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## <u>The Book Of Proverbs . . .</u> **Words Of Wisdom And Inspiration!**



A New Year is knocking on the door, Dear Member, which means the New Year edition of Faith Magazine is in the mail and headed to you and your Fellowship Friends.

This year, we are highlighting the wisdom imparted by the Book of Proverbs, in which King Solomon counsels his son ... and all who read this Biblical chapter ... how to act wisely, avoid temptation and make good choices. Central to Solomon's teachings is the idea that God is concerned with the choices we make and how we live our lives, because He wants the best for us.

For instance, in the Bible Verse of Proverbs 3:5, Solomon urges his son, and his people, to "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*" It is important, he stresses, for people not to be led astray by peer pressure or outside influences.

Above all, Solomon teaches that our choices will directly result in either good or bad things happening, depending on how we stick to the path God lays out for us.

On Page 6, Member Theresa J. from Marvland discusses how she hopes God will create a healing journey for her friends and relatives who are battling can-As so manv cer. of our Fellowship Friends do. she requested special prayer help for those folks, as well as for her own health concerns.

"I use my Daily Bible Verses every day and I am looking forward to great things happening throughout my day. I can feel God's power moving," Theresa declared.

On page 23, Member M. J., from Alabama, also writes about God's power to make positive change in the lives of faithful believers. She recalled how she felt "*empty and lost*," after she divorced an abusive husband.

"Yes, that's exactly how I felt, lost and tired of the life I was living," she said. "That's because I was divorced with two sons, ages six and nine... It was a frightening time!"

At one point, our Member M.J. said she was exhausted from work, resting her head in her hands, when she had an epiphany! She realized she needed the Lord's help to get out of the rut she was in. She contacted Fellowship and began praying for a positive development. It wasn't long before she met a wonderful man who would change her life in the most amazing way!

"Yes, today we are a happy married couple, and my two sons are just as happy as we are. I no longer have to work, so I can spend much more time with them. And, it's a joy to see how they love their new 'Dad' even as he loves them.

In my Daily Prayers I always thank the Lord for this wonderful blessing. I pray, too, that Fellowship will always be there to help others, just as it helped me!"

We're so happy when prayer turns to progress for Members like M. J.! We would love to hear uplifting stories from you, our Dear Friend, in this New Year. Let us know how you're doing and what we can do for you!

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address. You'll hear from us soon!

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And visit our web site: www.lifestudyfellowship.org

It would be a pleasure to hear from you and to welcome you!

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Also, when you send us your new address, please use an envelope we provide for you in every package that has your old address already printed on it. We need to have your old address to make sure your mail comes to the new address quickly and accurately. We really feel bad when something you've asked for arrives late or gets lost because of an old address. Help us make sure that doesn't happen to you!

If you are writing to Fellowship for the first time,

please let us know if you are not already a Member. This will also help us give you a speedy response.

Following these few important tips will ensure that we stay in close contact!

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Mv Mail!"

#### "Let's Keep Praying!"

Dear Fellowship, I read an article titled "We Can't Ever Give Up Hope For Real Peace On Earth!" No, we can't afford to give up Hope, Faith, Trust and Patience in our God. He is the One it all depends upon!

As I thank Him for my 80th birthday, and everything I depend upon Him for, what else can I say?

Our World seems to have gone as far as it can go with mankind running it. It's going to take a miracle to make everything right. Let's keep praying for it to be. Let's pray for all our leaders with all we know how to pray.

I really enjoy getting my Faith Magazine each month!

#### "Thank You Very Much"

Dear Friends in Life-Study Fellowship, thank you very much for your little Faith Magazine. I do enjoy reading it. I want to let you know my address remains unchanged, and I am enclosing a short essay in hopes you would like to read it. I'm also sending you a donation to keep Fellowship growing!

Member Maria M., Colorado

#### "A Blessing!"

Dear Fellowship, I am enclosing with this letter some poems that I have written with others. I hope you enjoy them. Each one was written to a friend. Thank you and Faith Magazine for being a blessing to me.

Member Alberta H., Indiana

## 2024 Can Be A Good Year With Help From Our Prosperity Harvest Plan!

Dear Member, you may look around and think some folks are just "luckier' than you, and that's why they seem to do well. We think there's more to that occurrence, and there's a way you can change your fortunes in life for the better.

You see, many times the way people present themselves affects how and why good things come about. That is why we like to tell readers in every issue of Faith Magazine about Fellowship's Prosperity Harvest Plan. This plan will help to give you a wonderful attitude about things. It helps you live a life more in tune to receive God's wonderful Blessings of Prosperity!

Why not try it for yourself, especially when there is no charge for our Prosperity Plan! It is free for any Member who would like to receive it. Just write to Fellowship and request your free copy of the plan and we'll send it out right away.

Once you start following the simple steps of the Prosperity Harvest Plan, we're certain you will see a beneficial difference in your life, and attitude!

Member Odella H., Texas

## "I Use My Daily Bible Verses Every Day!"

I want to wish a Happy New Year to all the staff members at Life-Study Fellowship.

I use my Daily Bible Verses every day and I look forward to great things happening throughout each day. I can feel God's power moving.

On my job, I am a material handler and I have a production rate that I have to make daily. I work the third shift and my production usually is 170 units per hour. On a recent night, my first day back at work after being off for a holiday, my production rate was up to 198 units an hour!

I did not know I had done that much; I was surprised; but I know it was the strength of the Bible Verse I had in my pocket that night. My supervisor was happy. He said *"Keep that up!"* I said, *"What a way to start out a New Year!"* 

I'm also writing to Fellowship because I have a sister for whom I need special prayers. She has a type of cancer that she has been battling for many years, but it is spreading. She was told her life expectancy would be five years. The radiation and chemo treatments she had previously are not helping anymore.

She is going to have a more extensive chemo-surgery treatment for which she has to be hospitalized for several days. They already told her that she is going to get very sick during this time and her quality of life will decrease.

I need special prayers that my sister will survive this treatment and that God will heal her body so she can go back into remission.

I also need special prayer help for another friend who is suffering from cancer, and for another sister, who went blind, to regain her eyesight.

Member Theresa J., Maryland



## **Strength For The Day** Little Prayers For Life's Everyday Situations

#### **Hope Overcomes Obstacles**

An uplifting feeling of hope inspires me whenever I think of You, Lord. I know I can overcome the obstacles this New Year might bring, as long as You are by my side to guide me. Our Bible Scriptures comfort me when I am down and inspire me to achieve things I never would have done by myself.

— Amen

#### **Getting By**

Dear Lord, I usually try to get along with what I have. That's how I was raised, because my family has never been wealthy. But, as You know the cost of many things has gone up. Please help me figure out this problem, so I can end the month with enough money to pay my bills. — Amen

#### **Finding Love**

It feels a little funny asking Your help with this issue, Lord, but I trust You and rely on Your wisdom. I'm alone at a time of my life when I didn't expect it and I wish I could find someone who shares my faith and values. Please lead me to that special person whose company will make both of us happy. That's the blessing I seek in this New Year. — Amen

#### A Home That Fits

Dear Lord, it's gotten to the point that there isn't enough room in my home for all my family. I need to find a new place to live during this New Year and I'm asking for Your help. Please help me locate a new home that fits my loved ones and me as well as our budget. I need it to be in a safe neighborhood, too!

—Amen

#### Valentines Day

Valentines Day will be here soon, which is making me think about my love for my friends and family. I feel so blessed to have these special people in my life, O Lord. I pray You will shower them with the blessings of Your love, happiness and prosperity this year, for they are dear to me.

— Amen

#### **Calm My Thoughts**

Father, lately I've been feeling nervous and unsettled. I am startled by sounds outside and have trouble sleeping. For this New Year, I ask You to calm my thoughts and bless me with serenity, so I feel at ease wherever I am. Help me get the rest I need, and let me feel safe so I don't worry all the time.

— Amen

## God Is Concerned With The Choices We Make And How We Live!

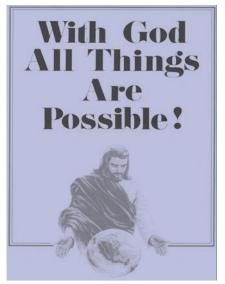
Dear Member, we chose the theme of this New Year edition of Faith Magazine ... *The Book Of Proverbs: Words Of Wisdom And Inspiration!* ... to start the year off with the wise teachings of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel.

Much of the Proverbs are about Solomon speaking as a father teaching his son, and his people, lessons about how to live their lives.

As it reads in Proverbs 1:2-5, Solomon spoke of the need "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

"To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

"To give subtilty to the simple,



to the young man knowledge and discretion.

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

In particular, Solomon was teaching his son ... and all of us reading these Scriptures now ... how to live in accordance with God's teachings, or covenants.

One key Verse is found in Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

In this way, Solomon instructs a young man to act wisely, be diligent and honest in work, and to avoid being tempted into "folly" or "wickedness," especially by the young man's peers. That's stated plainly in Proverbs 1:10, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

Solomon also emphasizes in Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

A central message in Proverbs is that God is concerned with the choices we make and how we live our lives. And, our choices will result in either good or bad effects in the future, depending on how they intersect with His covenants. Indeed, Dear Member, the Book of Proverbs provided words to live by in ancient times, as well as today!

## "Thank You For All The Help And Blessings That You Give Me!"

We often receive letters from our Fellowship Friends that we want to share with our Members. One such letter came from Member Julia T., of Texas. Julia shared with us a letter she wrote to God. What a wonderful sentiment!

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Dear God,

One more year and I'm one year older. I write to You as I always do. To give You thanks for mv birthdav. I do not even mention how many it will be this year because You know, as You know everything about me. because You are the one who keeps me in this World. You are the one who makes up my life and I'm grateful. I know that You are always with me. If I have problems You are the one who solves them all. I know that I can always count on You in the good and bad times. and from deep in my heart I thank You for all the help and blessings that You give me. I know that You always listen to my prayers and my requests. My faith in You is immeasurable. I thank You. Lord, for all the help You give me. I want to ask Your blessings for all my family: adults, young people and children. Help us so that together we can live happily, if we have difficulties or illness.

As I thank You for all that You give me, I have to tell You that most of all I hank You for the gift



of faith that takes me through good and bad times. And also, Your guidance is what helps me overcome all the troubles that I have.

Dear God, I can't express with words how much I love You, but You know what's in my heart. All I can say is that without You I cannot live. You are the one and only that can help me. Please keep my faith strong and fill me with trust and confidence. Let my faith in You be my guide.

As I give You thanks for me, I want You to know that the love I have for my family is important to me too. Please bless my loved ones who are a big part of my life. Let them always be healthy and bless them all because they are very good to me. Also, bless all of my friends who I appreciate very much. My friends who always support me when I need it are very dear to me.

Lord, I ask You to guide me on the road to happiness. Set Your signposts of faith, trust, hope and understanding ahead of me along the way so I won't get lost.

Guide me through every day and let me be near You to help me be clear-thinking and wise in all I do.

Your daughter, who never forgets You!

Member Julia T., Texas

## "My Family And I Have Had A Lot Of Blessings Come To Us!"

Dear Fellowship Friends,

I need to tell you that thanks to Fellowship, my family and I have had a lot of blessings come to us from Fellowship prayers. Now, I would love to share these prayers with you so everyone can benefit from them.

"Oh Holy Spirit, who art knowing and who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal; Thou who gives me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me; and who in every life is with me. . . I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude to all Your blessings and to reaffirm once again that I never want to part with Thee through the illusion of material things.

Above all, my desire is to be with Thee and my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank You for Your mercy on me."

Member Gloria G., New Mexico

Dear Life-Study Fellowship,

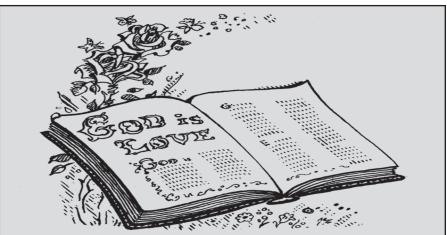
I received a letter from you several years ago regarding Fellowship facing some challenges. I was sorry to hear about that. I, as well as other people, also have encountered some hardships and problems, which no doubt many have written to you about.

Despite that, I will try my best to contribute to Fellowship. I do understand how costly it can be.

I just want to say I do appreciate everything you send me, and I am thanking God for the wonderful prayers that you have sent to me.

May God bless You and all of those who work in Life-Study Fellowship.

Member David J., Texas



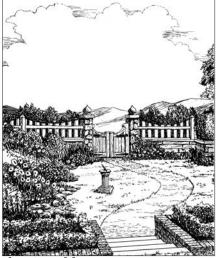
## Take A Break For Some Quiet Time With The Lord!

All around us, we see people rushing to and from work, school or errands. Often, they're driving too fast, and hurrying through the day as if they are running on a treadmill.

Dear Member, that experience is the pressure we often feel in daily life, and it can take a physical toll as well as stress people out mentally. You might find the muscles in your neck start to hurt, or you get a headache. That's a big signal that it's time to plan a serenity break, and plan for some "quiet time with the Lord."

Your own personal quiet time with God, also known as prayer time, doesn't have to come at any special hour of the day or night. Just pick a time that suits you best, and devote maybe five or 10 minutes when you can relax a bit and talk to Him. It helps to find a place where you aren't going to be disturbed and you can have a serene, calm talk with God in your own words. (We do know that's harder than it sounds when you have young children!)

You don't even have to pray about a specific issue during this quiet time. No Dear Friend, just tell Him what's on your mind, what's going on in your life and anything you're planning for the future. The key is just to relax and calm yourself as much as possible, rather than talking



about problems.

You'll soon notice how the tension of your day starts to fade away. Pressure that has been building up within you will ease, because you are in the calm and healing presence of God.

We can't emphasize enough that this quiet time with Him doesn't need to be formal, because the Lord doesn't worry about how well you're dressed or whether your home is spotless. He loves us, His children, and wants to provide you the peace you need to help you unwind and see things more clearly.

So, Dear Friend, we hope you will set aside a few precious minutes for yourself in quiet time with the Lord. You really will feel the difference as He helps you refresh your energy and ease the pressures of the day!

# How Will You Celebrate Your Birthday This Year!

How will you mark your birthday this year, Dear Member? Whatever you choose to do, we'd like to play a part!

Just tell us the month and day of your Birthday so we can send you a little something extra for your special day.

Here's how. Fill out the form below with your Name, Address and Birth Date. The year is not necessary, just the month and day, such as May 6, or whatever date your Birthday falls upon. Then, when your Birth Date arrives, we will mail you a beautiful Birthday Blessing and Greeting Card with happy thoughts and best wishes from all of us in Fellowship!

Please take a moment now to send your Birthday information to us. We really would enjoy being a part of your celebration!



TO: LIFE-STUDY FELLOWSHIP, Noroton, CT 06820

Dear Friends:

How nice of my Friends in Fellowship to think of sending me a beautiful "Birthday Blessing Card" at my Birthday Time! I'm sending the necessary information so you can add my name to your Birthday Remembrance Roll!

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## Here Are Some 2024 Dates For You To Remember!

.JANUARY 1 New Year's Day 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day FEBRUARY 12 Lincoln's Birthday (US) 14 Valentine's Day 14 Ash Wednesday 19 Presidents' Day (US) MARCH 10 Daylight Saving Time starts 17 St. Patrick's Day 24 Palm Sunday 29 Good Friday 31 Easter Sunday **APRIL** 22 Passover Eve MAY 2 National Day of Prayer 12 Mother's Day 18 Armed Forces Day (US) 27 Memorial Day, Observed

JUNE 14 Flag Day (US) 16 Father's Dav 19 Juneteenth 20 Summer begins JULY 4 Independence Day (US) SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Dav 11 Patriot Day (US) 22 Autumn begins **OCTOBER** 14 Columbus Day, Observed 31 Halloween NOVEMBER 3 Davlight Saving Time ends 11 Veterans' Day (US) 28 Thanksgiving (US) DECEMBER 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance

- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa begins



### JANUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Do you want to start off the New Year right? Well, Dear Member, there's no better way than to read these Bible Verses that offer the Lord's wisdom! There's a Verse for each day of the month and you can copy and take them with you wherever you go!

1. "Behold, all things are become new" II Cor. 5:17	16. "Jesus rebuked the devil"
2. "The Lord our God will we	Matthew 17:18
serve" Joshua 24:24	17. "Let us be glad and rejoice"
3. "Cease from anger, and	Revelation 19:7
forsake wrath" Psalms 37:8	18. "Our fellowship is with the
4. "I have given thee a wise	<i>Father</i> " I John 1:3
and an understanding heart" I Kings 3:12	19. <i>"The Lord answered me"</i> Psalms 118:5
5. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him"	20. "The God of love and peace
Psalms 34:8	shall be with you"
6. "Let brotherly love	II Cor. 13:11
<i>continue</i> " Hebrews 13:1	21. "In thee, O Lord, do I hope
7. "Give thanks unto the Lord,	Psalms 38:15
for He is good"	22. "Grow in grace" II Peter 3:18
Psalms 107:1	23. "My heart rejoiced in all my
8. "Praise the Lord of hosts" Jeremiah 33:11	labour" Eccl. 2:10
9. "The Lord shall comfort	24. "Hear the words of the
Zion" Isaiah 51:3	wise" Proverbs 22:17
10. "Whosoever shall call on	25. "Thou wilt shew me the
the name of the Lord shall	path of life" Psalms 16:11
be saved" Acts 2:21	26. "Continue in prayer"
11. "He shall sustain thee"	Colossians 4:2
Psalms 55:22	27. "Rest in the Lord, and wait
12. "The Lord make His Face	patiently for Him"
shine upon thee"	Psalms 37:7
Numbers 6:25	28. "He saved us" Titus 3:5
13. "The word of the Lord	29. "They that seek the Lord
endureth for ever"	<i>understand all things"</i> Proverbs 28:5
I Peter 1:25	
14. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord"	30. "For there is one God"
Proverbs 20:27	I Timothy 2:5
15. "Therefore will not we fear"	31. "Ye have wearied the Lord with your words"
15. Therefore will not we fear Psalms 46:2	Malachi 2:17
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### JANUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

The New Year can be one of greater happiness, Dear Member, if you add your voice to your Fellowship Friends around the World who are saying their Three Daily Prayers. What a great New Year's resolution to make!

### "O sing unto the Lord a new song!"

Psalms 98:1

### 8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dear Lord, I am excited to wake up on the first morning of a New Year! My Fellow Members and I look forward to the opportunities it brings. Lend us Your Divine Guidance, as we navigate through this next 12 months. I pray for You to help us make good choices both personal and professional, and step in to redirect us if it looks like we are going to make a mistake. — Amen



### **12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity**

Father, I'm happy to leave the setbacks of an old year behind and make a fresh start in my work. As I pause to say my Noon Prayers, I join my Fellowship Friends is seeking Your Prosperity blessing. Please help us succeed in what we do and earn a decent living for our loved ones. We also pray for all who are in need this year, for we know there are many in that position. — Amen

### 9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

O Lord, as I sit down in a quiet place and join my Fellow Members for my evening prayer, I ask that You grant us the twin blessings of Health and Healing in this New Year. Please help us and our loved ones avoid injury as well, and protect us from harm. We lay down now, hopeful we will drift off to sleep knowing You are watching over us! — Amen

## "Thanks For Your Prayer Help, And I Hope You Receive Blessings!"

Dear Fellowship Friends,

I live off a monthly Social Security check and I have a hard time making ends meet. Therefore, I don't have a gift at this time. But, I'm in need of Prayer Help.

Please send me a special prayer on the healing of cancer for my sister, who has liver cancer, and another special prayer for a staff member whose husband also has cancer.

Please send me a prayer as well, because I have a heart condition and several other health problems for which I need the Lord's help.

I also ask that you please pray for me to become a successful lyricist soon.

And my Fellowship Friends, please pray to God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and ask them to please be with and bless all of our many children.

Fellowship, also please pray that my brother will get many construction jobs and be cured of his drinking problem.

In addition, please send me a copy of our Faith Magazine so I can give it to the staff member I mentioned above.

Thanks a million for your prayers, and I hope you receive God's blessings.

Your sister in Christ, Member T. S., Virginia



To: Life-Study Fellowship,

A few years ago, my older son passed away. I still feel a great weight of sadness upon me. Sometimes I feel as if I can hardly get through the day. I pray every day for strength to move forward.

Please, Lord, help me find peace and comfort in my dear one. This is what really upset me. I had a life insurance policy for 23 years on my son, and I found out when he passed that it had lapsed. The company had sent a letter to the wrong address about a loan he had borrowed on the policy. I didn't receive anything about that. I was thinking that I was still the beneficiary on it. I was so upset.

I had to go to the bank to get money to bury my son. I am still hurt the way the insurance company treated me.

I am praying to the good Lord myself about this. I am going to stay connected with God and will pray for His wisdom, knowledge and direction. May God bless you all abundantly in Fellowship.

Member B. H., Florida

P.S. ~ I love my Faith Magazine!

# Fill In The Blanks For Our Fun Fellowship Bible Quiz!

Bible Studies can be fun for the whole family! Test your knowledge of the Holy Book by answering these 5 questions with your own Bible. Then turn to Page 18 to see if your answers match the correct ones printed there.

- 1. King David said he wished he had wings like what bird? (Psalms 55:6)
  - "Oh that I had wings like a \_\_\_\_\_\_."
- 2. What did God say He would make straight? (Isaiah 45:2)
  - "I will go before thee, and make the \_\_\_\_\_\_ straight."
- 3. How did David say the Lord would guide us? (David was speaking on behalf of God, in Psalms 32:8)

"I will guide thee with \_\_\_\_\_."

4. How did the Apostle Paul say we should do everything?" (I Corinthians 16:14)

"Let all your things be done with \_\_\_\_\_."

5. What did the Lord say about our work? (Jeremiah 31:16)

"Thy work shall be \_\_\_\_\_,"

Show us how you did on this quiz! Clip and mail this page to: Life-Study Fellowship

Noroton, CT 06820	

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# Here Are The Winning Answers!

Check Your Answers On Page 17 With The Correct Ones Below!

### Did You Get Them All Correct?

Cut Out Page 17 And Send It To Us To Show Us How You Did!

(Please also send us your questions for future Bible quizzes!)

## <u>Bible Quiz Answers</u>

DOVE
CROOKED PLACES
MINE EYE
CHARITY (This means "Love")
REWARDED

## **ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS**

Our Fellowship's One-Sentence Sermons always come right to the point with their wisdom and good humor. If you have a favorite short saying, please send it along, for we print just as many as we can in each issue of FAITH!

"Life is like a boat; you just	"You can tell how big a person
keep on floating down the	is by what it takes to discour-
river." Member Johnnye B.	age him." Member Pat D.
"It is better to be a person	"Man's way leads to a hopeless
with a sense of humor than	end; God's way leads to end-
a person who spreads	less hope." Member Will E.
rumors." Member Thelma S.	"He who kneels before God can
"Politeness is to do and say the	stand before anyone."
kindest thing in the kindest	Member Winnie P.
way." Member Dorothy H.	"Quit griping about your
"It is easier to preach 10 ser-	church; if it was perfect you
mons than it is to live one."	couldn't belong."
Member Carl B.	Member Emmy F.
"Opportunity may knock once,	"If the church wants a better
but temptation bangs on the	pastor, it only needs to pray
door forever."	for the one it has."
Member G. C.	Member Steve A.
"God promises a safe landing,	"Some minds are like concrete,
not a calm passage."	thoroughly mixed up and per-
Member E. G.	manently set."
"The will of God never takes	Member Bernie S.
you to where the Grace of God	"The task ahead of us is never
will not protect you."	as great as the power behind
Member Mike L.	us."
"We don't change God's mes-	"Don't wait for six strong men
sage; His message changes	to take you to church."
us." Member N.D.	Member Wallace C.
"To be almost saved is to be	"Give God what's right, not
totally lost." Member G. S. "Wisdom has two parts. Having a lot to say, and not saying it." Member A. T.	what's left." Member Ginny T. "We set the sail; God makes the wind." Member W. B.

### FEBRUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Here's how to make February a special month for you, Dear Member. Just use the selected Bible Verses below as a guiding direction for each day of the month! They're short enough to write down and carry with you, and long on wisdom and good advice!

1. "Judge me, O Lord" Psalms 7:8	16. "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus"
2. "Bless them which persecute you" Romans 12:14	Philippians 4:21
3. "Being confident of this very thing" Philippians 1:6	17. "Now we are delivered from the law" Romans 7:6
4. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble"	18. "This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord"
Nahum 1:7	Isaiah 54:17
5. "He shall receive the crown of life" James 1:12	19. "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts"
6. "To them gave He power"	I Peter 3:15 20. <i>"Thou hast heard the desire</i>
John 1:12	of the humble"
7. "The Heavens declare the glory of God"	Psalms 10:17
Psalms 19:1	21. "His compassions fail not"
8. "Surely He hath borne our griefs" Isaiah 53:4	Lam. 3:22 22. "The fruit of the Spirit is
9. "But as it is written, Eye	love, joy, peace" Galatians 5:22
hath not seen" I Cor. 2:9	
10. "Thou, whose name alone is	23. <i>"He is a rewarder of them"</i> Hebrews 11:6
Jehovah" Psalms 83:18	24. "The glory of the Lord"
11. "God commendeth His love toward us"	II Corinthians 3:18
Romans 5:8	25. "In all thy ways acknowl- edge Him" Proverbs 3:6
12. "Love your enemies"	26. "Ye shall be witnesses"
Matthew 5:44	Acts 1:8
13. "God created man in His	27. "I will sing of the mercies"
own image" Genesis 1:27	Psalms 89:1 28. "Then will I hear from
14. "Lay up for yourselves trea- sures in Heaven"	Heaven"
Matthew 6:20	II Chron. 7:14
15. "Earth is full of Thy riches"	29. "By this shall all men know
Psalms 104:24	that ye are My Disciples" John 13:35

### FEBRUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

It's a wonderful feeling of empowerment to join with all of your Fellow Members in Fellowship and say our Three Daily Prayers. You are lifting your voices along with your Fellowship Friends around the World in prayer as you say these special prayers for February!

# "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

~Proverbs 16:20

### 8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dearest Lord, today's sunrise brings a hopeful feeling to my heart, for I have You as my Guiding influence. I pray You will lead and watch over me today, as well as the Fellow Members who join me in morning prayer. Help us make good choices that lead to happiness and contentment for all. Teach us the lessons of Your wisdom, so we may be better students of Your good work. We strive to be worthy of Your blessings! — Amen



### **12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity**

I can feel my burdens lifting away as I pause for this midday prayer, O Lord. I know You are listening to my words and understanding my needs. Father, please bless me and my Fellowship Friends with Prosperity in all we do today. Free us of the need to worry about our finances, so we may take care of our loved ones and responsibilities. Above all, thank You for being willing to help us Succeed, for it's good to know our hard work is appreciated. — Amen

### 9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

As day turns to night, I want to tell You how grateful I am to have You beside me during the day, Dear Lord. Please stay with me during the night and ensure I sleep well. I also pray for my Fellowship Friends, and ask You to be with them, too, as You grant all of us your precious blessings of Health and Healing. Let us be free of illness and weariness! — Amen

## <u>Bless This Home</u> Helpful Household Hints

With the arrival of a New Year, we get the urge to declutter and start on all those tasks we've been putting off. Here are some great tips on how to organize your closets and other parts of your household, submitted by our Members. Send us your ideas, too, Dear Friend, and we'll be happy to print them here in FAITH!

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#### JEWELRY HOLDER

Necklaces stay nicely organized when they're set on shower hooks.

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#### **ORGANIZE BELTS**

Keep your belts organized by placing them inside cut circles of PVC pipe. You can also use it to organize ties and scarves.

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#### HANGING SHELVES

Free up a filing cabinet by using a closet sweater shelf to store important papers.

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#### **ORNAMENT CASE**

Organize your ornaments in egg cartons so they are secure and safe for next year.

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#### CORD CONTROL

Hold onto bread tags because they work great for organizing all

the cords to your electronics.

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#### HIDE SPRAY BOTTLES

Hang a tension rod under the sink and use it to hang those spray bottles of cleaning supplies.

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#### SOUP SHELVES

Use closet shoe racks to store soup cans and prevent them from tumbling out.

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#### EFFICIENT SPACES

Add more storage space to your kitchen cabinets and keep cups together by using a serving tray as a divider.

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#### EASY SHEET STORAGE

Keep sheets and pillowcases together by folding and placing them inside the matching pillow-case.

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#### **RE-USING WATER**

When you prepare corn on the cob, pasta, potatoes, or other vegetables, don't pour the hot water down the drain. Instead, remove the food with tongs or a slotted spoon. When the water has cooled dump it directly onto a thirsty plant, or save it in a large container to take out to your garden later.

## "Before Long, I Was Blessed To Meet A Wonderful Gentleman!"

*My mother asked me, "How are you feeling?"* 

*"Empty and lost,"* I answered.

Yes, that's exactly how I felt, lost and tired of the life I was living. That's because I was divorced with two sons, ages six and nine. Since I had only a little education, it was difficult to find a good job, and I was constantly worried about providing for my children. It was a frightening time!

Eventually, I was hired for a part-time position, but it was night work, and that meant my boys rarely saw me. I had to rush them off to the babysitter almost as soon as they got home from school. It was a miserable situation, and the pressure kept building day by day.

I became bitter and resentful. I vowed I would never marry again, for my ex-husband had hurt me so much. The heartache and financial hardships were driving me to self-destruction.

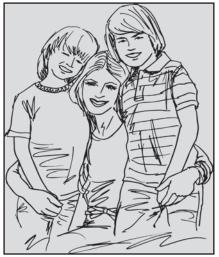
Late one night when I finished work, I was in a state of both exhaustion and depression. I put my head down on the table, too weary to move. It was then that something deep inside told me to stop trying to go it alone. I needed the Lord!

Well, Dear Fellow Members, it was then that I turned to Life-Study Fellowship and learned how to put my trust in God. And He had good things in store for me. Before long, I was blessed to meet a wonderful gentleman who certainly changed my attitude about marriage. For, unlike my previous husband, he was a man so kind, caring and tender in the way he treated me. I had no doubt about a second marriage. He was the answer to my prayer!

Yes, today we are a happy married couple, and my two sons are just as happy as we are. I no longer have to work, so I can spend much more time with them. And, it's a joy to see how they love their new "Dad" even as he loves them.

In my Daily Prayers I always thank the Lord for this wonderful blessing. I pray, too, that Fellowship will always be there to help others, just as it helped me!

Member M. J., Alabama



## Daily Bread Recipes From Your Friends

It may be cold outside but things are heating up in the kitchens of our Members! They've sent in some terrific recipes for others to try. Get out your cooking utensils, Dear Friend, and enjoy making some of these tasty dishes. Send us your favorite recipes too, and we'll be happy to publish them in FAITH!

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#### STOVE TOP CHICKEN

This delicious recipe was sent in by Fellowship Member R. P. from Kentucky. It's quick and easy, and best of all it only takes 15 minutes and doesn't require any time in the oven.

Ingredients: 1 teaspoon vegetable oil . . . 4 boneless chicken breast halves . . . 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken With Herbs soup . . .  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk.

Heat oil in frying pan and cook chicken about 5 minutes each side, until browned. Mix soup and milk together and pour over chicken. Cover and cook over low heat 5 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through.

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#### **BISCUIT BITES**

These crispy morsels disappear fast when Member Joy B. from Ohio makes a batch for her family. They're a quick and easy complement to winter entrees.

Ingredients: 1 tube (12 ounces)

refrigerated buttermilk biscuits ... 2 tablespoons grated parme-

san cheese . . . 1 teaspoon onion powder.

Cut each biscuit into thirds and place on greased baking sheet. Combine parmesan cheese and onion powder. Sprinkle over biscuits and bake at 400 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes, or until they are golden brown!

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#### **ORANGE YUMMY**

That's what Member Jean G. from North Carolina calls this tasty treat. We are sure you'll thank her for sharing this special jello dish that can complement a variety of foods any time of the year. Jean says it's good as a salad over lettuce, or as a dessert in a glass dish.

Ingredients: 1 pound cottage cheese, drained . . . 8 ounces of whipped topping . . . a small can of crushed pineapple, drained . . . 1 cup miniature marshmallows. . .1 small box orange Jello, use right from the box.

Mix all ingredients except Jello together. Then, stir in Jello, mixing well. Chill for at least 3 hours.

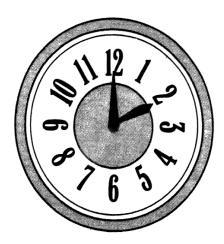
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*HEALTHY HINT:* If you need to cut down on salt, add a few drops of lemon juice to food. It boosts the existing salt flavor of a dish.

A Thought For The New Year!



Contributed by Member Daniel M.



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to gather what you have planted;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

- A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- A time to keep silent, and a time to speak.

## TIME . . .

Is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have and only you can determine how it is spent. Be careful. Do not let others spend it for you. Take time to work. It is the price of success.

Take time to think. It is the source of power. Take time to play. It is the secret of youth. Take time to read. It is the road to discovery. Take time to pray. It is the key to eternity.

Take time to be friendly. It is the road to happiness. Take time to dream. It is the highway to the stars. Take time to love and be loved. It is your way to show the nature of God.

Don't spend precious time worrying what will happen. Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is cash in hand.

Don't brag about what you are going to do tomorrow. Somebody might ask you what you did today.

### MARCH — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Let God's message inspire you when you write down your Daily Bible Verses and carry them with you, Dear Member. We have put together the Verses below for your pleasure during the month of March. We hope they are a source of comfort and faith, whenever and wherever you read them!

- 1. "What doth the Lord require of thee" Micah 6:8
- 2. "For every tree is known by his own fruit" Luke 6:44
- 3. "And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing"

Deuteronomy 26:11

4. "Declare His glory among the heathen"

I Chronicles 16:24

- 5. "I awaked; for the Lord sustained me" Psalm 3:3
- 6. *"Break forth into joy"* Isaiah 52:9
- 7. "How excellent is Thy name in all the Earth!"

- 8. *"He that seeketh findeth"* Matthew 7:8
- 9. "Let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3
- 10. "Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace"

- 11. "Remember not the sins of my youth" Psalms 25:7
- 12. "Ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another" I Thess. 4:9
- 13. "A man's heart deviseth his way" Proverbs 16:9
- 14. "Let us kneel before the Lord our maker" Psalm 95:6
- 15. "A fool's wrath is presently known" Proverbs 12:16

- 16. "Let him that stole steal no more" Ephesians 4:28
- 17. "The Lord giveth wisdom" Proverbs 2:6
- 18. "Thou shalt have treasure in Heaven" Matthew 19:21
- 19. "Be ye also patient"

James 5:8

20. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power"

I Chronicles 29:11

- 21. "Hearken unto Me, O ye children" Proverbs 8:32
- 22. "Make your ways and your doings good"

Jeremiah 18:11

- 23. "Hear the words of the wise" Proverbs 22:17
- 24. "Fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth" Joshua 24:14
- 25. "Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea" Exodus 15:22
- 26."None shall make you afraid" Leviticus 26:6
- 27. "Thou shalt be blessed above all people"

Deuteronomy 7:14

- 28. "Thou shalt have good success" Joshua 1:8
- 29. "I am filled with comfort" II Cor. 7:4
- 30. "I am with thee to save thee" Jeremiah 15:20
- 31. "The righteous shall flourish" Psalm 92:12

Psalm 8:1

II Thess. 3:16

### MARCH — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Our Three Daily Prayers are the first thing many of your Fellow Members look for in each edition of Faith Magazine. They know how the power of prayer is an amazing thing to see, and each time you say them it brings you closer to the Lord. Let the prayers speak to you!

# "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom!"

~Proverbs 3:13

### 8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dear Father, today is a beautiful gift from You. I am thankful for this blessing, and ask You to Guide me in using it wisely. My Fellow Members and I seek Your Guidance and strength as we work through the day. Please be with us and lead us to do Your bidding. You are all-knowing and we bow to Your wisdom, O Lord. Enlighten us so we better understand Your help and counsel. — Amen



### **12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity**

The noon hour has arrived and as I pause what I am doing I take the time to say thank You, Lord, for how well the day is going. My Fellowship Friends and I also seek Your blessing of Prosperity. We ask You to care for us and our loved ones, and help us to be worthy of Your grace. We hope to Succeed in all we do to provide for those we hold dear. — Amen

### 9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Heavenly Father, I pray for the twin blessings of Good Health and Healing for myself and my loved ones. I also seek this Health blessing for all my Fellow Members who need it, and hope You will treat each of us with loving kindness. My Prayer Friends and I hope to enjoy a restful sleep tonight. Please make that happen for us, Lord, and soothe away our worries from today so we awake refreshed. — Amen

### A New Year Hymn . . .

### The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away

Across the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are fleeting, We deck Thine altar, Lord, with light, In solemn worship meeting; And as the year's last hours go by, We raise to Thee our earnest cry, Once more Thy love entreating.

Before the cross subdued we bow, To Thee our prayers addressing, Recounting all Thy mercies now, And all our sins confessing; Beseeching Thee this coming year To keep us in Thy faith and fear And crown us with Thy blessing.

And while we pray, we lift our eyes To dear ones gone before us, Safe home with Thee in paradise, Whose peace descendeth o'er us; And beg of Thee, when life is past, To reunite us all at last With those who've gone before us.

We gather up in this brief hour The memory of Thy mercies; Thy wondrous goodness, love and power Our grateful song rehearses; For Thou hast been our Strength and Stay In many a dark and dreary day Of sorrow and reverses.

Words by James Hamilton, 1882

# OUR FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE READINGS

# January February March



Reading your Bible regularly is a great way to fill both your mind and your heart with peace, Dear Member. Week to week, you may wish to follow these suggested passages for January, February, and March. We hope they will uplift you and your Fellow Members!.

Week Text	
December 31 - Jan. 6"The Earth is full of the goodness of the I	Lord"
Read: Psalm 3	3:1-11
anuary 7 - 13"The kingdom of God is within	you"
Read: Luke 17	:12-21
an. 14 - 20"Thy years shall not	t fail"
Read: Hebrews	1:1-12
January 21 - 27"Live peaceably with all" Read: Romans 12:	10-21
an. 28 - Feb. 3 "God saw that it was good" Read: Genesis 1	
'ebruary 4 - 10 "Thou heardest from Heaven" Read: Nehemiah 9	
'ebruary 11 -17	
Read: Proverbs 15:	
'ebruary 18 - 24 "Go home to thy friends" Read: Mark	
'ebruary 25 - March 2 "Preserve me, O God" Read: Psalm 16	
Iarch 3 - March 9 "With God, nothing shall be imposs	
Read: Luke	
March 10 - 16 "Surely blessing I will bless t	
Read: Hebrews	
/larch 17 - 23 Read: Mark 16	
/larch 24 - 30	
Read: Psalms 34	
/Iarch 31 - April 6	1:1-10

#### He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me down the years, I watch each one depart, Filled with happiness to see His Footprints on my heart.

I put my hand within His own And feel that I have wings, He's given me the rainbow And now a soul that sings.

He shows me the pure delight We find whenever we give, And that to be unselfish Is the richest way to live.

Member Bernice Powers

#### "A Wonderful Feeling!"

Dear Life-Study Fellowship, thank you for recognizing my birthday, and for sending me so many inspirational letters and cards in the mail. I live alone and it's a wonderful feeling to know others are praying with and for me each day! May God bless you for the good things you do!

Member Brent A, Illinois

"Best Decision I've Made!" I'm a recent Member of the Fellowship Family, although my mother has been a Member for many years. I decided I could use God's help to fix a problem I'm facing, so I wrote in to Fellowship for prayer help. It was the best decision I've made in a long time!

Member Randy G., Arizona

## Here's How To Secure The Future For Fellowship!

Some Members have inquired about how they might make a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship.

Through the years, many Members have chosen to remember our Fellowship in this special way and we are truly grateful. Some Members have included Fellowship in their wills, while others have named Life-Study Fellowship in their life insurance policies.

If you are interested in making arrangements through your will, we suggest you talk with an attorney who can explain the tax advantages and ways to go about making such a bequest. Please remember that <u>it is to</u> <u>everybody's advantage to have a</u> <u>will.</u> This doesn't apply just to the very wealthy. The truth is <u>everyone who owns any property</u> <u>needs a will</u> to direct who should benefit.

Otherwise, some or all of your property will be split up according to state law, which may leave your property in ways you did not want or intend.

Therefore, whether or not you include a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship, we encourage you to seek the services of an attorney to have a will drawn up if you have not already done so.

## **Prayer For A New Year**

Before the New Year's portal With waiting feet I stand And seek, dear Lord, a blessing, The guidance of Thy Hand. The path is all untrodden, No human footfall yet Has left a trace to follow, And save our vain regret.

The way seems dark before me, With no clear guiding light; All unrevealed its dangers To my dim mortal sight. Father, I dare not venture One single step alone, Lest I in blindness stumble Against some hidden stone.

Known to Thy higher wisdom Is all my future way; Its roughness and its windings, Its snares to lead astray. Unguided I shall wander, Lord, let me take Thy Hand, And hold Thou up my goings, That I secure may stand.

Lord, quiet these forebodings, These human doubts remove; Give me childlike assurance, A calm, unwavering love. Let me go forward bravely, With willing, trusting feet, Through Thine own strength to conquer Each enemy I meet.

By Emma F. Campbell - 1909

## A New Year Is Dawning For You In Fellowship!

The old year has flown by, and a New Year is coming with all its bright promise and uncertainty. Where will it take you ... and us ... Dear Member? We don't know the future, but we're happy to turn the page and welcome 2024 for the positive progress we hope it will bring. As Faith Magazine marks its 84th year we look forward to Friends like you sharing their amazing, inspirational stories with us. We can't wait to learn what you and your Fellow Members are doing. We still don't charge for FAITH, so every contribution to support its publication is cherished. You will receive a thank-you note, and for donations of \$10 or more you will receive a special booklet called "Put A Smile On Your Face!"

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