March 25

Christian Life

A Wholesome Life

Peter outlines a pattern for wholesome living to the Christians in Asia; this can certainly serve as an outline for modern day Christians as well: Read I Peter 1:13-17, 22b.

* READY for ACTION
* BE OBEDIENT to God
* BE HOLY
* LIVE as Strangers
* REVERENCE for him.
* LOVE ONE ANOTHER

With a life pleasing to God we will be in line for eternal life –Read: I Peter 1:23. Let’s heed Peter’s words to wholesome living TODAY!

VERSE FOR TODAY: I Peter 1:21.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to follow the words you inspired Peter to write.

March 26

Christian Life

Marriage

We’ve all went to a wedding sometime, besides our own and the experience has served as a renewal of our vows and revitalization of our own commitment.

Marriage today is not taken seriously enough in some respects and in other too seriously; some say when they get married, if it doesn’t work we can always get a divorce and to others who think marriage is like a jail sentence or they don’t want to make a commitment.

Here again we must depend on the Lord for our choice of marriage partner as well as guidance through our day to day marriage problems.

We must then in taking our vows realize that God is joining us to our spouse – What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder. Mark 10:9.KJV. Marriage was instituted by God, it was God’s plan at creation, so who are we to try and change God’s plan by renewable marriage licenses, living together or communal living.

VERSE FOR TODAY: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: Mark10:7, 8a. KJV.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I always realize that marriage is a lifetime commitment, not a prison but a sharing, caring, loving relationship of your divine plan, O Lord.

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Christian Life

The Family

Areas that we should commit ourselves:

* Read: James 4:7a.
* Read: Colossians 3:18-20.

First we submit ourselves to God, then the laws of our country and then to live with each other in our own family group, here is where the fruits we have received from the Holy Spirit come into play “love, patience, self-control, goodness and kindness.”

We as parents have a large responsibility to our children – Read: Ephesians 6:4.

Take the Spiritual life of your child seriously – Read: Matthew 19:14. Bring your children to church, read the Bible with them and pray, when the time is right they will know Jesus and choose to follow Him.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Ephesians 3:17.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to bring my children to your house and bring them up in your ways.

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Christian Life

Bringing up a Child

Maybe this title should be “Bringing up the Parents” because Paul says – Read: Colossians 3:21. But also – Read: Colossians 3:20. To live with harmony in the home there needs to be give and take, the key is to give more than we take.

Parents are not to irritate their children but this does not mean that disciplining should be ignored either for – Read: Proverbs 13:24. Disciplining should be done out of love not out anger then it is a useful action, but if you are a parent you know, unfortunately, that it is not the case, most discipline is done in anger. Most of us born before the nineteen eighties were disciplined with spankings and the Bible teaches this kind of discipline but modern ideas are against spankings, how you discipline is up to you but don’t neglect correcting/discipline of children as they are growing up.

Experience is a good teacher, so this proverb says – Read: Proverbs 1:8, 9.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Proverbs 22:15.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to be an obedient child and an intelligent disciplining parent.

March 29

Christian Life

Divorce

To curb divorce rate we should use the teachings of Jesus for the guideline. The only reason given for divorce – Read: Matthew 5:32. We see here adultery is the only reason for divorce. We cause another to sin if we divorce for other reasons, for if they remarry; two people are committing adultery and were made to do so by our divorce action.

Adultery is a sin unto eternal damnation – Read: I Corinthians 6:9. Be sure of the motives for divorce is clear before burdening anyone with the sin of adultery.

Divorce is a serious matter, even more serious than marriage because of the problems it causes for others, not only your spouse but your children as well, pray long and hard, seek professional guidance and pastoral guidance before taking the steps to divorce.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Hebrews 13:4.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to always be faithful first to you and then to the one I marry.

March 30

Christian Life

God Our Friend

The way to have God as our friend is – Read: John 15:14. Looking back we see what God commands – Read: John 15:12.

As a friend God is always there as a real friend should be, he’s just a prayer away!

With God as our friend life will be simple and easy, everyone will love us, and we’ll have no more problems! Don’t believe it, Jesus goes on to say – Read: John 15:18, 20a. We know that was killed Jesus, so we too can expect persecution, maybe not unto death but times like these will lead to the end times where persecution will be terrible.- Read: Revelation 13:10a, b. These end times will be rough but John goes on and says – Read: Revelation 13:10c. With faith and endurance we will be saved.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 15:15.

PRAYER THOUGHT: I know, O Lord I have no greater friend in all creation, help me not to forget it.

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Christian Life

Temptation unto Death

If we allow temptation to bring desire for evil then that desire brings sin and sin leads to death as James states clearly – Read: James 1:15.

We cannot drive down the road without being tempted; there are signs galore for bars, bad movies, ect. There are perverted magazines even in the grocery store, our lives are filled with temptations at every turn but we must learn not to give into these temptations.

Temptation is strongest when we are the weakest, we must rely on the Lord for strength. – Read: Psalm 46:1. God is always strong and always waiting to hear from us in time of temptation.

Paul asks us an important question – Read: Romans 6:20, 21, 23. If you are still a slave to sin turn to Jesus for forgiveness and freedom from eternal death!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Romans 6:22.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me not to backslide into sin through temptation even though I know I am saved help me to help others to gain their freedom through you.