

We're Praying for you II Thessalonians 1: 11-12

Charles Hadden Spurgeon Pastored Metropolitan Tabernacle for 30 years.

Why so successful? "People are praying for me regularly!"

The Thessalonians had the same strategy. Paul said, "We constantly pray for you."

We say: "We pray for you." "We'll be praying for you" That is a good idea. What do you pray for?

*****That God's Calling would be fulfilled. V.11**

III. A boy fell in a lake- Rescued by a man in a passing boat.

The boy thanked him. The man said, "Just make sure your life is worth saving!"

The Thessalonians had been called into the kingdom of God's grace. Paul prayed they would live up to their calling.

Saved by grace! Saved for works!

Our calling is from God. We do not earn salvation

ASSURANCE given freely by grace

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE ONE WHO PROVIDES SALVATION. TO BE WORTHY OF His calling.

***** That God's power would be received V.11**

That by His power.... fulfill every good purpose

An act prompted by faith

What is the relationship between our part and God's part in our good works for Christ?

Ruth Graham "Work as if everything depends on us and pray as if everything depends on God."

Take the Initiative Be Proactive

Then God's power energizes and fulfills the good actions prompted by their faith.

Initiative plus the power of God!-----

*****That God's name would be honored V.12**

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified.

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them "

5:16 "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

different motives --noticed by men vs noticed by God!

***** Application**

We are to do the work of God in the power of God for the glory of God!

We are not to be spiritually lazy waiting on God Not a hymn "HOW GREAT I AM! ---conceited.

William Carey (1761-1834) Shoe Cobbler in North Hampton, England

At the age of 28 called to be a missionary to India.

He knew no one there.....new language

Totally unknown! 40 years later.....

He had translated the Bible into 3 major Indian language.

He had started what has become the largest newspaper in India.

He had founded the agricultural and Horticultural society in India.

He had established the strong and effective Baptist church Union in India. He had begun what has become the largest seminary in India.

He had done more than any individual to bring the message of the gospel o Christ to that subcontinent