

Devotions - May 11-17, 2008
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Sunday, May 11

by, Alex Tipsword, Age 14

"Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Matthew 7:15

What that says is don't believe everything people tell you. They may say they're helping, but may actually be hurting you. Someone may tell you to confide in them, then turn around and tell your secrets to everybody.

A way to tell if someone is true is if they are teaching in line with the Bible. Another way is to check on their past experience. If someone says they can help and they've helped people before, it's more likely they're real. If they hurt someone before, they're most likely not real.

Let us pray: God, help protect us from false prophets and bad people. Also help us so we do not become that. Help us help other people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Monday, May 12

by, Mark Heikkila, Age 14

"I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you." Psalm 141:1

Praying is something we all do, if you don't you should. Praying is important because you can get your sins forgiven or just ask God for something you need or even want. God will answer your prayer with yes, no, wait, or work. He might not tell you directly but He will tell you in some sort of way. If you ever are alone or need to ask God about something, all you have to do is pray. Praying is easy. All you have to do is just ask what you want/need and then just say Amen.

*Let us pray. Dear God, will you let our prayers come easy and have no troubles with them.
Amen.*

Tuesday, May 13

by, Alex Tipsword

"Much study wearies the body." Ecclesiastes 12:12

I wish school would get out already. I'm tired of it and I need to rest! I need to experience! I need to see for myself.

You can study the Bible all you want, and pray all you want, but you cannot learn everything that way. You have to get out and experience! You have to do stuff! Go on missions, or help people out. Learn things in a fun way! Unless studying floats your boat or something.

Let us pray: Lord, teach us how to learn in a fun way, and help us help other people. Help other people help people. Amen.

Wednesday, May 14

by, Mark Heikkila

"Then God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light." Genesis 1:3

These are the words that God spoke when He created the earth. It is so amazing that God can say something and then it happens. To forgive us, all God has to say is "forgive" and you are forgiven. God is perfect, so He will never say anything that He doesn't want to say. If God can just say something and it happens and can see everything at once, just think what else He can do. He knows everything but will not yet give everything He knows to us yet. When you start thinking about God and everything He did it can be really confusing. Here is an example: How was God created, if He always knew His power that He had.

Let us pray. Even though we don't know the mysteries of God we know He will always be there for us and we know we can trust Him. Amen.

Thursday, May 15

by, Alex Tipsword

"Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:
fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed." Colossians 3:5

A Pharisee named Nicodemus went to Jesus and said that they know He is a teacher that has come from the kingdom of God. Jesus said that in order to see the kingdom of God, you must be born again, or from above.

Part of being born again is to give up the earthly things that were mentioned above. In order to ascend to heaven, you must give up all of the weight of the world, and your ties to the world. For Shizzle. In order to cut your ties with the world you have to accept Jesus into your heart, and accept His forgiveness. God gives us forgiveness, and all we have to do is ask.

Let us pray: God, please forgive us, and all of our sins, for you have your only son in order to forgive us. Amen.

Friday, May 16

by, Mark Heikkila

The Golden Rule.

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;
for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

The golden rule is an important rule because if you want people to be nice to you, you have to be nice to them. If you treat someone bad, they will not treat you good. This is something we have to always keep in mind. When we see someone who doesn't fit in we shouldn't laugh at him, but comfort him, then he will be nice in return.

We all do some bad in our life and God still does good to us so we can be nice to others because God gives us so much more than we need.

Let us pray: Thank you, God, for all the good you've done for us and help us be good to others. Amen.

Saturday, May 17

by, Alex Tipsword

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

When Chuck Norris does a push-up, he doesn't push himself up, he pushes the Earth down.

Chuck Norris is strong, but we can be stronger. We won't get it from pumping iron. We won't get it from using the Total Gym. We'll get it from God.

As Chuck Norris pumps iron, we can read the Bible. As Chuck Norris uses the Total Gym, we can pray. And as Chuck Norris is Chuck Norris, we can get our strength from God.

Let us pray: God, strengthen us. Make us strong enough to live in the world and resist sin. Make us strong enough to resist bad people. Amen.