

SOAP Daily Devotion – complements the sermon for 1.10.2021

Monday – Matthew 6.5-8

What might make it appealing for you to seek attention from others for doing spiritual things like praying? What might be a lousy reason to only pray in secret?

How does God reward those who pray in secret? What makes people/you feel that His reward is not enough?

What is the difference between persistence in prayer and “babbling” with “many words”? If God knows what you need before you ask, what value is there in asking? What is lost if you don’t ask?

Tuesday – Matthew 6.9-15

How many parts do you see in Jesus’ model prayer for his disciples? What are they?

Which of these most looks like your prayers? Which do you give less attention to? Which parts bother you? Which inspires you?

How could praying this prayer shape you into open the kind of person who aligns with God to work with God in fulfilling this prayer?

Wednesday – John 14:16-20; Hebrews 13:5

If asked by a friend, how would you describe the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Why do you think the writer of Hebrews connects money, contentment, and the presence of God? How does/could realizing the presence of God in your life bring you a sense of peace and joy in difficult circumstances?

Thursday – Matthew 6:11, 25-34

How does your trust in God for your physical needs connect with how you seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness (right relationship with God and others)?

What significance do you find in “Give us this day our daily bread”? Is it wrong to ask God to provide for tomorrow’s needs?

Friday – Psalm 119:97-106

What benefits does the psalmist connect with knowing and living out God’s word and his ways? Which of these benefits do you feel you need the most in your life right now?

Would it be better to know and live out one small part of God’s will perfectly or know all of it and not put effort into living it out?