

Daily Devotionals



REDEEM THE TIME in 2023 - [Youtube Recording on Redeeming the Time given by myself \(Bruce Hurt\) to men's ministry](#) -- [Slides that go with talk](#) Related article on Redeem the Time.

Below are links to several devotionals to aid your [Quiet Time](#) with the Lord.

- [Our Daily Bread - excellent illustrations and practical applications](#) - you will need to click "Today's Devotional" when page opens
- [Puritan's Valley of Vision - pithy and poignant!](#)
- [Vance Havner Quote of the Day and Devotional](#) - always [pithy](#)!
- [A W Tozer Daily Devotional](#)
- [Oswald Chambers' My Utmost for His Highest](#) - You can also borrow [My Utmost for His Highest](#) for one hour from archive.org but you must create an account (only your email) and you can also borrow many other books at [Christian Books Online](#).
- [Grace Gems Daily Devotional](#) - often [very pithy](#) and convicting!
- Devotionals - onsite
- [Joshua Project daily prayer for an unreached people group](#) - Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven - souls that you have prayed for from the unreached people groups. See comments on Jesus' command to **make friends**...

"And I (JESUS) say to you, **make friends** ([aorist imperative](#) see [need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)) for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness (not that money is evil, but because it is often used for evil), so that (purpose or result) when (not "if") your earthly possessions are gone, you will be welcomed ([dechomai](#) = THEY WILL PUT THE "WELCOME MAT" OUT FOR YOU IN GLORY!) into the eternal homes." (Luke 16:9+)

NLT Paraphrase - "I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven".

Comment by John MacArthur - In relation to others, Jesus exhorted His hearers to make friends for themselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so called because it belongs to this unrighteous, passing world. Unbelievers, like the unrighteous manager (Lk 16:1-8+), often use money to buy earthly friends. Believers, on the other hand, are to use their money to evangelize and thus "purchase" heavenly **friends**. The wealth of unrighteousness, being an element of fallen society's experience, cannot last past this present life (cf. Luke 12:20+). When it fails, the **friends** believers have gained through investing in Gospel preaching will **welcome** them into the **eternal** dwellings of heaven. Those **friends** will be waiting to **receive** (**ED**: WITH "OPEN ARMS") them when they arrive in glory because through their financial sacrifice for reaching the unconverted they heard and believed the Gospel. The Lord calls for Christians to use their money for **eternal** purposes **to produce a heavenly reward**.

Why Should You Consider Interceding for the Hidden People Group Below?

1. Jesus taught us that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." (Mt 9:37+) - Will you be a worker for the Lord of the harvest? Will you obey His command to "**beseech** ([aorist imperative](#)) the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Mt 9:38+)?
2. You are in effect *entering* the mission field with your intercessory prayers. "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the

Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints (including those of the hidden people groups who will become saints - see Rev 5:9+ below) (Eph 6:18⁺)

3. You are obeying Jesus' command to "**Store up** ([thesaurizo](#) in [present imperative](#) see [need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)) for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for (term of explanation) where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Mt 6:20-21⁺) (Where is your [my] heart beloved?)
4. You will rejoice with Paul for those precious souls in this hidden people group who accept Christ as their Savior for they will be your "hope or joy or crown of exultation...in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming. For you are our glory and joy." (1 Th 2:19, 20⁺)
5. You will shine like the stars for "those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." (Da 12:3⁻)
6. You can be confident God will answer your prayer for Rev 5:9+ says Jesus was "slain, and purchased for God with (His) blood men from **EVERY** tribe and tongue and people and nation."
7. If these Biblical truths are not sufficient motivation to [redeem the precious time](#) then take a moment and Read the longer answer.

RECOMMENDATION - HERE IS AN EXCELLENT PRAYER GUIDE FOR UNREACHED PEOPLES, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, ENEMIES! -

"Prayer works! Prayer is work! Prayer leads to work! Prayer is the work!"

[Scripture that you can pray for all the peoples of the world including the lost in your world, your sphere of influence!](#) This is a wonderful Biblical tool. And the apostle John reminds us that our prayers in the present transcend time for he writes in Rev 8:3+ that "**the prayers of all the saints** (ARE) on the golden altar which was before the throne!" Beloved, store up for yourself some treasure in Heaven! (Mt 6:20⁺) The R.O.I. (Return On Investment) is "out of this world!" Below is a sample prayer from this guide...

Lord Most High, You are awesome. You are the great King over the _____. May the _____ sing praise to you for you are King of all the earth. You reign over the _____. You sit on Your holy throne. PSALM 47:2, 6-8

These devotionals are provided to encourage your daily devotional time reading the "pure milk of the Word" (1 Peter 2:2+ = a vital verse because intake of the pure word is an absolute essential for spiritual growth or [progressive sanctification](#)) and are not meant to replace your personal time reading God's "[Word of Life](#)" (Philippians 2:16+) and "Word of Truth, the Gospel." (Colossians 1:5+) Our prayer is that you would...

Let the word of Christ richly **dwell**+ ([present imperative](#) calling for dependence on [the Holy Spirit to obey](#)) within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16+)

Remember that letting the Word of Christ richly dwell within you produces the same fruit as being continually filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18+ (See chart comparing effects). **Be filled** is also a [present imperative](#) command calling for reliance on [the Holy Spirit](#) to give you the desire and the power - Php 2:13NLT⁺)

NOTE: For a short synopsis of the **Hidden People Group of the day**, click the picture to go to Joshua project entry for that group.

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