

“STAY FOCUSED ON THINGS AHEAD”

TEXT I: Ephesians 5

15 Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Pay careful attention

Bible says the diligent hand will rule (Prov 12:24)

Jesus said

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ... Jesus wants to do Gods will

John 4:34

Jesus explained, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. Finishing the work was important to Him.

He must do the will of God and finish it

John 6:57, Jesus said

Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

Paul said (imitating the ways of Christ) said,

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

We are to emulate those who have gone before us,

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, set your focus on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Romans 8

28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:30

And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

1 Corinthians 1

8 He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His covenant of loving devotion for a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:29

Jesus replied, "The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent."

Colossians 3:2

1Therefore, since you have been raised with Christ, strive for the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **2**Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message. We are to consistently ask for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, intelligence and insights to enable us appropriate analyze a situation, act right and account right.
2. For KCM ask for grace to diligently fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations – for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, intelligence and insights to enable us appropriate analyze a situation, act right and account right.
4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations. Ask Him for peace to continue to reign
5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, intelligence and insights to enable us appropriate analyze a situation, act right and account right.
7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Restoration of troubled marriages & children - for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, intelligence and insights to enable us appropriate analyze a situation, act right and account right.
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship - for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, intelligence and insights to enable us appropriate analyze a situation, act right and account right.
9. Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
10. Also pray for next Sunday.