

Emmanuel Prayer List February 2022

Note: The monthly prayer list can be accessed on the Emmanuel Website Prayer for Emmanuel's Seniors

- Spiritual protection for those unable to come to church, during covid.
- Residents in Long Term Care Homes who are vulnerable especially to Coronavirus.
- Pray for God's peace, presence & strength facing loneliness, and challenges of life.
- Return of EBC volunteers who teach the Gospel in long term care homes.
- God's grace, health, and hope to all seniors.

Study Continued (from inside page)

8. Read Judges 7:13-15. What was Gideon's first response to the dream that he heard about?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Philippians 4:6-7. Why is thanksgiving so important? How does thanksgiving change our attitude about the situation we find ourselves in?

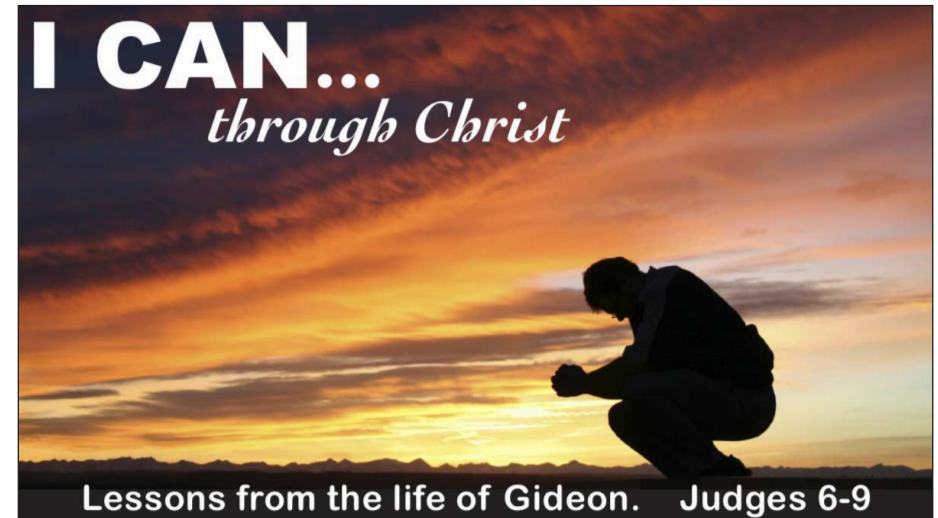
How can we train ourselves to give thanks more often?

9. Read Judges 7:16-21. You can see from Gideon's first words to the people, that his attitude to the whole situation had changed. God had given him a plan (also read Judges 6:34). Only the Holy Spirit could have given him the plan to do what they did - thinking that it would work! Everyone who is a Christian has the Holy Spirit within them (Romans 8:9). How does the Holy Spirit lead us and empower us? (Also read Acts 1:8; Romans 8:14; Isaiah 30:21; John 10:27)
10. Peter gave 3 keys to being led by the Spirit, what were they? Explain each?

C. H. Spurgeon

1834-1892

"Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless."



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

1. Knowing God - Learning to live by faith
2. The Lord is Peace - Shut the door on sin
3. Recognising God's call on your life
4. The importance of doing God's will, God's way
5. Learning to trust God in difficult circumstances
6. Being faithful to the end

Learning to Trust God in Difficult Circumstances - Judges 7:9-21

One of the greatest things that we need to learn is...

OVERCOME FEAR by _____

v.10 God's promise to Gideon... (see 7:7)

God knew that Gideon was afraid (v.10-11).
3 things to help us to trust Him:

- 1.
2. (v.13-15)

2 Peter 1:4 He has given us his very great and _____
a. So that we can participate in the _____

b. So that we can _____ the corruption of the world
3. Give _____ in all circumstances (v.15 and 1 Thes 5:18)

LEARN TO TRUST by _____(v.17-21)

What inspired Gideon to make the decisions he did?

Judges 6:34

Keys to being led by the Spirit?

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1. Read Judges 7:9-11. Gideon knew that he had been called by God to deliver the people of Israel. He was learning to trust, even though the odds against the Israelites were overwhelming. Go said to him, "If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah & listen to what they are saying. Afterwards you will be encouraged..." This is the only reference to this man Purah. We all need a 'Purah' in our lives. What kind of qualities should we seek in a person who can help us through difficult times?

Have there been people in your life that you have leant on in times of difficulty?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. Have you found yourself being used to come alongside others who are going through similar difficulties as yourself? Explain.
3. God gave Gideon a few promises (see 7:7 and 7:11). Herbert Locklear says that there are 7147 promises in the Bible. Not all of them apply to us specifically, like the ones given to Gideon. However, there are many, many promises that do apply to us. Is there a verse, verses, or passage, that is very meaningful to you during times of difficulty?
4. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. In verse 4 what two purposes are fulfilled through God's very great and precious promises?
5. What does it mean to, participate in the divine nature'?

What does it mean for everyday living?
6. How do God's promises enable us to 'escape the corruption of the world'? It might be best to first of all define how the world has become 'corrupted'.
7. In Judges 7:11 what did Gideon have to do in order to receive encouragement?

Sneaking down to the camp, even with his servant Purah, was probably scary, which is probably one of the reasons God told him to take Purah with him. But without being obedient, he would never receive the encouragement he needed. Serving God always takes obedience, and obedience to the Word of God can be costly. In what ways can being obedient to God cost us? Can you think of times in your life where being obedient has cost you something?