

Gems

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- Our God is a God of the hills and the valleys, but not a God of the borders. We need to stay in the center of God's will.
- The Gospel can turn things upside down, but it really put things right side up.
- We need not only to be peacemakers, but also peacekeepers, both make for calm waters.
- When Jesus was on the cross, they said to come down from the cross and we will believe you. That is like the world today, they want to take the cross out of serving God... to make it easy, anything goes, etc.
- God's mill grinds slowly, but it is sure. Some of your prayers may not be answered in your life time.
- Live in the world, but don't let the world live in us.
- The body of Christ has many members but one head, one mind. That's what makes us one.
- When you pray don't offer solutions. Our will may not be God's will.
- Jesus encouraged us to intercede for others. Sympathy and compassion should move us to intercession.
- Ask, seek and knock: ask for direction; seek good over evil, better over good, and best over better; knock on the door of revelation, it will open if we have the spirit of a babe.
- Keep your RPMs:
Reading, Praying & Meditating
- Don't read the Bible like a book. We should take it quietly & humbly and in the spirit of prayer... then it can draw us into the house of God.
- Jesus never said "I ought to". He always said, "I will."
- It's not what others tell us to do; it's what God tells us to do.
- God has perfect seed. When sown in the good ground, it produces the marks and the likeness of Jesus. It's the same seed for all nations. It does not need improvement; it is perfect and always will be.
- The secret to all victory is obedience to the Christ within.
- God is not pleased with an outward show. He desires the spirit of submission and true humility.
- What is the altitude of your attitude?
- Make sure you appreciate the love, protection, and rest under the covering wings of God.
- We're a project of God—a work in progress.
- When they purify silver to remove the dross, they hold it in the flame until they can see their image in the silver. (Like God working with us until He can see Jesus' image in us.)
- The Bible: The New in the Old contained. The Old in the New explained.
- Joseph never forgot he was a servant. Jesus was a servant. Can we say, "I am a servant."?
- Our only hope of having true satisfaction is to bow down and serve.
- If we are not willing for the conditions, we may exclude ourselves from Heaven. The conditions are to repent, follow Jesus' doctrine, and be willing.
- Be place filler, not a place seeker.
- Keys to Prayer: Be truly sincere, be persistent, ask, seek & knock, be willing to do what God says, pray to be taught by the Holy Spirit, pray for the great need of laborers for the harvest.

- If we don't pray we will faint.
- Careless prayer is worse than no prayer at all.
- The only way we can know God's will for us is to pray.
- What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular.
- Don't ever underestimate the power of the devil. Remember the greater power is Jesus.
- When we meet together, it is comforting to see the unity of our thoughts on the scripture, our desires, our needs, etc.
- The perfect seed sown will not germinate in cold ground.
- When we go to meeting, do not take problems from work or home or family. Take Jesus to the meeting. Rejoice!
- We go to meeting to feed on the Lamb of God.
- We could be on the right road, but going the wrong way.
- Don't let your testimony be words only. There needs to be action to back up the words.
- Do you read the Bible for something to do, or for something to say?
- There was no outward visible difference in the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins.
- Danger of hearing only, saying words only, outward show only, or in name only.
- If God is leading us, then He is always before us wherever we go.
- God leads with His Spirit. It is always a safe lead and it brings peace.
- Little boy was reciting Psalm 23. He said, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I want."
- Some people have it all wrong. They think serving God is drudgery, and Heaven is reward for that drudgery. So sad they do not see the joy in serving God.
- We could not give our son as a sacrifice. We, as humans, would give ourselves first. God gave His son.
- How could we not forgive others, when Jesus prayed while on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."
- Jesus is our refuge. God's people can be a refuge. A place of rest, bread, love and safety.
- We could have self discipline and yet not have salvation. Self discipline can bring pride.
- Be a pattern of good works. Repeating over and over. A pattern that is never ending and consistent.