

CCAF SERMON NOTES

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SERMON NOTES FROM 12-17-2023

TEXT: III John 1-4

SERMON TOPIC: Priorities, Priorities, Priorities

Write this down: The ability to place life in its proper perspective is a sign of maturity. The inability to do so can lead to overreaction and regret. Romans 8:28, II Corinthians 4:18

Write this down: True Prosperity is immaterial. Only God can produce True Prosperity. It is a compilation of immeasurable blessings, or a single moment in time that will never be duplicated...every! (Like the laughter of a little baby, fresh air, family the blessings of the Lord. Deuteronomy 29:9, Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 10:22)

Write this down: Today, True Prosperity is almost always overlooked and underappreciated. True Prosperity is good health and good days and good times. (Which must also be placed in perspective.) Deuteronomy 7:15, Jeremiah 30:17, III John 2-3

Write this down: Christ has given us access to Spiritual Joy. His influence on us is profound and contagious. He gives Great Joy to us and whole groups of people, communities, and cities. Isaiah 61:10, I Peter 1:8, Acts 8:5-8

Write this down: There is a type of joy that is shared by the most mature Saints, it is a Soul-Winners' Joy. Witnessing Spiritual Births and Growth is thrilling and motivating. Luke 15:7, Acts 15:3, I Thessalonians 2:19-20, III John 4:3-4

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Bible Study from 12-20-23

All of these verses speak to a constant state of prayer. Which suggests that we should desire to be in prayer at all times, and not only periodically. The kind of prayer we are considering today is both conscience and subconscious. It is an "always" prayer.

To reach this level of prayer requires a Saint to position themselves to hear from and speak to God at any time. People who pray without ceasing have learned how to pray without being in a specific location, or at a designated time. We are also able to pray mentally and Spiritually, while not needing to pray audibly.

It's like thinking about someone, or something, and whispering a prayer in one's head for that person or thing. I like to call this Spiritual Multitasking. Luke 18:1, Romans 12:12' Ephesians 6:18, I Thessalonians 5:17