



1. Persistently _____ (Acts 14:23)

(1 Peter 1:14-16) →

(John 17:14-15) →

(2 Corinthians 9:10-12) →

(Acts 2:46-47) →

2. Boldly _____ (Luke 10:2)

3. Enthusiastically _____ (Romans 12:11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **James 4:3-4**. What might this grim diagnosis of a Christian's prayer life do to adjust the things for which you are currently praying?
2. Read **Matthew 9:36-38**. How might a Christian develop more of this kind of spiritual concern for the unrepentant, along with an increase in this kind of praying?
3. Read **Luke 15:8-10**. What might it say about your spiritual life if you fail to find this kind of joy in people becoming Christians?
4. Read **Acts 4:1-4**. Why is overcoming fear of opposition and disapproval from our non-Christian world so important as a church?
5. Read **1 Peter 4:10-11**. How is a high view of God related to the way one serves in the church (or to the fact that one even chooses to serve in the church)?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

April 10th

1Sam.4-6 & Lk.12:35-59

April 11th

1Sam.7-9 & Lk.13:1-21

April 12th

1Sam.10-12 & Lk.13:22-35

April 13th

1Sam.13-14 & Lk.14:1-24

April 14th

1Sam.15-16 & Lk.14:25-35

April 15th

1Sam.17-18 & Lk.15:1-10

April 16th

1Sam.19-21 & Lk.15:11-32

April 17th

1Sam.22-24 & Lk.16:1-18

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 11-04 – **Making Our Church Stronger**

Msg. 12-37 – **God: The Tactical Recruiter**

Msg. 16-04 – **Fear of Responsibility**

Msg. 15-12 – **When You're Farmer of the Year**

Msg. 09-10 – **Serving God with Excellence**

Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant & Highly Committed Participants**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT** (a 3-part series on serving Christ in any situation)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#YouAndTheChurch

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Berding, Kenneth. **What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.

Eastman, Dick. **No Easy Road: Inspirational Thoughts on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1971.

Epp, Theodore H. **Present Labor and Future Rewards: The Believer, His Sin, Conduct & Rewards**. BTTB, 1960.

Fabarez, Mike. **Exploring the Gospel**. Focal Point Ministries, 2014.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Hiebert, Edmond. **Working With God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.

Hybels, Bill. **Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be With God**. InterVarsity Press, 1998.

Ryken, Philip Graham. **When You Pray: Making the Lord's Prayer Your Own**. Crossway, 2000.

Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Whitney, Don. **Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life: Revised and Updated**. NavPress, 2014.

Wilkinson, Bruce. **A Life God Rewards: Why Everything You Do Today Matters Forever**. Multnomah Books, 2002.