

BE HUMBLE - KNOWING GOD THRU SURRENDER

Prayer Reveals Purpose

MATT 6.6-8/// Eph. 1.17-19

Jer 33:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD is His name, 3 `Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

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Mt 6:6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. 7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

INTRO//REVIEW - WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

HUMILITY TO ASK

Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

HUMILITY IS WHAT ENABLES US TO SURRENDER, TO ADMIT TO WHAT WE DONT KNOW AND BEGIN TO LEARN.

PRAYER IS A MANIFESTATION OF HUMILITY!

PAUL PRAYS FOR THEIR EYES TO BE OPENED

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1. INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS

Jn 17:1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

KNOWLEDGE IS INFORMATION

WISDOM IS HOW YOU USE INFORMATION

Mt 8:7 Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

So we started reading the Book of Mark.....

SHARE SOME OF THE INFO PEOPLE SENT REGARDING JESUS

2. UNDERSTAND YOUR CALLING- HOPE SPRINGS FROM KNOWING

2Ti 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

1. EVERYTHING HAS A PURPOSE

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

:12 So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can.

13 And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

14 And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose is that people should fear him.

ABUSE IS THE RESULT OF MISUNDERSTANDING PURPOSE!

2. WE ALL HAVE ONE PURPOSE.....CHIEF AIM OF MAN

TO BRING HONOR AND GLORY TO GOD

Ps 86:12 I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

3. THE DISCOVERY OF PURPOSE IS A LIFE LONG PURSUIT

THE WAY WE BRING HONOR TO GOD CHANGES OVER OUR LIFE-TIME BUT PURPOSE NEVER DOES...

*Proverbs 19:21 You can make many plans,
but the lord's purpose will prevail.*

DON'T CONFUSE YOUR PROFESSION WITH YOUR PURPOSE!

Jesus was a Carpenter but that was not His Purpose

YOUR PROFESSION MAY CHANGE BUT YOUR PURPOSE REMAINS

MY NOTES: EX. TO REACH OUT TO SAD PEOPLE WITH THE GOOD NEWS AND BRING JOY.

**College, Med School, Medical Practice
High School, Apprenticeship, Shipyard**

3. HIS INVESTMENT IN YOU

JOHN 17:4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

HOW MUCH HAS HE PUT IN YOU

HOW MUCH GLORY WILL HE GET?

4. POWER THAT RESIDES IN YOU

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.