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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

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## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **Where is thine heart?**

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: (21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19 – 21*

I know it is common for us all to concern ourselves with our future. So, we work hard and save for our future, because the day will come when we will no longer be able to work. There is nothing wrong with that at all, we all need a nest egg for tomorrow. With that being said, Christians should not allow themselves to forget or even neglect their nest egg in heaven. Just think if some Christians put as much effort sacrifice into the work of the Lord as they did into their collection of worldly possessions, they would be "heaven reward rich". A lot of Christians will have little or no service to the Lord and His churches while have a lot in this world. As Christians, we all need to pay attention to the scriptures and obey as the Lord commands. Sometimes I can see by reactions of people when witnessing or preaching the word of God is being ignored, beloved, you will never make a bigger mistake in your entire life than you will when you ignore God's word. Our Heavenly Father is so gracious to us, He sent His own dear Son (Who knew no sin) to die for our sins. Jesus said there is no greater love than a man laydown his life for a brother. John 15:13 That is the sacrifice God made of His own and His dear Son made for you. We are saved from the fiery pits of eternal hell because of this great sacrifice of grace and mercy on God's part. God had no gain from this sacrifice and neither did Jesus, because their sacrifice was an act of love, not for gain. This should be why we Christians live our life on this earth, to glorify our Fathers love and our Saviour's love. Once saved every newborn child of God ought to be baptized and join a local New Testament church and make it our earthly spiritual home. We ought to sacrifice for it and do everything to make sure it is being the lighthouse of God in your community. We ought to search the scriptures daily paying awfully close attention to its contents, working to fulfill God's commandments. This ought not be for gain, but because we love Him like He first loved us. 1 John 4:19 We ought to help those in need, beginning in our own churches, then to those around us. We ought to love our brothers and sisters in Christ more than anyone else, because these are our eternal family. We should never allow another Christian or their family to go without while we have for ourselves. James wrote *"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? (15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, (16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding*

*ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? (17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."* James 2:14 – 17 Many people call themselves Christians, but when their works are dead chances are faith is not there. The Lord told us that our test as Christians is that we love each other, how can we love God and Jesus if Christians cannot love one another. Where is your spiritual heart, what balance in heavens rewards bank, you cannot check the account, you cannot withdraw from it, but when we get to heaven Jesus will give us our rewards and crowns. There is not reward's for overlooking scripture and looking another way when a need is there. Loving one another just because we are Christians, with no strings attached is a must and not an option. Folks, we all have one life on this earth, God has saved our unworthy souls from hell's eternal never quenching fires, we need to focus on the bible and walk in the spirit doing for God and ignoring this world and it's treasure's. "*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. (15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*" 1 Corinthians 3:11 - 15

### ***Quotes on Divine Providence***

By Various authors

“Blessed is the man who sees God in all the trifles of his life!”

“When you have looked at *creation*—remember *providence*, which is a prolongation of the creative act. The power which *made* all things, *upholds* them.”

“It is most important for us to learn that the smallest trifles are as much arranged by the God of providence, as the most startling events. He who counts the stars, has also numbered the hairs of our heads!”

“He who believes in God must believe in His *providential control* of His creation. There is no standing point between this and atheism. There is no half way between an almighty God who works all things according to the good pleasure of His own will—and no God at all. A God who cannot do as He pleases—a God whose will is frustrated, is not a God, and cannot be a God; I could not believe in such a God as that.”

“God's providences are but the manifestations of His decrees. What God does in time, is only what He purposed in eternity.”

### ***The worst part of you!***

By Daniel de Superville, 1657-1728

People often say, "I have my faults, but at the bottom I have a good heart."

A good heart! Alas! it is this that deceives you, for your heart is the worst part of you!

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked!

Who really knows how bad it is?" Jeremiah 17:9

The politicians, the philosophers, the sages of the world, are all shams!

What have they done toward the cure of the human heart?

Blessed be God! We recover more by the second Adam, than we lost by the first!

*"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."*

Ezekiel 36:25 - 27