

Proverbs

## Day 17

**7:2** An employee **who acts wisely**, will be **put in charge** even **over the owner's son** who demonstrates poor judgment.

## Sing to God!

## In the Garden


## God's Word for the Day!

## Philippians 2:21-30

## Key Thought!

## Psalm 47

Even if we have failed miserably in our walk with God, **we can be useful to God** if we are willing to try again.

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

n 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

Intercession: (asking God to work in the lives of others)

Family Friends Business Assoc Ministers **Missions**

**Petition:** (asking God to do something in me)

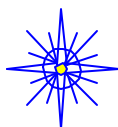
Physical Mental Emotional **Spiritual** Relational

Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)

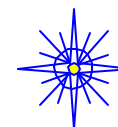
**God calls me His child! And treats me very well.**

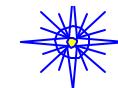
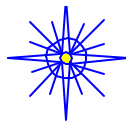
Commitment: (what I hope to do today)

**To be encouraging to someone who is discouraged.**



For: Day 17

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## Psalm 47

Wow! What an awesome God we serve! Let us be as enthusiastic and charged up as for a great sports event, childbirth, or other exhilarating happening. Our “daddy” is the LORD, MOST HIGH, KING OVER ALL THE EARTH, REIGNING OVER ALL NATIONS, OUR SHIELD, FULLY IN CHARGE!

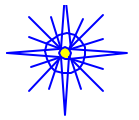
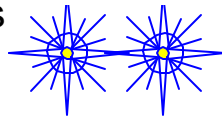
It is NOT about US. It is ALL ABOUT GOD! He is the reason for our successes. He is the one who bestows glory and honor and all good things.

Think about this. If you did some great benevolent deed or presented some huge gift to someone and the recipient not only did not thank you, but took credit for the gift themselves, would you not be at least a little bit angry. That’s how God feels when we “slight” Him.

The good news is, all God wants is our praise!  
**AND HE IS CERTAINLY WORTHY OF IT!**

When we think we are successful or victorious, we need to re-read Psalm 47.

1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.) O Clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy. 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth. 3 He subdues peoples under us, And nations under our feet. 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, The glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah. 5 God has ascended with a shout, The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm. 8 God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. 9 The princes of the people have assembled themselves as the people of the God of Abraham; For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.



## Philippians 2:19-30

It is most important that we do not abandon those whom we have mentored in the Lord. We should follow up on them. We can write letter, send email, make a telephone call, or send a trusted friend to check on their welfare and spiritual growth. It is equally important that the personal interaction is with someone who is genuinely concerned about the spiritual well-being of all involved. It is essential that we be **selfless, Christ-like, and full of integrity.**

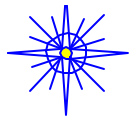
Timothy, as you may remember, got off to a rocky start in the ministry. He was, what some would call, a dismal failure. But in time he became, not only useful, but also very trustworthy. We may even be the one called on to be "sent" to encourage and check up on the spiritual well-being of other believers. So, even if you may feel like you have been unworthy of such a calling, you can turn it around. Consider the incredible presence of God in your life as He tell you that "you are His own!" Get up, dust yourself off, and get back in tune with Him.

Notice also that the service Timothy rendered to Paul was like that of a child serving his father. This takes the pressure off of us as we serve God. All we are required to do is to "take orders" from God and "take action" per His instructions! The results, by the way, are His responsibility.

**19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father. 23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;**

24 and I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly. 25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you. 29 Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; 30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.



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1 Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with strife. 2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully, and will share in the inheritance among brothers. 3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests hearts. 4 An evildoer listens to wicked lips, A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue. 5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.

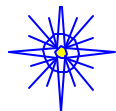
6 Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers. 7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool; Much less are lying lips to a prince. 8 A bribe is a charm in the sight of its owner; Wherever he turns, he prospers. 9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. 10 A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred blows into a fool. 11 A rebellious man seeks only evil, So a cruel messenger will be sent against him. 12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 He who returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house. 14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out. 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. 16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, When he has no sense? 17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. 18 A man lacking in sense pledges, and becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor. 19 He who loves transgression loves strife; He who raises his door seeks destruction. 20 He who has a crooked mind finds no good, and he who is perverted in his language falls into evil. 21 He who begets a fool does so to his sorrow, And the father of a fool has no joy.

22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. 23 A wicked man receives a bribe from the bosom to pervert the ways of justice. 24 Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth. 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him. 26 It is also not good to fine the righteous, Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness. 27 He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is counted prudent.

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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

## In the Garden

I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses.  
And the voice I hear  
falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

Chorus:

And, He walks with me.  
And He talk with me.  
And **He tells me I am His own.**  
and the joy we share  
as we tarry there  
none other has ever known.

...

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing.  
And the melody  
that He gave to me  
within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
though the night around me be falling.  
But He bids me go  
through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

