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Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“WHAT IS TRUE WORSHIP?”

SELECTED SCRIPTURE

AUGUST 5 – AUGUST 11, 2007

The Lord’s Day - Many months ago, we had the opportunity to see that true worship according to the will of God is done through our service to Him. That service is very different from what the world would consider, but Godly service consists of having an un-hypocritical love, hating what is evil; holding onto what is good. Being devoted to one another in brotherly love; giving preference to one another in honor; not being lazy, rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, being devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality, loving your enemies, being at peace and loving your neighbor. We see all this and more in **Romans 12:1–21 & Hebrews 10:19-24**.

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask the Lord to help you make it a point to put all these things into practice in your daily life.

Monday - Paul uses a great word in **Romans 12:1**, “**parakaleo**”, or “urge”, which it means to beg or to plead, it can also mean to exhort or admonish, and he also says this type of service is the “will of God”. Many people ask, “What is the will of God?” Start serving as it says in **Romans 12** and you will be doing the will of God. I hope and pray that you are serving as Paul urged and I hope as you come to church you are being equipped to serve as it says in **Ephesians 4:11–12**. When we follow these commands, Paul says in **2 Timothy 2:20** we are vessels of honor, and if not, we are vessels of dishonor.

What did I learn from God’s word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to reveal the areas of service in your life where you need to improve and make the necessary changes!

Tuesday - Our focus this Lord’s Day is not on the service, but on the “Unity of the Body”. Paul compares the way the church functions together with how your own body functions together. Alexander MacLaren stated in his exposition of this scripture; “...in the Christian community, as in an organized body, _____”

the active co-operation of all the parts is the condition of health.” What is the condition of health here? Maybe the real question is not how healthy we are, the question should be “How healthy could we be if we were all serving?” Now the first key to this unity is being “in Christ”. The phrase “in Christ” is used 91 times in the NT. Look at some of these promises for those who are in Christ: **Romans 6:23, 8:1, 8:38–39 & Galatians 3:14, 26.**

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to show you the state of your spiritual health. Are you living “in Christ”?

Wednesday - The second key, in order to serve as we ought to serve, is we must be “*individual members of one another*”. The bible is so clear about our relationship and responsibility to one another, and it is also very clear that we don’t choose who we want to have these relationships with. Don’t rebuke the one who is different and show partiality. Don’t love the ones you want and show partiality. **James 2:1-12** warns of this and he says, “*But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors*”. Jesus gives us a similar warning in **Luke 14:12–14**. When we are not partial in our serving, the Bible teaches: **1 Corinthians 12:24–26 & Ephesians 5:15–16.**

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to give you more grace and mercy and love so that you will be able to love others as you Scripture commands (especially those whom you may find annoying or offensive).

Thursday -I don’t really want to dwell on partiality, but it is such a part of our culture and there are so many warnings in Scripture about this sin or sins that relate. When we are grumbling, murmuring and complaining, we are showing partiality. How? We are putting “self” above others! We must understand that God pays back each and every one of us based on how we treat others. Read these scriptures: **Luke 6:37–38, Matthew 7:2, 6:14–15 & Ezekiel 7:9**

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to give you the ability to control your tongue as well as your thought life regarding the weaknesses of others remembering that we are all in the same boat.

Friday - By now, I hope the Spirit is convicting all of us that no matter where we stand currently in our walk, we all can do more and as we do it, lets us not “*let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*”, because if so, we don’t bring glory to God and we will “*have our reward in full*”. So many seek the applause of people, and in doing so, miss the opportunity of glorifying God. We will touch on five practical applications to help unify this local body. The first is to partake! The Greek word means: “*denoting association, to have together with others, to partake of, share, a partaking, participation, fellowship.*” Read **Hebrews 10:24–25 & 1 Corinthians 1:17.**

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to give you the strength to always go “*the Second Mile*” with others with the realization that you can ALWAYS do more than you are doing now.

Saturday - When we “PARTAKE”, then we can apply principles such as POSSESS, PROGRESS, PERSERVERE and PRAYER. There are biblical applications for each of these points which we will touch on this Lord’s Day and here is some scripture you can refer to: **Joshua 17, Hebrews 6:1, James 1:2–4 & 1 Thessalonians 1:2.**

What did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you recognize your own weaknesses in these areas and ask Him to give you the wisdom you need from His Word to be able to help others overcome their weaknesses as well.

