

January 2009

"The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands."

Proverbs 14:1



9 Ways to Pray for Your Soul In 2009

Upcoming Events

January 13th
Classes Begin

January 14th
"Too Much Month at the End of the Money"
Dr. Pat Ennis

January 21st
"Biblical Hospitality in Review"
Karen Busenitz

January 28th
"The Organized Ministry Home"
Teri White

"Here are some ways to pray for yourself so that you're praying in sync with the way God works.

1. **For the desire of my heart to be toward God and his Word.**
Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to gain. Psalm 119:36
2. **For the eyes of my heart to be opened.**
Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law. Psalm 119:18
3. **For my heart to be enlightened with these "wonders."**
[I pray] that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened. Ephesians 1:18
4. **For my heart to be united, not divided, for God.**
O Lord, I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. Psalm 86:11
5. **For my heart to be satisfied with God and not with the world.**
O satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14
6. **For strength in this joy, and endurance during the dark seasons.**
[I pray that God] would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man. Ephesians 3:16
7. **For visible good deeds and works of love to others.**
[I pray that you] will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...bearing fruit in every good work. Colossians 1:10
8. **For God to be glorified.**
Hallowed be thy name. Matthew 6:9
9. **In Jesus' name.**
He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Romans 8:32"

John Piper. "9 Ways to Pray for Your Soul in 2009." Desiring God Blog (<http://www.DesiringGod.org/Blog>) January 2, 2009



Helpful Hints in Hospitality

"I realize that some people can easily invite guests over on the spur of the moment, but most people need to plan ahead and invite people to their table. Set a regular time each week and month to invite people into your home."

Alexander Strauch,, *The Hospitality Commands*,
Ch. 5 Helpful Hints in
Practicing Hospitality,
page 49



Recipe Row

Feud Cake (Pecan Cake)

Submitted By: Mackenzie Irby, wife of Brian Irby

Ingredients:

- 3 cups fine, ground pecans
- 6 eggs, separated
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 pint whipping cream, sweetened with vanilla extract

Directions:

Beat egg yolks by hand for fifteen minutes, adding sugar gradually. Add sifted, flour and baking powder. Add the pecan meal. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Bake in two layers in a pre-heated 350 oven for thirty minutes. Put layers together with whipped cream. Pile whipped cream thick between layers and on sides. Sprinkle with pecans.



Cherry Supreme

Submitted By: Kazumi Nix, wife of Richard Nix

Crust:

- 1 Stick Butter
 - 2 Cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
 - 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- Melt butter in a 9X13 pan. Mix Grahams and sugar with butter and pack together.

Filling:

- 1 16 oz. carton cool whip
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large package of cream cheese
- 1/2 tsp. almond flavoring
- 2 cans cherry pie filling

Beat cream cheese and sugar until blended. Mix in cool whip. Stir in almond flavor. Pour over crust and chill for 1 hour. Spoon pie filling over mixture and chill until serving.



Homeschool Helps...

Submitted By: Jennifer Whitney, wife of Brent Whitney

With the a new semester starting up here are some fun, free, online resources to use in your schooling!

Brightly Beaming Resources- This is a free homeschooling curriculum for children 0-8 years old.

www.letteroftheweek.com

Homeschool Share- There are online literature based unit studies. www.homeschoolshare.com

Soft Schools- This site provides math worksheets, games, grammar, quizzes, worksheets and games.

www.softschools.com

Starfall- This is a site with online games to teach children reading, Pre-k through 2nd Grade.

www.starfall.com

Quizlet- Quizlet is a great tool for learning vocabulary. You enter a list of any vocabulary or date (ex. Bible verses) you wish your student to memorize.

www.quizlet.com

Homeschool Store- The home school store offers home schooling

lessons and tools that are all in electronic format, making their cost lower. Every week they offer a free resource to download, including unit studies, notebook pages, lesson plans, etc.

www.curreclick.com

Donna Young— Free homeschool planners, school calendars, household planners, pintables of various subjects, and homeschool tips.

www.donnayoung.org



Wise Words for Wise Women

“Older Women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children...”

Titus 2:3-4

Submitted by: Danielle Steinmeyer, wife of Daniel Steinmeyer

“Just think of it, God is at work to beautify your character through each struggle; to expose your weakness, sin, selfishness, and pride and to perfect you into what he wants you to be in Christ. That is God's ultimate aim for us. [Romans 8:29]”
Dear sister, the answer is Christ!

Mary Somerville, *One with a Shepherd* chapter 3
 entitled Handling the Spiritual and Emotional Burdens of
 Ministry, page 45



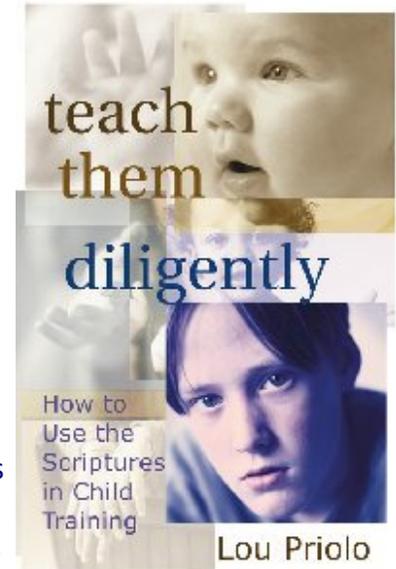
Book Review

Teach Them Diligently

Reviewed by Louise Essex, wife of TMS professor, Dr. Keith Essex

The objective of most Christian parents is to raise children who are conformed to the image of Christ (Galatians 4:19) yet many struggle with adequately understanding how to use the Bible for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16) in their parenting. After reviewing many publications, author Lou Priolo concludes that, with rare exception, “most of today’s Christian parenting resources fail to emphasize what is perhaps the most important aspect of true biblical parenting—how to relate the Bible to the disciplinary process in practical ways” (Preface). He desires to help parents learn how to use the Scriptures more thoroughly, practically and effectively in child training.

Priolo shows that it is not possible to bring up children “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph 6:4) without the continuous use of God’s Word. In order to do so, parents must dig into God’s Word and learn it better. The author guides parents in the use of Scripture to teach, convict, correct and train children. For those desiring to address issues of a child’s heart, rather than simply responding to behavior, this book offers practical advice.



Although it is not a long book, readers will find it contains a wealth of information and counsel. To avoid becoming overwhelmed, it would be best to go through the book slowly, incorporating its teaching over time, and prayerfully waiting for change. As parents seek to use this resource with their children, they will find the in-depth study of Scripture to be powerfully convicting in their own lives as well. Reading and implementing the book’s principles requires patience not only with children, but also with one another.

Teach Them Diligently is a book I wish I’d had when we began raising our 6 children in 1972. It gives parents valuable insight into consistently and carefully carrying out the command of Deuteronomy 6:6-9 which tells us to teach our children when we talk, when we sit, when we walk, when we lie down and when we rise up. I believe today’s parents, and those who seeking to come alongside parents, will find this book is a valuable tool.

Priolo, Lou. *Teach Them Diligently: How To Use The Scriptures In Child Training*. Stanley, NC: Timeless Texts, 2000. 160 pp

TMS Semwives Disclaimer:

While we recommend many different resources for your consideration we also encourage you, the reader, to be like the Bereans who could receive a message (book) with eagerness and then examine the message against the truth of Scripture. ~ Acts 17:11