

Prayer Guide– Entrenched In Complacency

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| <p>Thursday- Ask God to give us understanding according to His word that He is a God, who threatens His vengeance on wicked, unbelieving people, who stand visibly in the world as His people and yet remain unrepentant bringing forth bitter and poisonous fruit as He deals with them in His grace. Ask God to awaken us to His warnings.</p> | <p>“For they are a nation lacking in counsel... Would that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would discern their future... Vengeance is mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them.” (Deut. 32:28-35, NASB)</p> |
| <p>Friday- Entreat the Lord to help us understand that as we flatter and delude ourselves remaining unrepentant, that there is no lack of power in the omnipotent God to bring us at once without warning into a sudden unexpected destruction. Beg God to grant us a willingness to repent.</p> | <p>“Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors.” (Psalm 73:18-19, NASB)</p> |
| <p>Saturday- Beg God to help us examine ourselves against the example of the Philadelphian church who exhibits a clear complacency. Ask God to help us see how great the sin of complacency is. Beg God or a quickening awareness of our deficiencies and needs.</p> | <p>“Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked... Be zealous and repent.” (Rev. 3:17-19, NASB)</p> |
| <p>Sunday– Beseech the Lord to help us see the history of Israel is full of examples of complacent attitudes and the apostasy it led to. Beg God to stir up a holy dissatisfaction in our hearts and help us understand how lacking we are in Christ likeness.</p> | <p>“Woe to those are at ease in Zion and to those on the mountain of Samaria who are careless and feel secure, the notable men of the chief nations, to whom the house of Israel comes.” (Amos 6:1, AMP)</p> |
| <p>Monday– Pray for God to help us understand the definition of complacency by looking at its synonyms: bigheadedness, conceit, pompousness, pride, self-importance, self-love, and self-satisfaction.</p> | <p>“Tremble, you women who are at ease! Shudder with fear, you complacent ones! Strip yourselves bare and gird sackcloth upon your loins.” (Isa. 32:11, AMP)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday- Ask God to help us be moved to an honest self-examination Beg God to deliver us from the delusive thinking that a sin or weakness of ours is unimportant or non-existent. Beg God to return to a right relationship with Him.</p> | <p>“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you- unless indeed you fail the test?” (2 Cor. 13:5, NASB)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday- Implore God to awaken us from our spiritual drunkenness and drowsiness in sin and prosperity. Beg Him to revive us and change the way we think about Him.</p> | <p>“Sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling has seized the godless. Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning?” (Isa. 33:14, NASB)</p> |

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Scripture

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Reflection

"... The Lord will punish: 'the people who are entrenched in their sin,' (NET), 'the men who are stagnant in spirit' (NASB), 'those who sit contented in their sins,' (NLT), and 'the men who are settled in their lees' (KJV). - Anonymous

Prayer

Lord, remove your complacency by a shock of cold reality about ourselves and how we stand before You. Remove the distorted perspective of ourselves that fuels our pride. Amen.