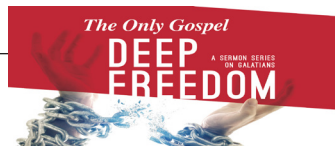


Self-deception

Reading: Galatians 5: 26 - 6:5



GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- No one deceives me better than me, myself and I.
- God does not judge me relative to other people.
- God does not save me to bowl alone, but to be part of a local church family.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: *Almighty God, I deceive myself, time and time again, but I do not see my self-deception. I spend time worrying about how others deceive me, but I spend little fruitful time unmasking my self-deception. Lord, have mercy on me and help me to know the truth and walk in the truth. Pour the Holy Spirit upon me as I read Your word and pray. Make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the gospel who is learning to see myself in light of the Gospel and be freed up to grow in the way of bearing one another's burdens to Your glory and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen!!*

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
Galatians 6:3

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me

Have you ever been taken advantage of by a mechanic or sales person? Share a story.

Getting into the Bible

Ask the Lord to lead you and guide you into all truth as you read His word written.

- Read Galatians 5: 22-6:5
- Read Galatians 5: 26. Then read Philippians 2: 5-13.
- Read Galatians 6:1. Then read Matthew 18: 15-17
- Read Galatians 6:2. Then read Matthew 11: 28-30; 22:34-40; John 13: 31-34; Romans 15: 1-3; 1 Corinthians 12.

Getting Real

Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Do not push this aside but pray into it. Consider asking a friend to pray into it as well.



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Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? See the contact info below.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Messiah Home Groups

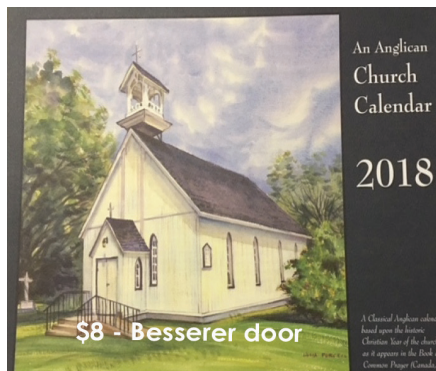
Wednesdays @7:30pm
Hintonburg @ 84 Fairmont

Thursdays @ 7pm
Old Ottawa South @ 267 Sunnyside
Lowertown @ 110 Nelson



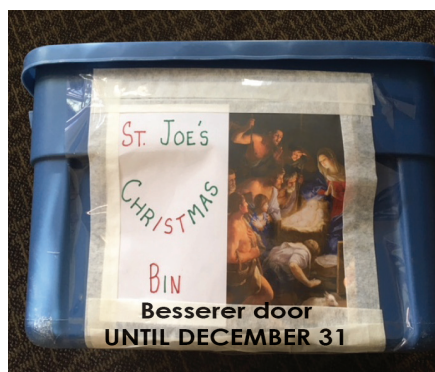
Messiah Women

Potluck Breakfast



For prayer:

Based on our best estimates,
as at December 1, we
need \$48,000 to break even
in 2017.



Please contact the office by December 20 to include the name of loved ones you wish to remember in the Christmas bulletins.

December 3, 2017

Multiplying Messiah?

Dear friends,

Every day, from Monday to Saturday, the alarm on my phone goes off at 10:02am. On Sunday my phone alarm goes off at 9:37am. For the record, it is not to wake me up! I set the alarm as a reminder to take a minute and pray in light of Luke 10:2 (or Matthew 9:37 (to 38) as a parallel text).

Luke 10:2 records Jesus as saying, "And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

There are several things of great interest in this passage. First of all, He issues this command to pray earnestly to the "seventy-two" whom Jesus called and sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. Second, and most important, this text, and the similar text in Matthew 9, is the **only** time Jesus told us to pray earnestly. He talks of prayer many times, but this is the one thing he has commanded us to pray earnestly for. So, maybe this should become a part of our prayer life, in fact, an important part of our prayer life.

I have to confess that I wax and wane, go up and down, on this prayer command. Please pray for me! I have returned to this command again in light of Messiah Council's decision to discern whether the Lord is calling us to multiply Messiah. In other words, is the Lord calling us to work with Daniel and Jonathan to form two or more congregations - making Messiah one church with three congregations? Is the Lord calling us to multiply in the Kanata/Stittsville area and in urban Ottawa, but as a Sunday evening congregation?

So, I urge you. Set your phone alarms and join me and join me in Luke 10:2 prayer. First, memorize the passage. Then, pray in light of the passage. Finally, as part of praying Luke 10:2, ask the Lord to lead, guide and provide as we consider multiplying in Kanata and by forming a Sunday evening congregation.

After you have memorized the passage, think about the Bible text and pray honestly. Some of what I have been praying lately follows.

"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief! It is easy to see greater Ottawa as a place with no harvest; to see Christianity in decline. Help me to believe Your word that You have a ripe harvest in Ottawa."

"Lord, make me a labourer in Your harvest. Make Messiah a congregation of labourers in Your harvest. Raise up more and more labourers to go into Your field, for Your harvest, for Your glory."

"Lord, help me to pray earnestly for You to send labourers into Your harvest."

"Lord, use us to plant ANiC churches in Orleans, Riverside South, Leitrim, Barrhaven, Cornwall, Kemptville, Carleton Place and Arnprior as well!

All to Your glory and praise!"

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