



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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PRAY IN GOD'S WILL (1 John 5:14, 15)

PROCESS

1. I ask according to God's will
2. God hears me
3. Since God hears me, I know I have what I asked for
4. Why? Because it was in His will
5. If it is not in His will, He is not hearing it

PRINCIPLE: SINCE IT IS IN GOD'S WILL, GOD ALREADY HAS IT IN THE FUTURE, WAITING FOR ME TO ASK FOR IT

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT (Romans 8:26, 27)

PROCESS

1. God knows what is in my heart [God searches the hearts]
2. God knows what is in the mind of the Spirit
3. God knows what God's will is
4. The Spirit knows the will of God [the Father]
5. I listen for the Holy Spirit to instruct me in my praying
6. The Holy Spirit gets in between me and my prayer, and assists me in lining it up with the will of God

PRINCIPLE: IF THE SPIRIT GIVES ME SOMETHING FOR WHICH TO PRAY, GOD IS ALREADY IN THE FUTURE WATCHING IT HAPPEN...

CHURCH ETIQUETTE / COMPORIMENT

1. To give respect and honor to the sanctuary, the place where we corporately come together to worship God, absolutely no food or beverage (including water) is to be consumed in the sanctuary
2. To give respect and honor to the reading of the Scriptures, please do not walk and talk when the Scriptures are being read. When God's Scriptures are being read, God is speaking.
3. To give respect and honor to times of prayer, please do not walk and talk when someone is praying. When someone is praying, they are speaking with God.
4. To give respect and honor to the Invitation to Discipleship offered by the minister after the sermon, please do not walk and talk. When the Invitation is extended, the Holy Spirit is encouraging people to consider coming to Christ.
5. To give respect and honor to the meaning of the Lord's Supper, only those who have accepted Jesus, the Christ, as their Savior and Lord, and have been baptized can participate in the Lord's Supper. Please do not permit your children to receive the Lord's Supper if they have not been baptized. Doing so will diminish its significance for them.

WORK FOR THE WEEK

APRIL MEMORY VERSE

²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

Matthew 21:22

APRIL MEDITATION QUOTES

"I'm going to hold steady on You, an' You've got to see me through."

Harriet Tubman

"Oh, God, you know I have no money, but you can make the people do for me, and you must make the people do for me. I will never give you peace till you do, God."

Sojourner Truth

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Since it is in God's will, God already has it in the future, waiting for me to ask for it _____

If the spirit gives me something for which to pray, god is already in the future watching it happen

FOR THE YOUTH

Ask your parents and/or grandparents to teach you the Lord's Prayer _____

| | Educational Enrichment | Technology Literacy | Athletics & Recreation | Performing Arts | Facility Innovation |
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| \$500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe |
| \$1,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe |
| \$2,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/ licensing fee and cast instructions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school |
| \$5,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best |
| \$10,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light |