

Monday, 10 September 2012

Psalm 16:5-6

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

You are my chosen portion I have made a conscious commitment to You, to follow in Your footsteps, to live according to Your precepts and the result is a life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The lines have indeed fallen to me in pleasant places and the inheritance before me is beautiful to behold--a life forever more in Your Presence.

Tuesday, 11 September 2012

Psalm 16:7-8

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. (8) I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

How can my heart instruct me in the night unless You give me counsel? How can You be at my right hand unless the Word is readily at hand? But if I am diligently staying in Your Word, I am prepared for all eventualities and will not be shaken.

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

Psalm 16:9-11

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

O, Lord, You must increase, I must decrease, for that is the path to fullness of joy, to the pleasures forevermore

at Your right hand. You shield me from the corruption that is all around, even though You have sent me to work among the filth that is the culture, You protect me and lead me. You will not let one, no not a single one of Your own be lost to the Evil One. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Thursday, 13 September 2012

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Lord, it is a time of examen, a time to evaluate my walk with You in the light of Your Word. I need a fierce and relentless examination of every facet of my life, testing it against Your Word and asking the Spirit for guidance in each matter. I need to start each day with an evaluation of the prior day and my expectations for the current. I need to begin each, task, each action with talk with You about what I am planning to do and asking your guidance in each matter.

Friday, 14 September 2012

Psalm 17:1-5

A Prayer of David. Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right! You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

Lord, I acknowledged that my walk before You must

include a constant examination of all my motives and plans both before initiation and during all my actions. However, I am totally incapable of making such a transformation on my own. I need the guidance of the Spirit, the strength and power of the Spirit. Help me, Lord.

Saturday, 15 September 2012

Psalm 17:6-9

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me.

Lord, my adversaries are not people who strive to oppose me but agents of the Evil One who attempt to blunt the power of Your mercy. If they can sway me away from following Your precepts, then they can point to me as another example of a hypocritical Christian. Lord, I must walk in holiness, in righteousness, in justice for Your Namesake, not mine. I must give You the glory in all circumstances.

Lord's Day, 16 September 2012

Psalm 119:17

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

You are dealing bountifully; You are my shepherd, what more could I ask? You have provided a life in the Kingdom, fully entitled as Your child. Therefore I am completely equipped to be Your servant, established as a citizen of Your realm, sent to carry Your message of hope and mercy into the Kingdom of Man. give me strength, wisdom and perseverance.

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