

Monday, 2 January 2012 Psalm 112:3-8

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

Lord, looking back, on this the 5th anniversary of our prison ministry, I rejoice that You have used us to advance the Kingdom and bring the Light into so many dark places. You have poured Your blessings upon us, You have drawn Betty and I closer to You, You have met our needs, You have given us Your peace, we are filled with Your joy, and thank You for all that we have and are.

Tuesday, 3 January 2012 Psalm 112:9-10

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

You have called Betty and I into a ministry to the lost and the lonely, to carry Your message of love and forgiveness to them in many forms. We go as seekers, sowers, shepherds, servants, and stewards in Your Name and in Your Power. We go to raise You up so that all men may see and believe. We go to make disciples and to equip them to become disciple-makers. Lead us in this task, Lord.

Wednesday, 4 January 2012 Psalm 113:1-4

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to

its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Praise the Savior, ye who know Him/ who can tell how much we owe Him/ gladly let us render to Him/ all we have and are.

Lord, the old hymn remains true and faithful to Your word, guide me today as I seek to render everything to You.

Thursday, 5 January 2012 Psalm 113:5-9

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, (6) who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Lord, You come to me in my weaknesses not in my strengths. It is where I am poor and needy, not those areas where I think I am self-sufficient. It is where I know I am poor and needy. So Lord, reveal my weaknesses, show me that my self-named strengths are but broken reeds in Your Kingdom and of no value in the advancement of the Kingdom. Lift me up, Lord, in Your love and graciousness, bring me into Your presence.

Friday, 6 January 2012 Psalm 114:1-2

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Your Presence is with me; Your Presence is embodied with me as Your Holy Spirit; Your Presence is continuously transforming and mold me into Your image. I am becoming equipped to serve as Your Ambassador of Reconciliation. Praise and thanksgiving to You, my Lord and Master.

Saturday, 7 January 2012 Psalm 114:3-8

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Lord, You called me out of the cesspool of my life into Your glorious presence and infused me with Your Holy Spirit. Day by day, minute by minute, You draw me closer to You, using me and the story of my transformation to advance the Kingdom and to draw others into Your sheepfold. Praise You, my Lord, my Master, my Redeemer, my Brother.

Lord's Day, 8 January 2012 Psalm 119:102

I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.

I wish! I hunger for these statements to be true. Lord, when will I become so one with You that Your Word is my meditation all day long? I know that Your Instructions are always with me, but I don't always listen.

I do have more understanding than all the influences of the world -- when I meditate upon and consider Your testimonies. I do see the pitfalls of the age-old wisdom of the culture when measured against Your Wisdom -- if I do so!

Your Rules are my guide, they place my feet securely upon Your Path, they keep me from stumbling into evil and re-offending. You are ever at my side.

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