


PASSIONS

Day 15

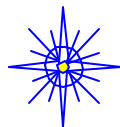
Words which demean or assassinate ones character bring despair.

Philippians 2:18-20

Psalm 45

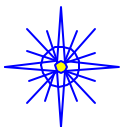


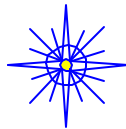
Commitment: (what I hope to do today)
Speak words of encouragement to someone.



PLANS

Afternoon

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**Psalms 45**

My heart should flow with goodness toward others.
 And this flow should be rich and full, like a river.
 My praise of others and their accomplishments
 should raise them to new heights of self confidence
 and self esteem.

In particular I should let my river of praise flow
 toward those in leadership before me, especially
 the President of my Nation.

My President has many exceptionally wholesome
 traits. He is strong and fearless and will not allow
 my Nations enemies and terrorists strike us without
 accountability. My President and the nation he leads
 is known to be the most powerful in the entire world.
 Yet, he leads with a sense of gentleness and respect
 for God and all people. Even when he and his
 armies subdue another nation, he helps them rebuild
 it and establish their own government.

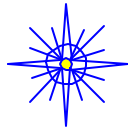
My President seeks God's counsel frequently and
 then follows God's directives. He seeks righteousness
 and abhors wickedness. God has put His shield and
 cloak over the President's household so that even
 under attack, they are saved by valiant also led by God.

And his wife Laura is regal and stately and gentle
 and is magnificent in her demeanor and incredibly
 wise in her interactions with all people.



1 (For the choir director; according to the Shoshannim. A Maskil of the sons of) (Korah. A Song of Love.) My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 Thou art fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Thy lips; Therefore God has blessed Thee forever.

3 Gird Thy sword on Thy thigh, O Mighty One, In Thy splendor and Thy majesty! 4 And in Thy majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Thy right hand teach Thee awesome things. 5 Thine arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under Thee; Thine arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies. 6 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Thy God, has anointed Thee With the oil of joy above Thy fellows. 8 All Thy garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made Thee glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Thy noble ladies; At Thy right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear; Forget your people and your father's house; 11 Then the King will desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will entreat your favor. 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold. 14 She will be led to the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to Thee. 15 They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace. 16 In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth. 17 I will cause Thy name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give Thee thanks forever and ever.



Philippians 2:12-18

It is not necessarily and nature human trait to be willing to sacrifice something dear to them for the sake of others' well being. As a matter of fact it is quite the contrary. The nature of human nature is to "always look out for number one (me)" and not be "overly" concerned for others.

But, because of our faith, which has produced an up close and personal relationship with God, our whole purpose and motivation has been dramatically altered. Because of our relationship we are willing to sacrifice (give up something of ourselves) time, money, emotional involvement, maybe our very lives for the benefit of others.

The ultimate for me will be a willingness to offer to give up my life so that others may have access to salvation and the kingdom of God. The greatest joy for anyone who has committed their life to God is to see another person born into the kingdom of God or to grow spiritually.

I am particularly enriched and filled with a sense of joy when someone I have led to Christ or have taught the scriptures, demonstrates the selflessness and sacrificial spirit toward others.

Everyone wins in this scenario. There are no losers!



12 My dear friends, you have always obeyed God when I was with you. It is even more important that you obey now while I am away from you. Keep on working to complete your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 because God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases him.

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing. 15 Then you will be innocent and without any wrong. You will be God's children without fault. But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you, among whom you shine like stars in the dark world. 16 You offer the teaching that gives life. So when Christ comes again, I can be happy because my work was not wasted. I ran the race and won.

17 Your faith makes you offer your lives as a sacrifice in serving God. If I have to offer my own blood with your sacrifice, I will be happy and full of joy with all of you. 18 You also should be happy and full of joy with me.

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But
perversion in it crushes the spirit. (NNAS)

4 As a tree gives fruit, healing words give life,
but dishonest words crush the spirit. (NCV)

4 The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life,
but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit. (NIV)

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but
perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.
(KJV)

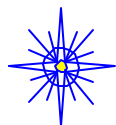
4 Gentle words cause life and health; griping
brings discouragement. (TLB)

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But
perversion in it crushes the spirit. (NASB)

1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly. 3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good. 4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit. 5 A fool rejects his father's discipline, But he who regards reproof is prudent. 6 Much wealth is in the house of the righteous, But trouble is in the income of the wicked. 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge, But the hearts of fools are not so. 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who pursues righteousness. 10 Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way; He who hates reproof will die. 11 Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD, How much more the hearts of men! 12 A scoffer does not love one who reproves him, He will not go to the wise. 13 A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken. 14 The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on folly. 15 All the days of the afflicted are bad, But a cheerful heart has a continual feast. 16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and turmoil with it. 17 Better is a dish of vegetables where love is, Than a fattened ox and hatred with it. 18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger pacifies contention. 19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns, But the path of the upright is a highway. 20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother. 21 Folly is joy to him who lacks sense, But a man of understanding walks straight. 22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed. 23 A man has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word! 24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, That he may keep away from Sheol below. 25 The LORD will tear down the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow. 26 Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD, But pleasant words are pure. 27 He who profits illicitly troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live. 28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. 29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous. 30 Bright eyes gladden the heart; Good news puts fat on the bones. 31 He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof Will dwell among the wise. 32 He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding. 33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility.

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Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:



- ; Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
 - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
 - Remember the highlighted words
- ; Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- ; Read God's Word
 - Psalm for today
 - Proverb for today
 - Bible study passage for today
- ; Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
 - Remember the highlighted words
- ; Pray very specifically
 - ; In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
 - ; Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
 - ; [Praise God for His work in your behalf
 - ; \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
 - ; Y Intercede for the needs of others
 - ; Z Petition God for yourself
 - ; ± Meditate about God's creativity
 - ; _ Commit to God to do something specific

Sing to the Lord

One Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises.
One day when sin was as black as could be.
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin.
Dwelt among men, my example is He.

Chorus:

Living He loved me. Dying He saved me.
Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified, freely forever.
One day He's coming. Oh, glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree.
Suffering anguish despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

One day they left Him alone in the garden.
One day He rested, from suffering free.
Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil.
Hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is He.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He has conquered.
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glory will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved ones bringing.
Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine.

