospel Meeting** at **Marlow Church of Christ** will be held August 24th-27th. The guest speaker will be *Donnie DeBord*. Time: Mon.-Wed. night at 7:30.
- You are invited to the **100th Anniversary Celebration** at the **Gloster St. Church of Christ** August, 24th, beginning at 9:00am.
- **Fulton Bible Institute's** fall term begins Tuesday, Aug. 26th. The study will be on "Historical Christian Evidences." Check the bulletin board for more details.

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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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 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard  
 A.M. Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
 Closing Prayer....Troy Robertson  
 P.M. Prayer .....Alvin Parks  
 Closing .....Anderson Parks  
 Wed.8/27.....Dalton Beard  
 Wed.8/27.....Ray Kennedy  
 Usher & Lock .....Roger Clayton  
 Greeter.....R & K Clayton

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....117  
 Sunday A.M..... 136  
 Sunday P.M.....113  
 Wednesday.....122  
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### PANTRY ITEM

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### HABIT

**Habit** - The only way to get rid of a bad habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the "H" and you still have ...

**A bit** - You think you're getting over it by dropping a little bit of the evil thing, so you go on and drop the "A," but you still are ...

**Bit** - That is to say, you are not getting on at all. You are deceiving yourself. You are just where you were. You are still bitten by the evil thing. However, you think you are progressing and so you drop the "B." But you still lack; you still have...

**It** - And "it" is the sting of habit. "It" has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Even when you drop the "I" you still have ...

**T** - Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. Better do the thing "wholesale" and drop all the letters at once.

*"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" —I Peter 2:11*

-Why is it that opportunity always knocks, but temptation feels free to walk right in?

~ House to House Vol. 10 #4 ~