

Emmanuel Prayer List - June

Quinte Youth Unlimited (Youth for Christ) - Eli Verkyl

- Networking with those who share the vision to serve and spread the Gospel with youth (ages 12-19)
- Churches, service clubs, municipalities, businesses, other charities, and schools
- Building relationships with youth through different programs
- Seeing the hope and potential in every young person
- Eli's commitment and willingness will see God glorified

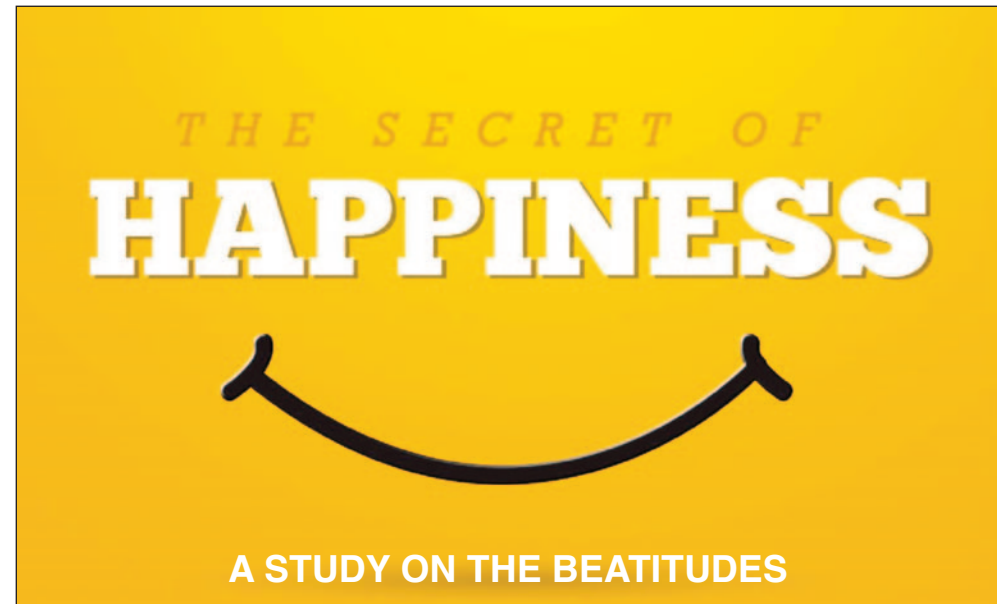
Study Continued

9. Pastor Peter gave 4 keys to being filled with the Holy Spirit. What were they? For each one, read the verse(s) that go along with them and consider the implications for your own life.

What needs to change in your life in order to be more prepared to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

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10. The Holy Spirit empowers us in times of hardship and difficulty. He also fills us when He has a specific task for us to accomplish, whether that be to tell someone else about Christ, or some work of service that requires an extra infilling of power (Luke 11:13). It is nearly always at the time of need that God steps in, as it was with Peter (Acts 4:8). Make sure to keep yourself close to Jesus, and pray for God's infilling of the Holy Spirit when you need help in any situation. Now pray and ask God to prepare your heart to be filled with His Spirit.



*"Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness sake,
for their's is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:9*

The Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in Spirit
2. Blessed are those who mourn
3. Blessed are the meek
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
5. Blessed are the merciful
6. Blessed are the pure in heart
7. Blessed are the peacemakers
8. **Blessed are the persecuted**

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Blessed are the Persecuted

Acts 4:29 Lord now consider their threats and _____

What stops us from living the Christian life the way we should?

LIVE BOLDLY

Acts 4 Background on Peter and John before the Jewish council:

1. Spend _____ with Jesus

v.13 ...they took note that these men had _____

Who does God use?

1 Cor 1:26-27

2. Be committed to living for Jesus _____

Peter and John were threatened not to speak in Jesus' name

v.19-20 ...we _____ speaking about what we have seen & heard

3. Be filled with _____

Keys to being filled with the Holy Spirit

a. _____ 1 John 1:9

b. _____ Gal 5:26; Col 3:16

c. _____ Gal 5:16

d. _____ Luke 11:13

v.31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and _____

1. Can you think of a time when you wished you had been more bold in your faith?

Can you remember a time when you were bolder than usual?

When you hear stories of people who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, or have been martyred, does that inspire you to be more like that?

What do you think stops us from being more open about our faith?

2. Read Acts 4:1-12. The men interrogating Peter and John were the most powerful Jews in the country. What enabled Peter & John to be so bold? (v.8) Explain.

3. Summarise Peter's message.

4. Read Acts 4:13-18. What was the response of the Jewish leaders?

5. Verse 13 says, "they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Why is this so significant? What happens to our own life when we spend time with the Lord?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (Also 2 Cor 4:7-10). Why does God choose ordinary people to be the primary ones to bring His message to the world?

7. Read Acts 4:19-20. Peter and John said, "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." What is necessary to bring us to a place where this statement would be true in our lives?

8. Read Acts 4:21-31. Peter and John were threatened, and then let go. When they went back and told the rest of the followers of Jesus, they were thrilled. After they had prayed, the place was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they went out and spoke the word of God with boldness. All Christians have the Holy Spirit within them (Rom 8:9), so what does it mean when it says that they were all 'filled' with the Holy Spirit? What is the difference?