



GOOD NEWS FOR MEN

Priorities Aligned: Power for Evangelism



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Daily Walk
with God

How are these
Prioritized in your life?

Prayer

Evangelism

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We are
Living Stones,
Holy Priesthood,
Chosen by Him

To Proclaim
His Excellencies

PSALM 42:1
As the
deer pants
for the
water brooks,
So my soul
pants for You,
O God.

Panting

Looking for, Longing for,
and Desiring God

Debarred from public worship, David was heartsick.

Ease he did not seek, honor he did not covet,
but the enjoyment of communion with God was an
urgent need of his soul;

he viewed it not merely as the sweetest of all luxuries, but
as an absolute necessity, like water to a stag.

(C. H. Spurgeon)

Early
Opportunities

My Early Days as a Christian

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Sharing Christ with My Family

Our Family over the Years



Cicero Illinois



Established:
1892
New Building
was Dedicated
by Mel Trotter
in 1929

Capone Headquarters 1926



1925

Al Capone became
the boss of the
Chicago Outfit.



Opportunities

Contact is Opportunity

Something was Missing

There was
activity,

there was
obedience,

but
something
was missing.

Rockford
Illinois

First Baptist Church



Melody Lane



Greenville
SC



The Greenville Girls
Then, not now.





Bible Club

Contact is Opportunity



My Dad and Mom

God was
Aligning
my
Priorities

- *What was missing was:*
 - *A focused, deeper, more intimate time with the Lord every day.*
 - *A fuller prayer life flowing out of my time with the Lord as I read, memorize and meditate on the Scriptures*
 - *An intentional focus to pray Scriptural prayers for the lost*



Using Scripture to Pray

- Consists almost entirely of Scripture, arranged under various headings
- Written to help Christians to pray in harmony with the truth of God, revealed in his Word.

Press On

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Progress is an encouraging thing because it shows that God is at work.

When we see progress, we see that God has done something in us that we could not do our self and it puts thankfulness in our hearts to God.

My God is at work in me, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Based on Philippians 2:13

Matthew Henry

- “*Both to will and to do: He gives the whole ability. It is the grace of God which inclines the will to that which is good: and then enables us to perform it ...*

John Gill

- ...notwithstanding the work of grace in us we would find very little inclination to, and few and faint desires after spiritual things; and less strength to do what is spiritually good; BUT God of his good pleasure goes on working what is well pleasing in his sight.

1 Peter 2:4, 9-10

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A Sample Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come to you because you said in your word that I am a living stone, chosen by you and precious, created to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to you. I come before you today thankful that you created me to proclaim your excellencies to those who are still in darkness. I thank you that once I was in darkness with no way out but You called me out of that darkness and into Your marvelous light.

James 5:16b

The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

Amplified Bible

Daily Time with God Resulting in

Scriptural Prayer
and
Proactive steps to
reach the lost.

The *Praying for Evangelism* document can be found at our church website under the Resources tab.

<https://www.mountcalvarybaptist.org/site/user/files/1/praying-for-evangelism.pdf>

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Psalm 62:1a

The silence of the soul before God is no mere passiveness. It requires the intensest energy of all our being to keep all our being still and waiting upon Him. So put all your strength into the task and be sure that your soul is never so intensely alive as when in deepest abnegation (self denial) it waits hushed before God.

MacLaren's Expositions