



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord give us the will to meditate on Your Word and give us Your wisdom to understand. Lead us in the way that You want us to go, and fill us with Your will for us and plans. When we give let us give in joy, help us to always give in agape love, and to do it as unto the Lord. For everything is for Your glory and never ours. Give each one peace my Lord, and bless and keep them in Your precious name. Amen.

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Scripture

I Peter 2 (2005)

1 Peter 3:1-22 (AMP)

¹ IN LIKE manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them], so that even if any do not obey the Word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [godly] lives of their wives,

² When they observe the pure *and* modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence [for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him—to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband].

³ Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] interweaving *and* knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes;

⁴ But let it be the inward adorning *and* beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *and* unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were [accustomed] to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].

⁶ It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].

⁷ In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered *and* cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]

⁸ Finally, all [of you] should be of one *and* the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate *and* courteous (tenderhearted and humble).

⁹ Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For *know that* to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].

¹⁰ For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit).

¹¹ Let him turn away from wickedness *and* shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]

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¹² For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

¹³ Now who is there to hurt you if you are zealous followers of that which is good?

¹⁴ But even in case you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, [you are] blessed (happy, to be envied). Do not dread *or* be afraid of their threats, nor be disturbed [by their opposition].

¹⁵ But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.

¹⁶ [And see to it that] your conscience is entirely clear (unimpaired), so that, when you are falsely accused as evildoers, those who threaten you abusively *and* revile your right behavior in Christ may come to be ashamed [of slandering your good lives].

¹⁷ For [it is] better to suffer [unjustly] for doing right, if that should be God's will, than to suffer [justly] for doing wrong.

¹⁸ For Christ [the Messiah Himself] died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous (the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit,

¹⁹ In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

²⁰ [The souls of those] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, when God's patience waited during the building of the ark in which a few [people], actually eight in number, were saved through water.

²¹ And baptism, which is a figure [of their deliverance], does now also save you [from inward questionings and fears], not by the removing of outward body filth [bathing], but by [providing you with] the answer of a good and clear conscience (inward cleanness and peace) before God [because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²² [And He] has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with [all] angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him.

Christian wives (3:1-6). "Called him her master" (v. 6) surely is not to be construed as meaning that a wife should be in abject slavery to her husband; rather, it indicates unselfish devotion so as to win his admiration and affection and, if he is an unbeliever, win him to Christ by her loving tact. We do not understand verses 3-4 to prohibit a woman's desire to be attractive in personal appearance, but rather a caution against overdoing it—keeping in mind that no amount of finery can be a substitute for a gracious Christian personality. (See further on Ephesians 5:22-33.)

Christian husbands (3:3-7). It is manly to be tender toward your wife. God's plan is that marital love be mutual, that each be considerate of the other. If either of the two has a mean disposition or tongue, it makes it all the harder for the other to be considerate. "So that nothing will hinder your prayers" (v. 7): nothing extinguishes the flame of prayer like marital friction.

Christ preached to spirits in prison (3:18-22). This passage seems to say that Jesus, in the interval between His death and resurrection, preached to the imprisoned spirits of the disobedient of Noah's day. Or, it may mean that the Spirit of Christ was in Noah as he preached to the people before the Flood.

Symbolism of water baptism (3:20-22). Peter presents a double symbolism here. The Flood symbolizes baptism, and baptism symbolizes salvation. The Flood is like baptism in that it is associated with the physical judgment and cleansing of the earth as well as the salvation of a remnant of God's people (Noah and his family). Water baptism is a symbol of salvation in that it depicts Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and our identification with Him as our Lord and Savior. In the end, believers are saved by what baptism symbolizes—Christ's death and resurrection—not by the ritual of baptism itself. It is the believers' commitment or dedication of their lives to Christ that assures them the promise of salvation. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward heart change—Christ has ruler ship in their lives. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history & commentaries; page 875)

More On Christian Conduct: VV1-2 "Conversation" means behavior. VV3-4 Time beauty is in the heart, not in the outward appearance. V7 Nothing will hinder our prayer life more than problems in our marriage relationship. VV10-12 These are the rules for a long and happy life: 1. Keep the tongue from speaking evil 2. Keep the lips from speaking deceit. 3. Avoid evil. 4. Do good. 5. Seek, peace. God's eyes are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers. V15 "Sanctify" is consecrate. "Fear" means reverence. We should be conducting ourselves so that people in the world are compelled to ask what makes us different. When they ask, we should be ready with a sound and reasonable answer. V18 "Quickened" means made alive. V19 Christ descended to Hades after His death on the cross. He preached to the souls there until His resurrection (Isaiah 61:1; Acts 2:22-36; Ephesians 4: 8-10; Hebrews 11:39-40). VV21-22 The true baptism is in the heart. Unless we've allowed the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, baptism is a meaningless ritual. V22 There are rankings of angels in authority, power, principalities and might. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 172)

If we want to enjoy life, which is possible even when there is no apparent reason for us to enjoy life, we must keep our tongues free from evil (see 1 Peter 3:10). If we speak positively and keep the truth of God's Word on our lips, we will have joy even in the midst of difficulties.

First Peter 3:4 talks about "the hidden person of the heart," which means who a person really is underneath his or her appearance. When we interact with others, we should endeavor to know who they really are, in their hearts, and not make hasty judgments against them or judge them according to their appearance. When we do not endeavor to know the "hidden man of the heart," we make a mistake in one of two ways: 1) we approve of someone because they appear to be something they are not; or 2) we disapprove of someone because of some outward appearance or action, when that individual is actually a wonderful person on the inside.

I have found that we all have our little quirks and our little odd actions, behaviors, and ways that other people do not easily understand. God Himself does not judge by appearance, and we need to follow His example (see 1 Samuel 16:7).

David would have never been chosen by man to be king unless God looked on the heart. Even his own family disregarded him. They did not even include him in the selection process (see 1 Samuel 19:1-13)! But the Lord saw David's heart, the heart of a shepherd. God saw a worshiper, someone with a heart for Him—someone who was pliable and moldable in His hand. These are the qualities He looks for in us.

I often think of the geodes—crude, ugly-looking rocks that appear hideous on the outside, but are absolutely gorgeous on the inside. Some are actually gemstones inside, but their rough, crusty exteriors are terribly unattractive.

Like the geodes, we are often rough, crusty, and crude on the outside, but God knows that He has placed such beauty within us. Just as the gold miner knows he must be patient when digging for gold, God knows He must be patient with us as the Holy Spirit continues working with us, digging in our lives, and eventually bringing out the treasures that are within us.

What we sow into the lives of other people, we will surely reap in our own. If we sow harsh, hasty judgment, we will in turn reap harsh, hasty judgment. So, when the temptation to judge or criticize is at the door, resist it. Instead, do your best to look for the best in others and see what God values about each one—the hidden man of the heart.

I also remind you to examine your own heart and be sure you have right motives and heart attitudes. Our secret thoughts and attitudes should be godly. We may hide from other people what is going on inside of us, but we cannot hide anything from God. Our outer man is our reputation with people, but the hidden man of the heart is our reputation with God. We should be much more concerned about our reputation in heaven than our reputation on earth.

"What does this word *holiness* really mean? Is it a negative kind of piety from which so many people have shied away? No, of course not! Holiness in the Bible means moral wholeness – a positive quality which actually includes kindness, mercy, purity, moral blamelessness and godliness. It is always to be thought of in a positive, white intensity of degree."

- A.W. Tozer

[Psa 119:105](#)
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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