

How Did You Do This Week?

Did you assemble with your Brethren?

Lord's Day Morning _____

Lord's Day Evening _____

Thursday Prayer Meeting _____

Did you begin each day with Devotions?

Mon _____

Tue _____

Wed _____

Thu _____

Fri _____

Sat _____

Did you practice Daily Christianity?

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Rejoicing _____

Confessing _____

Forgiving _____

Denying _____

Committing _____

Studying _____

Praying _____

Listening _____

Obeying _____

Exhorting _____

Did you serve the Lord your God?

In Giving _____

In Helping _____

In Witnessing _____

In Participating _____

In Fellowship _____

THE KOBC MISSION

The Knotty Oak Baptist Church is an Independent Baptist Church incorporated under the laws of the state of Rhode Island for the purpose of fulfilling the plan of God for the local church as it is revealed in the New Testament. We not only believe the Bible, but also seek to properly make a deep and thorough application of each of its precepts.

As such, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to glorify God in all that it does. This includes the governing By-Laws, the corporate worship, the various ministries, the social activities, the teaching program, the church ordinances, and the property maintenance. We believe that everything we do should be done to the glory of God, with a view toward evangelism and discipleship.

Because of this, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to be informal, yet reverent in its approach to worship; thorough, yet practical in its preaching and teaching; Biblical, yet patient in its expectations for the believers. We believe that inward submission leads to outward obedience, and thus, the greater emphasis should be placed on the development of the inner man, through the Word of God.

In view of the preceding principles, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church expects every member to be participating in the plan of God for the church, to do so with the proper motive, and to grow in Christian virtue, the knowledge of the Scriptures, the grace of God, the fruit of the Spirit, and in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, of, by, and through Whom are all things.

May God Be Glorified!
Pastor Chris

Word Search (Luke 5:1-23)

N U L F W K C E I Q Q T B H F S S
 D O E S T N E M D N A M M O C S S
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AARON	HEROD	PREPARED
APPEARED	HOLY	PRIEST
BARREN	INCENSE	SEASON
BECKONED	JOHN	SPEECHLESS
JUDAEA	COMMANDMENTS	STRICKEN
CUSTOM	LORD	TARRIED
ELIAS	MARVELED	TEMPLE
ELISABETH	MINISTRATION	WINE
GABRIEL	MULTITUDE	WOMB
GLADNESS	PERFORMED	ZACHARIAS

Personal Prayer List For The Week

Personal Requests

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be made known unto God”

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be made for all that are in authority”

Oswald Chambers

What To Renounce

*“But we have renounced
the hidden things of dishonesty.”
II Corinthians 4:2*

Have you “renounced the hidden things of dishonesty”—the things that your sense of honour will not allow to come to the light? You can easily hide them. Is there a thought in your heart about anyone that you would not like to be dragged into the light? Renounce it as soon as it springs up; renounce the whole thing until there is no hidden thing of dishonesty or craftiness about you.

Envy, jealousy, strife—these things arise not necessarily from the disposition of sin, but from the make-up of your body which was used for this kind of thing in days gone by (see Romans 6:19 and 1 Peter 4:1-2): Maintain a continual watchfulness so that nothing of which you would be ashamed arises in your life.

“Not walking in craftiness,” that is, resorting to what will carry your point. This is a great snare. You know that God will only let you work in one way, then be careful never to catch people the other way; God’s blight will be upon you if you do. Others are doing things that to you would be walking in craftiness, but it may not be so with them; God has given you another standpoint.

Never blunt the sense of your Utmost for His Highest. For you to do a certain thing would mean the incoming of craftiness for an end other than the highest, and the blunting of the motive God has given you. Many have gone back because they are afraid of looking at things from God’s standpoint.

Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest

Prayer Requests For Revival

For the Filling of the Holy Spirit

For Preaching and Teaching
that Exalts the Lord Jesus Christ
and Edifies the Believers

For the Salvation of Souls

For Protection and Provision
for the Shepherds and their Families
Serving in Rhode Island

For the Sending of Labourers

For Love and Kindness
to be Demonstrated by the
Pastors of RI toward one another

For the Training of Faithful Men

For Courage and Strength
needed to Stand for our Saviour
and Obey Him in these Difficult Times

For the Planting of Churches

For Commitment and Contentment
that is Demonstrated by a Real Willingness
to Deny Our selves and Exalt the Saviour

WATCHMAN NEE

Unrestrained Speech

Because of unrestrained speech the usefulness of many Christian workers is seriously curtailed. Instead of being powerful instruments in the Lord's service, their ministry makes little impact on account of the constant leakage of power through their careless talk.

In the third chapter of his epistle, James asks the question: "*Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter?*" (v. 11). If a Christian worker talks inadvisedly about all sorts of things, how can he expect to be used of the Lord in the utterance of His Word?

If God has ever put His Word on our lips, then a solemn obligation is upon us to guard these lips for His service alone. We cannot offer a member of our bodies for His use one day and the next day take it back for use at our own discretion. Whatever is once presented to Him is eternally His.

In Numbers 16 we are told how Korah and his associates banded together to oppose Moses and Aaron, and each man of the two hundred and fifty took his censer filled with fire and presented it to the Lord. They all perished for their presumption, but God instructed Moses to rescue the censers, for they had been previously set apart to the Lord.

In Ecclesiastes 5:3 we learn that in a multitude of words we can detect the voice of a fool. We betray our folly by our talkativeness. We feel we must tell such-and-such to So-and-So, and of course we cannot but tell lots of other things to lots of other people.

There seems always to be a good reason for telling something to somebody. Oh, how some of us love to talk, and love above all to relay what others have said! And all the while much spiritual energy is being dissipated. If our lips have been consecrated to God, may we guard our speech very carefully.

Watchman Nee – The Normal Christian Worker

Our Worship

Psalm 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 96:9

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

I Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Charles Spurgeon

"Thou hast made summer and winter."

My soul begin this wintry month with thy God. The cold snows and the piercing winds all remind thee that he keeps his covenant with day and night, and tend to assure thee that he will also keep that glorious covenant which he has made with thee in the person of Christ Jesus. He who is true to his Word in the revolutions of the seasons of this poor sin polluted world, will not prove unfaithful in his dealings with his own well beloved Son.

Winter in the soul is by no means a comfortable season, and if it be upon thee just now it will be very painful to thee: but there is this comfort, namely, that *the Lord* makes it. He sends the sharp blasts of adversity to nip the buds of expectation: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes over the once verdant meadows of our joy: he casteth forth his ice like morsels freezing the streams of our delight.

He does it all, he is the great Winter King, and rules in the realms of frost, and therefore thou canst not murmur. Losses, crosses, heaviness, sickness, poverty, and a thousand other ills, are of the Lord's sending, and come to us with wise design. Frosts kill noxious insects, and put a bound to raging diseases; they break up the clods, and sweeten the soul. O that such good results would always follow our winters of affliction!

How we prize the fire just now! how pleasant is its cheerful glow! Let us in the same manner prize our Lord, who is the constant source of warmth and comfort in every time of trouble. Let us draw nigh to him, and in him find joy and peace in believing. Let us wrap ourselves in the warm garments of his promises, and go forth to labours which befit the season, for it were ill to be as the sluggard who will not plough by reason of the cold; for he shall beg in summer and have nothing.

Charles Spurgeon – Morning And Evening Devotions

The Believer And Money

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

I Timothy 6:9

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Luke 16:10

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Acts 20:35

How that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Matthew 22:21

Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

I Corinthians 16:2

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Matthew 10:7-8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

II Corinthians 8:5

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Mark 8:36-37

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Principles of Prayer

Praying With Fervor

PRAYER without fervor, stakes nothing on the issue, because it has nothing to stake. It comes with empty hands. Hands, too, which are listless, as well as empty, which have never learned the lesson of clinging to the Cross.

Fervorless prayer has no heart in it; it is an empty thing, an unfit vessel. Heart, soul, and life, must find place in all real praying. Heaven must be made to feel the force of this crying unto God.

Paul was a notable example of the man who possessed a fervent spirit of prayer. His petitioning was all-consuming, centered immovably upon the object of his desire, and the God who was able to meet it.

Prayers must be red hot. It is the fervent prayer that is effectual and that availeth. Coldness of spirit hinders praying; prayer cannot live in a wintry atmosphere. Chilly surroundings freeze out petitioning; and dry up the springs of supplication.

It takes fire to make prayers go. Warmth of soul creates an atmosphere favorable to prayer, because it is favorable to fervency. Yet fire is not fuss, nor heat, noise. Heat is intensity — something that glows and burns.

God wants warm-hearted servants. The Holy Spirit comes as a fire, to dwell in us; we are to be baptized, with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Fervency is warmth of soul. A lukewarm temperament is abhorrent to vital experience.

If our religion does not set us on fire, it is because we have frozen hearts. To be absorbed in God's will, to be so greatly in earnest about doing it that our whole being takes fire, is the condition of a man who would engage in effectual prayer.

Edward McKendree Bounds - The Necessity Of Prayer

Luke 1:5-23

5. There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. 8. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9. According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. 11. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. 19. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. 20. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. 22. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. 23. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Question: What are the Christmas carolers' singing?
(no one asked, but it sure is a good question!)

Answer: They sing about the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Joy to the Earth! The Saviour reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy." (Joy to the World – 2nd stanza).

"See Him in a manger laid – Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth!" (Angels We Have Heard on High – 4th stanza)

"Christ by highest Heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord: Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel." (Hark the Herald Angels Sing – 2nd stanza)

"O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining – it is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and darkness pining – Till He appeared gift of infinite worth! Behold the babe in yonder manger lowly – 'Tis God's own Son come down in human form" (O Holy Night – 1st stanza)

"Silent Night! Holy Night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from Heaven afar, Heavenly Host sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is Born!" (Silent Night – 2nd stanza)

"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in -- Be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!" (O Little Town of Bethlehem – 4th stanza)

"From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came; And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name." (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – 3rd stanza)

Pastor Chris

Daily Application Monday

1. Summarize Luke 1:5, 6

2. **a.** What was Zacharias' occupation? **b.** What word describes the spiritual character of Zacharias and his wife? **c.** How would you describe their approach to the commandments of Scripture? **d.** How thorough was their obedience to the Lord that they both loved and served? **e.** According to the Scriptures, what is every New Testament believer's vocation (position of service)?

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:

I Peter 2:5/I Peter 2:9 (notice the common phrase in each verse)

I Thessalonians 3:13/I Thessalonians 4:7

Joshua 1:8/Matthew 28:20

4. Each and every New Testament believer is by vocation (career calling) a member of God's Holy and Royal Priesthood, and thus he should live a holy and blameless life, obedient to all that God has commanded him to do for Him. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Memory Verses From Philippians

1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Daily Application Tuesday

1. Summarize Luke 1:7-12

2. **a.** Though they were godly servants, did Zacharias and his wife have everything that they wanted? **b.** Why do *righteous* people sometimes suffer? **c.** Did their disappointment in not having all that they wanted prevent them from loving and serving God? **d.** Did Zacharias blame God for his situation? **e.** What do you think that Zacharias often prayed for?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
Malachi 3:3 (the sons of Levi were the *Old Testament* priests)

John 15:2

I Peter 1:6, 7, 15, 16

4. As the Lord purified the Old Testament priests through the fires of affliction (as gold and silver is refined), He also purges and purifies His New Testament Holy and Royal priesthood, seeking to produce holiness and righteousness in them. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Witness

The Expanded Romans Road To Salvation

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 14:9

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Daily Application

Wednesday

1. Summarize Luke 1:13-17

2. **a.** Did God eventually *hear* the prayer of these godly servants of His? **b.** What happens when God *hears* someone's prayer? **c.** Did God answer Zacharias' prayer in a small way or in a great way? **d.** What kind of child did God say that Zacharias' "answer to prayer" son would be? **e.** What kind of upbringing was their son to have – a strict upbringing or loose upbringing?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
Jeremiah 33:2, 3

I Peter 5:6, 7

I John 5:14, 15

4. The God who made us, saved us, and purges us has also commanded us to humbly cast our burdens on Him, with the confidence that if we pray according to His Will (for the right things in the right way), He *will* in due time answer us. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Walk

Ten Things We Should Do Every Day

I. Rejoice In The Lord Daily – Psalm 118:24

“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

II. Confess Your Sins Daily – Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

III. Forgive Others Daily – Matthew 6:11-12

“Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

IV. Die To Self Daily – I Corinthians 15:31

“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”

V. Take Up Your Cross Daily – Luke 9:23

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

VI. Study God's Word Daily – Acts 17:11

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

VII. Pray To The Lord Daily – Psalm 55:17

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

VIII. Be Sensitive To God Daily – Hebrews 3:7

“Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness.”

IX. Obey The Lord Daily – Psalm 61:8

“So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.”

X. Exhort Others Daily – Hebrews 3:13

“But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

Daily Application

Thursday

1. Summarize Luke 1:18-20

2. a. What was it that Zacharias was asking the angel to give to him? b. Why do you think that Zacharias was asking for this? c. Why was this a foolish request on Zacharias' part? d. Although he knew that God *could* answer his prayer, did he actually think God *would* answer him? e. How did God respond to Zacharias' *unbelief* regarding these things?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
Psalm 119:67, 71, 75

Mark 16:14

Hebrews 3:12-19

4. Because God loves us and wants what is best for us, He is willing to *chasten* us when it is necessary in order to produce faith in Him and obedience to Him so that our lives will bear fruit for Him, ministry to others and blessing to us. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Salvation of Loved Ones

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Debbie Monroe	Angela St. Pierre	Mary Lou Ricci
Joyce Plante	Beth Friedman	Dave Fredette
Allan Gladding	Neil Corse	Jeff Corse
Joe Maynard	Bill Arnold	Allyson Bentley
Joseph McDuff	Deidre Plante	Brad Inman
Sharyn Stoff	Alyssa Capuano	Andrew Vickers
Linda Simmons	Stan Lewandowski	Danielle Alves
John Vota	Ruth Arellana	Carolyn Lowe
Helen Anthony	Leslie Hayes	Chris Saroka
April Stovarros	Dave Stovarros	Tracy Testa
Sadie Vasterling	Cesar Alvarez	Christian Bell
Brandon Silva	Cheryl Gagnon	Anne Capalbo
Andy Gallant	Brenda Holland	Jordan Raymond
Dennis Cellemme	Steve Young	Louie Testa
Pauline Hill	Christine Lill	Cory Barter
Aaron Vitiello	Ardella Toolin	Heather Wills
Barbara Parker	Sara Toolin	Scott Duncan
Chris Hamson	Tracy Parker	Ron Wexler
Derek Coderre	Austin Geremia	Chris Schreffler
Allen Thimas	Amanii Thimas	Erica Poxon
Helen Andrews	Robert Oliveira	Cheryl Saroka
Saito Austin	Charles Poxon	Marissa Peck
Vinny Thompson	Nicholas McKaffey	Liz Poirier

Melissa LaFramboise

Jeff	Jewel	Less	Matthew
Arlene	Janice	Daniel	Kanoko
Jeff	Jeremiah	Mike	Karen
Wayne	Martha	Jay	Becky
Sherry	David	Nathan	Danny
Doris	Harold	Albert	Sue
Regina	Albert E.	Renee G.	
Hannah	Gloria		

Daily Application Friday

1. Summarize Luke 1:21-23

2. **a.** Did the Lord carry out the chastisement of Zacharias that Gabriel had predicted? **b.** Was the *effect* of this chastisement of Zacharias public or private? **c.** In what ways did God's chastisement of Zacharias affect him? **d.** Was Zacharias still able to carry out his ministry of prayer for the Lord? **e.** Did he get mad at God and stop serving Him?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
Job 13:14-16

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11

II Corinthians 12:9, 10

4. When God chastises us, or allows us to suffer, we should always remember that He does this for our benefit, and we therefore should continue to love Him, and trust Him, serve Him, and rely on Him for our strength. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Personal Prayer List For The Month

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Daily Application Saturday

1. Summarize Luke 1:5-23

2. Do you realize that no matter how mature you are, or how much you do, you still need to grow in the Lord?

3. If you are guilty of the sin of thinking that you have “arrived” when you have not, will you repent of this sin and confess it?

4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

5. Let’s Review

Even the godliest of people suffer through the most painful of circumstances and therefore need to rely on the Lord for strength and provision through prayer; also, even the godliest of people are still far short of God’s standard of righteousness, sometimes even lacking the faith that God is able to hear the prayers that they pray every day.

What did you learn?
