**Did You Think To Pray Today?**

**Reading – Luke 18:10-14**

***Worldly Knowledge***

***1 Corinthians 8:1-3 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. 2If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.***

***Proverbs 4:5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.***

***Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.***

***Just A Normal Guy***

***James 5:17-18 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.***

***Acts 14:14-15 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, 15“Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.***

***Self-Esteem***

***Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.***

***1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.***

***Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

***Penitent***

***Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:***

***Proverbs 28:13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.,***

***1 John 1:10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.***

***Luke 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.***

***Trusted God***

***Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.***

***James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.***

***Pray For Forgiveness***

***1 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.***

***Matthew 7:7-11 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!***

***Impacted God***

***1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.***

***James 5:13-16 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.***

***Isaiah 59:1-2***

***Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear:***

***But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.***

***What Can We Do About It?***

***Acts 2:38***

***Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***