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Psalm 119:165 To be able to live without _____ would be a wonderful gift!

To do that, we don't have to stop standing for things or seeing to it that what is right is done, we just do it without the fog of anger that envelops us normally.

Then prayer becomes part of a whole life where everything is submitted to God, everything moment by moment is given over to him. And then we test that in the areas that are most troublesome to us.

- Traffic is a primary place of learning the reality of the Kingdom of God, the joy of blessing others and living a life in the Spirit of God.
- The great temptation to us in our culture derives from the fact that when we're in our cars we feel like we really are in control. And then when we find out that we're not we take it personally.
- You can bless people!
- You don't have to be offended at them at things that you regard as stupid.

Once we're living in an ambiance of forgiveness, and we know that we live by forgiveness, then we're ready to extend that to other people. And we'll be upheld in this by the power of God. It's a miracle.

~From Being Forgiving to Living Our Life from God~

Have the habit of simply surrendering it to God.

- If you're not coming from a great cloud of _____, it may well be that they realize there's a problem.
- If you come from a great cloud of anger, _____ will be their problem!
- These bodies have to be somewhere, in that place affected by everything around them.
- That's how we learn to trust God.

We have moved into the Kingdom of God. We have the resources, and we don't have to respond in those ways.

When you are not forgiving, you are essentially saying "I am running this show."

- Respond to evil with goodness. Respond to cursing with blessing.
- God invites us to learn how to live that out! Daily.

… Christians involved in public affairs in the wrong spirit. They're concerned about the right things. But generally, they've been in it in the wrong spirit, not with the Spirit of Christ.
It has hindered the testimony of Christ because of an involvement in the wrong _____ about issues where we ought to be involved.

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~Living from God Leads into the Life of Prayer~

Prayer is fundamentally _____ to God about what we're doing _____.

The Lord's Prayer is about life, what we're doing together. The first request that Jesus gives for us to make is that God's name would be hallowed – loved, treasured, cherished, honored. If that prayer was answered, everything else would follow!

When we seek first the Kingdom of God, we're putting at top priority to be _____ in what God is doing.

- God's given you two basic kinds of causality; one you can work on your own. If there's a weed in your flowerbed – just pull it. God can trust you with that.
- But your neighbor, who has a problem with finances, probably you can't just go fix that. It's too important. God has given you causation there too, through prayer.

There are things so important that God will not allow us to do them alone; we have to do them with Him. That's why we pray.

As we go through the day, be constantly taking things up with God. Keep God in the _____ as you go along.

Pray, in the name of Jesus.

- You pray as if it were Jesus praying. What would Jesus pray for? You pray on his behalf.
- When we do things in the name of Jesus we do it as if Jesus were doing it.
- It's our privilege to learn from Jesus how to lead our lives as he would if he were us.

At all levels, God is doing something. The good things are the things God is doing. Find something good and pray for it! That's how we involve ourselves in the life of God. The natural outflow is that we begin to speak and give blessing to others. This is the positive side of "death-to-self."

Death-to-self means putting first the _____ of God and the _____ of others.

Do good! Decide that that's what our life is going to be, we'll find plenty to do. But we need to choose to devote our lives to that; to realize that this is our world that God has put us in, to do good. We need to do what we can, to the people that are around us, to simply do what is good for them.

"EVANGELISM"

We need to carry in our minds the desperate need that people have and we need to be creative in ways of approaching people.

- Are you satisfied with your knowledge of God? Do you feel comfortable with it?

One of the most important things we can do in bringing the life of God into our communities is to come with the word of the Gospel. Talk about your life!

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Share your _____ in God with people who are _____ of God.

We have confused evangelism with "soul-winning." Evangelism is just putting up the kingdom announcements.

You can now live in the Kingdom of God. You can actually live in the Kingdom of God now!

I would give a good time of prayer to a person before I spoke to them. A group of people praying perhaps. Pray that they would open the discussion. Ask God to move in their hearts and then just watch. You'll see things begin to happen. Never force anything!

You have a great blessing in your _____ of Jesus Christ! You know what's going to happen to the world -you know how it's going to come out!

Then that burden of unforgiveness which people struggle under – sense of worthlessness, anger at themselves, sense of failure -that too can be lifted from their shoulders. Lots of people in our society are dealing with very painful mental, spiritual, physical, social conditions which are caused by the grief that's in their soul. The grief that's in their soul is eating them alive. The grief most often takes the form of their own sense of failure.

Jesus didn't come into the world to condemn anyone, and you don't need to _____ anyone, they've got it in spades. What we need to do is give them _____.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26 When we bless someone, we explicitly will their good under the invocation of God.

- We don't just will it from us, we bring God into it.
- A rich abundance of power that flows around us that we can extend to others.
- You can send the blessing of God into the lives of other people; you should be living in that activity.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you (smile at you /beam at you /delight in you.)
…and be gracious to you. (That's mercy. May the Lord's mercy rest upon you.)
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you (the Lord look right at you)
…and give you peace.

EXERCISE: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

This is _____. It is the reality of Christ's people. All we have to do, is do it.