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THEN WHY DON'T WE PRAY?

The highest privilege ever afforded to man is the power of prayer.

...then why don't we pray?

The right to talk to the highest potentate in all the universe...

...then why don't we pray?

The most powerful force accessible to man is the potential of prayer...

...then why don't we pray?

The greatest longing in the heart of God is to talk to His children...

...then why don't we pray?

Nothing is impossible to those who pray...

...then why don't we pray?

No man ever fainted or faltered who gave himself to prayer...

...then why don't we pray?

Every sin is forgiven, every stain is washed clean, all guilt diminished to the man who prays...

...then why don't we pray?

Hell moves farther away, Satan flees from the man who prays...

...then why don't we pray?

Anointing will come, mountains will be moved, valleys made smooth, rivers made crossable, the inaccessible made accessible, the impossible made possible, dreams come through to the

man who prays...

...then why don't we pray?

Jesus said that men ought always to pray...

...then why don't we pray?

Paul encouraged prayer without ceasing...

...then why don't we pray?

The riches of heaven are open to those who pray in His name...

...then why don't we pray?

Everyone can pray, the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the

strong, the weak, the child, the aged, the sinner, the prisoner, in any nation, in any language, all can pray...

...then why don't we pray?

◆ Received from Joe Downs: from Ruth Edwards in Texas

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

PSALM 55:22a "Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you"

You may have heard or sung the Christian Hymn with Words and Music by Civilla and Walter Martin --- God Will Take Care Of You --- published in 1904. If one writes a hymn they can reasonably expect that people of all faith levels will sing it. I'm sure when they wrote this hymn Civilla and Martin had no idea the impact it would have some 40 plus years later on one man by the name of

JC.

**Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain

**God will take care of you,
Through every day, over all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

JC was a businessman who started from humble beginnings. His father was a Baptist Minister in the early 19th century and instilled a quality of life and respect for the word of God in him. JC built his business around the "Golden Rule" and then he fell on hard times during the Great Depression.

With his situation desperate JC sought the Lord and in a church service the organist started playing, "God Will Take Care Of You"

That was a defining moment for JC and with his whole world crashing in on him God used this hymn to show JC the revelation of His strength. JC left that service a new man God had showed up and touched his heart and soul. From that time forward JC no longer worried about his situation and left it in the hands of God.

You and I probably had no idea that this was James Cash Penny. He owned the Golden Rule stores that went on to become the largest retail organization in America at the time. His chain of stores totaled more than 1,500. Today we just call it JC Penny's.

◆ Pam & Larry Schmidt

TEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DOCTOR AND THE PASTOR

1. The Doctor says, "Please disrobe" and you do it without question. The Pastor preaches that you should dress modestly and he is getting too personal.
2. The Doctor charges outrageous fees and you complain but you come back the next time you are sick. The Pastor preaches that you should sacrificially give to support God's work and you leave the church.
3. The Doctor checks how much you weigh and you allow him. The Pastor asks how much you pray and it's none of his business.
4. The Doctor gives you a nasty tasting medicine and you take it. The Pastor feeds you the Word and you say no thank you.
5. The Doctor's office closes at a certain time. The Pastor is to be



available, awake and ready twenty-four hours a day.

6. The Doctor tells you how to change your lifestyle to lower your blood pressure. The Pastor tells you how to change your lifestyle

and it raises your blood pressure.

7. The Doctor tells you we need to run more tests, so you make an appointment. The Pastor says we need more prayer time and Bible studies and you are too busy.

8. The Doctor says, "There is nothing more we can do", and you search high and low for one who can help. The Pastor says, "God can help you", and you give up and say, "What's the use."



9. The Doctor says, "Try this and see if it works and if it doesn't we'll try something else", so you do. The Pastor gives you the promises of God's Word that are always true and you don't like to "Walk by faith."

10. To the Doctor, you are one of many sick bodies that he sees 25-35 each day. To the Pastor, you are a special part of the family. He loves you. He prays for you. He helps carry your burdens. He laughs with you and cries with you.

You are important to your Pastor. How important is your Pastor to you?

◆ Received from James Sparks

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

(Written by a former child)

A message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

"When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat,

and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other!

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking! I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'"

◆ Author unknown

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

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EVENING SING & PRAISE
SERVICE
6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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THE BURGER BAR 6:00 AM

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THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY AT ELVA'S
1:00 PM

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FRIDAYS

KID'S CLUB
3:30 PM — 4:30 PM

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 6
1:00 PM

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WCG LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MAY 13
12:00 NOON

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FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

WE WILL BE COLLECTING
FOOD GOODS FOR THE FOOD
BANK.

SUNDAY MORNING,
MAY 21
11:00 AM

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MEMORIAL SUNDAY PICNIC

MAY 28, 1:00 PM
@ PARSONAGE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

THURSDAY, MAY 4

6:30 AM

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WASHINGTON PARK
CENTRALIA

ACROSS THE STREET FROM
CAMPBELLS CHRYSLER

12:00 NOON

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SENIORS ON THE GO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

12:00 NOON

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AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00 PM

PNA EVENTS

MEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MAY 19 & 20

DOUBLE K RETREAT CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: KEN LONG

COST: \$ 50.00

DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00 PM

VISITATION & PRAYER

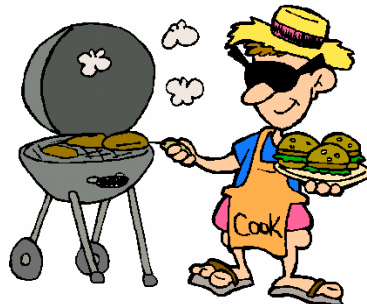
We are going to begin a new out-reach program on Wednesday nights, beginning on May 3. We will be meeting at the church at 6:30 for a time of



prayer and then we will be going out on visitation. We will be visiting those who regularly

attend our church, those who have been missing and those who once attended as well as those who have expressed interest in our church. We need as many as possible to be involved in this ministry.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY PICNIC



I would like to encourage everyone to help us have a very special Memorial Sunday. Being it is Memorial weekend we are inviting all who are presently attending and have attended our church in the past to join with us for a special Memorial Sunday. If you know of someone who has attended our church in the past would you please invite them to join with us for the wonderful event?

Everyone is invited to join together on Sunday afternoon, May 28, following the morning service for a time of good food, lots of fun and great fellowship at the Parsonage. Bring your own meat and picnic potluck items. Pastor will have his big bar-be-que ready for your steaks, hamburger or hotdog.

We would like to encourage all those who can attend to join us. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 978-4161

THE SECRET OF FORGIVING

Mary Warner

Asking another person to forgive you isn't always the easiest thing to do, especially if you have had your feelings stepped on. Sometimes forgiveness is more about us and our relationship with Christ than it is about thing else.

Harold was a nurse's aid at a nursing home that I worked at, and like all nurse's aids he was overworked and underpaid. One morning while doing room visits I had the unfortunate privilege of meeting Harold on one of his bad mornings. Many times while doing the morning room visits I would come across a resident who needed something that only a nurse or nurse's aid could provide. If this happened I would turn on their call light before leaving their room. This particular morning I did just that for a resident. Upon leaving the room I met Harold, who to say the least was livid. Harold was a tall thin man in his early thirties; he was for lack of a better term, scrawny, and not much of a physical threat. As soon as I opened my mouth to say hello to him he let loose with language that would have made a seasoned sailor blush. He told me clearly never to turn on another light. He then explained in his very colorful language how many residents he was attending to on his own, and he was sick of the 'office staff' making his job harder. As he was letting off steam I could feel my face flush, eyes water and knew I had better not utter a word or I might lose control.

Back in the safety of my office I closed the doors and cried. A few

minutes later my sweet husband walked in and asked me what was wrong. I explained to him the incident with Harold and he offered to go have a talk with him. I shook my head no, and said it would make things worse. Then Jay told me that although Harold had no right to talk to me that way that he, like everyone else in nursing, was overworked and on edge.

An hour later having composed myself I was in the Kitchen setting up my refreshment cart for the resident's morning tea and coffee. I had just used the last drop of coffee and was making more when Harold came in to get a cup. He was on break and wouldn't you know it there wasn't even a cup of coffee for him. He looked so defeated and tired with that empty cup in his hand. I took it from him and filled it from the thermos on my cart and handed it to him. He looked surprised and said "Thanks." I told him he was welcome, then I said "Look Harold about earlier, I would like to apologize to you for turning the lights on I hope you can forgive me." His jaw nearly dropped on the floor and before he could get a word in I continued. "I know that you guys are really overworked and stressed out and I don't want to make your job any harder than it is. I was wondering if there is anything I might do in the mornings to help you and the other nurse's aids while I am doing room visits?" "Well, Mary, now that you ask," he said, "it would really help if you could empty the water pitchers and refill them. Also there isn't much time for us to make all the beds when we don't have a bed maker scheduled. "Anything else?" I asked him. "Yes, I want to say I'm sorry

too, for yelling at you before." I told him that I forgave him and we parted that day with the air cleared. In the years that I have served Christ I have learned to keep very short lists. Conflict always comes with life, but when we forgive others we are assured that Christ forgives us. Harold didn't serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but I did. To serve Christ freely we cannot hold grudges, so forgiveness should be swift and genuine whenever possible. If there is someone in your life that you have put on that long list, I hope you will pray and ask the Lord to make you willing to forgive; it is as much for your sake as it is for theirs.

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THANKS TO GOD

*Hello God,
I called tonight To talk a little while
I need a friend who'll listen to my
anxiety and trial.
You see, I can't quite make it
through a day just on my own ...
I need your love to guide me,
so I'll never feel alone.
I want to ask you please to keep
my family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confi-
dence for whatever fate they're
bound.
Give me faith, Dear God, to face
each hour throughout the day,
and not to worry over things
I can't change in any way.
I thank you God for being home
and listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice
when I stumble and fall.
Your number, God, is the only one
that answers every time.
I never get a busy signal, never had
to pay a dime.
So thank you, God, for listening
to my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You too,
and I'll call again tomorrow!*

◆ *Norman & Velma Chilson*



I failed to have a quiz last month and I received several complaints. The quiz for March was answered by quite a few and for the life of me I can't

remember who was first. The answer is found in the twelfth chapter of the book of Acts. Rhoda was the girl that answered Peter's knocking. I am trying to make this month's a little harder for you.

*Now spies we were,
But only two,
And to our king,
We remained true.*

*A plan was made
That might have won,
But it was over turned
By another one.*

*We thought we made our escape
Quite well*

*But a lad he saw us
And he did tell*

*We had to get our message
through
And tell the king what they would
do.*

*They tried to find us
But they couldn't tell
That we were hidden
Within a well.*

*And we escaped what a wonder-
ful thing.*

*So we told our message to our
king,*

*Now if you think you know who
we are*

*And you're right you win the
candy bar.*

NO BAD HAIR DAY

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

"Well," she said, "I think I'll braid

my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today."

So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

"Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"YEAH!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything!!

◆ Received from Jim Sparks

POLICEMAN TESTIFIES IN COURT

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony



trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility...

Q: "Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?"

A: "No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away."

Q: "Officer -- who provided this description?"

A: "The officer who responded to the scene."

Q: "A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?"

A: "Yes, sir. With my life."

Q: "With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?"

A: "Yes sir, we do! "

Q: "And do you have a locker in the room?"

A: "Yes sir, I do."

Q: "And do you have a lock on your locker?"

A: "Yes sir."

Q: "Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?"

A: "You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room."

The courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best Comeback" line -- and we think he'll win.

◆ Received from Jim Sparks

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher. It's the same dog.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.