



“If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

The Prudent Prayer

Matthew 6:13a “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

In our last two lessons we looked at praying for sins already committed; those of our own and those of others against us. Now Jesus directs us to pray that God would keep us from future sin and from the evil snares set by our adversary the Devil. Proverbs 22:3 says, “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.” Webster’s dictionary defines “prudence” as “careful, good judgment that allows someone to avoid danger or risk”. What are the dangers and risks that Jesus is instructing us to pray that we’ll be kept from? _____

What does I Peter 5:8 reveal to us about our enemy Satan? _____

How does Satan devour people? _____

In Matthew 26:41 Jesus told Peter, James and John in the garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray so that they wouldn’t enter into temptation. What was the reason given for the need to do this and how does that apply to us? _____

In James 1:13-15 we are told that God cannot be tempted with evil and that He doesn’t tempt man either. What is the explanation given for how we are tempted? _____

Look up Rom 7:18, Phil 3:3 and I Cor 10:12 and write down what they teach us about the attitude we need to have if we’re going to truly pray this prayer from our heart. _____

What should we be looking for when we are being tempted according to I Corinthians 10:13? _____

I Chronicles 4:10 records the prayer of a man who asked God to deliver him from evil. What was the result? _____

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Do I see the world as a playground or as a battlefield with eternal consequences?
2. Do I hate sin and see it as something damaging to myself, those around me, and the name of Christ; or do I make excuses for my sins and downplay the seriousness of it?
3. Do I understand like Paul that there ‘dwells no good thing in my flesh’, and pray daily that God would keep me from temptation and evil?

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Doers of the Word

What am I going to do with God’s Word today?

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Further Study: Eph 6:10-18, Heb 12:15, Psa 141:3-4, Mk 13:33-37, II Sam 12:14, John 10:10

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

