**Heart Preparation**

The Prayer of Faith is the only true preparation for the heart

**II Thess. 3:1-5; Luke 1:67-80**

**2 Thess. 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:**

3:5—*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*

* *Pray that people receive the gospel*
* *Pray they receive the Word of the Lord into their hearts*
* *Pray that we all receive what God has for us.*
* Praying in faith that people will receive the Word of God.
* Patient in Faith

God uses people, led by the Spirit to prepare people’s hearts for the Word of God to have free course and be glorified.

God in His Divine wisdom and in order with his grace and providence has made the success of the Gospel dependent, on the prayer of faith and the witness of the Righteous.

God makes the Gospel successful through the prayer of faith

Why?

He is looking for obedience. Humility (the right estimation of yourself) but a glorious praise to God.

It is foolish even to neglect to make fervent supplications for the purpose and the cause of God.

## Mic 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

## To turn the hearts

Luke 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

## To give light to them

Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, **to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Pray one for another the Prayer of Faith

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**II Thessalonians 3:5**

“*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*”

All Hearts Need preparation through the lord directing us in all things (The Prayer of Faith)

II Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

**Jeremiah 10:23**

*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps*.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Prov. 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

20:24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

1. The most important thing in your life is knowing the will of God.

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

1. The most important test that a man will face is to have direction by knowing the will of God and will a man really wait on Christ for fulfillment.

**Ps. 31:23** O Love the Lord

**Ps. 34:9** O Fear the Lord

**Ps. 27:14** Wait on the Lord

**Ps 37:3** Trust in the LORD

**II Thessalonians 3:5**

*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*”

The Heart – directed into the LOVE OF GOD.

The Mind – directed into the PATIENCE OF CHRIST.

1. Only the Lord can keep our hearts and minds.

**Philippians 4:7**

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

1. God prepares the heart and the mind

Psalms 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

* Lord thou hast heard the desire of the Humble
* Thou wilt prepare their heart
* Thou will cause thine ear to hear.

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

Ps 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Pr 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Mic 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

1. God hears the heart and mind that He prepares.

**Psalm 10:17**

*LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble:*

*thou wilt prepare their heart,* ***thou wilt cause thine ear to hea*r**:

(**A cry in the Heart by Divine Preparation)**

**A Cry for:**

* Salvation
* Healing
* Deliverance
* Infilling
* Revival
* A Perfect Heart--**II Kings 20:3; Isaiah 38:3**
* A Prepared People
* A Pure heart (Mat. 5:8)

*Eph. 3:8-9; 14-21*

*(This is an example of Paul praying through with the Grace of God working in his life as a light to those around him.)*

*Ps 17:1 <<A Prayer of David.>> Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.*

*2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.*

*3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.*

*4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.*

*5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.*

*8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*

*15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.*

**2 Thess. 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:**

When you think of direction the first thing you must do is pray that the Word of God will have free course and full glory.

If you allow your heart to go in a wrong direction, you have no control over those circumstances.

You have total control over a choice, but absolutely no control over the circumstances after that choice is acted on.

Romans 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

I Cor. 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

II Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

I Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

II Thess. 3:16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

* Lord, direct our hearts into your love and our minds into your patience lest we make a wrong choice.
* **Every choice** made without Christ is a **WRONG choice.**
* Worldly affections, vain thoughts and carnal reactions lead to wrong choices.

Psalms 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

I Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Jer. 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

II Kings 17:41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

II Tim. 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

Always praying the prayer of Faith that the Word of God has free course and the Word of God is glorified is our right choice.

* Free Course---A walk of Faith, walking in the Truth,

A Run with Patience

Praying for Increase,

Increasing Mercy

Increasing Wisdom

Increasing Joy

Increasing Peace

Increasing Faith

Increasing Patience

Praying for Safety,

Praying for Manifestations of the Holy Ghost

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

I Cor. 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

II Cor. 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

I Thess. 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;