

Proverbs

Day 14

14:15

Naive persons act upon everything they hear,

Prudent persons **check** all the **facts** before they take action.

Sing to God!

God's Word for the Day!

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer


Philippians 2:12-18

Key Thought!

Psalm 44

It is all about **attitude**. **Attitude** is what distinguishes believers.

If our **attitude** is not altered by Christ, we have no testimony.

Praise	(song in my heart to God)	
Word	(today's scripture text)	
Prayer	(Specific , as guided below)	
Reflection Commitment	(what I did or not yesterday) (what I hope to do today)	

In prayer, be: Serene Selfless Short Simple Sincere

Include: **Praise** Confession Intercession Petition Meditation

Praise: (thanksgiving for God's blessings)
God's presence, **Trinity**, Forgiveness, Salvation, Patience
Spouse, **Children**, Home, Job, Extended Family, Friends

Confession: (admission of my falling short of God's best for me)

Commissions	Omissions
1. I have been obedient to the Lord's commands. 2. I have been diligent in my work. 3. I have been faithful in my relationships. 4. I have been honest in my dealings. 5. I have been patient in my trials.	1. I have neglected my spiritual growth. 2. I have procrastinated in my work. 3. I have been dishonest in my dealings. 4. I have been impatient in my trials. 5. I have been disobedient to the Lord's commands.

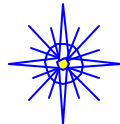
Intercession: (asking God to work in the lives of others)
Family Friends **Business Assoc** Ministers Missions

Petition: (asking God to do something in me)

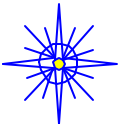
Physical	Mental	Emotional	Spiritual	Relational
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Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)
The pallet of God displayed in the sunset!

Commitment: (what I hope to do today)
To let all my children know how much I love them.



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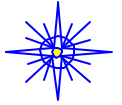
**Psalm 44**

We have an incredible heritage. We have many generations passing down stories of how You did very significant things in their behalf. You showed them and us over and over that it was You, Lord, and You alone Who affected every major accomplishment in their lives and by “extension” it is true of us today as well. EVERY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IS DUE TO YOUR DIVINE INTERVENTION. We thank you very much!!!

We have also seen a repetition of a vicious cycle of “sin,” “punishment,” “repentance,” and “restoration.” We have observed in the historical records that our ancestors had often been totally blind to their own wickedness and rebellion only to be enlightened when trouble came their way. And we can see, if we are willing to be totally honest with You and ourselves, that You allow our “enemies” to have victory over us to heighten our awareness as to our need to repent and be restored.

Lord, please restore us to the highest place of communion and fellowship with You! We are happiest and most fulfilled when we are close to You and doing what You have design for us.

Redeem us from ourselves and our selfish ways!



1 (For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.) O God, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have told us, The work that Thou didst in their days, In the days of old. 2 Thou with Thine own hand didst drive out the nations; Then Thou didst plant them; Thou didst afflict the peoples, Then Thou didst spread them abroad. 3 For by their own sword they did not possess the land; And their own arm did not save them; But Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, For Thou didst favor them. 4 Thou art my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. 5 Through Thee we will push back our adversaries; Through Thy name we will trample down those who rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me. 7 But Thou hast saved us from our adversaries, And Thou hast put to shame those who hate us. 8 In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Thy name forever. Selah. 9 Yet Thou hast rejected us and brought us to dishonor, And dost not go out with our armies. 10 Thou dost cause us to turn back from the adversary; And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. 11 Thou dost give us as sheep to be eaten, And hast scattered us among the nations. 12 Thou dost sell Thy people cheaply, And hast not profited by their sale. 13 Thou dost make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and a derision to those around us. 14 Thou dost make us a byword among the nations, A laughingstock among the peoples. 15 All day long my dishonor is before me, And my humiliation has overwhelmed me, 16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger. 17 All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten Thee, And we have not dealt falsely with Thy covenant. 18 Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Thy way, 19 Yet Thou hast crushed us in a place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or extended our hands to a strange god; 21 Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. 22 But for Thy sake we are killed all day long; We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. 23 Arouse Thyself, why dost Thou sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever. 24 Why dost Thou hide Thy face, And forget our affliction and our oppression? 25 For our soul has sunk down into the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth. 26 Rise up, be our help, And redeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness.

Philippians 2:12-18

Hey you guys! What makes us Christians stand out and appear to be distinctly different from those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ? It is an attitude adjustment. This attitude adjustment was granted to us when we were born into the family of God through a personal faith and relationship to God through Christ. The attitude that stands out is having a "positive outlook" on everything. Human nature is generally negative and selfish. We become new creatures in Christ, that being a 180 degree turn-about with respect to our attitude. The same things happen, we simply have a positive response to them in Christ.

We must live among a society which is largely selfish and mean and negative. But, Praise God, we don't have to be that way ourselves. It is this "positivity" that shines as a "beacon" of light to all with whom we have contact.

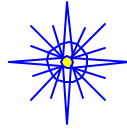
It is also noteworthy that we have been given the tremendous responsibility to pass on the teachings of Christ. These teachings "give" life rather than "taking" it. And it is our faithfulness in passing on this great teaching to others (our family, friends, and acquaintances) that makes our spiritual mentors and God Himself most pleased.

Let's run this race to win!

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.



15 The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps. (NNAS)

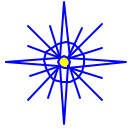
15 Fools will believe anything, but the wise think about what they do. (NCV)

15 A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps. (NIV)

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going. (KJV)

15 Only a simpleton believes everything he's told! A prudent man understands the need for proof. (TLB)

15 The naive believes everything, but the prudent man considers his steps. (NASB)

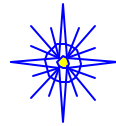


1 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands. 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But he who is crooked in his ways despises Him. 3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, But the lips of the wise will preserve them. 4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, But much increase comes by the strength of the ox. 5 A faithful witness will not lie, But a false witness speaks lies. 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none, But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding. 7 Leave the presence of a fool, Or you will not discern words of knowledge. 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit. 9 Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is good will. 10 The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy. 11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed, But the tent of the upright will flourish. 12 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. 13 Even in laughter the heart may be in pain, And the end of joy may be grief. 14 The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied with his. 15 The naive believes everything, But the prudent man considers his steps. 16 A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless. 17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated. 18 The naive inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge. 19 The evil will bow down before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous. 20 The poor is hated even by his neighbor, But those who love the rich are many. 21 He who despises his neighbor sins, But happy is he who is gracious to the poor. 22 Will they not go astray who devise evil? But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good. 23 In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty. 24 The crown of the wise is their riches, But the folly of fools is foolishness. 25 A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous. 26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death. 28 In a multitude of people is a king's glory, But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin. 29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly. 30 A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rotteness to the bones. 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him. 32 The wicked is thrust down by his wrongdoing, But the righteous has a refuge when he dies. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, But in the bosom of fools it is made known. 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people. 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who acts wisely, But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully.

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Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:



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

Sing to the Lord

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer

There's a garden where Jesus is waiting.
There's a place that is wondrously fair.
For it glows with the light of His presence.
'Tis the beautiful garden of prayer.

Chorus

O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer,
O the beautiful garden of prayer;
There my Saviour awaits, and He opens the gates
to the beautiful garden of prayer.

There's a garden where Jesus is waiting.
And I go with my burden and care.
Just to learn from His lips words of comfort,
In the beautiful garden of prayer

There's a garden where Jesus is waiting.
And He bids you to come meet Him there,
Just to walk and to talk with my Saviour,
In the beautiful garden of prayer

