

General

Our Sunday Services have reconvened at the Hill of Blessing at 08h30

Our monthly Apostolic Community Forum is hosted at the Hill of Blessing in Verulam. The next meeting is on Saturday 28th January 2023 at 07h00

News

We hosted a successful matric tuition program for the past 5 months. This project will reconvene in the near future.

Meetings

Our week day meetings are being hosted ONLINE using the BlueJeans conferencing platform

Tuesday	
Online Bible Study	Closed
Thursday	
Online Prayer	Closed
Saturday	
Prayer & Dialogue	07h00
Sunday	
Service	08h30

Details for the meetings are communicated via Whatsapp.

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SELF DENIAL (Part 4)

I will make them and the places all around **MY HILL, A BLESSING**; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

- Ezekiel 34:26

Families are encouraged to gather each day, read the devotion, pray and partake of communion

Senior Elders:

Pastor Ralph and Michelle Ellaya

Selfish Ambition

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

The Apostle Paul is writing to the Philippian church from prison and encourages them to live a life of self denial. We should do nothing through selfish ambition. This is to put oneself forward or to have a self seeking pursuit. Self denial knows how to be patient for God's promotion.

Pray:

1. That we would not be plagued with selfish ambition
2. For the fruit of patience to wait for God to exalt us in due time
3. That nothing will be done to promote ourselves but to glorify God.

Conceit

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

To be conceited is to be puffed up or filled with pride. We can do things with a proud spirit negating the intent of what we do for others. Pride goes before the fall therefore we should learn to do things not for self praise but all for the glory of God.

Pray:

1. For grace to overcome a conceited spirit
2. That pride would not cause us to fall
3. For our hearts to remain pure before God in all that we do for others

Humility

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Lowliness of mind alludes to humility. This is one of the key principles of self denial. We must be of a humble spirit, doing everything for the benefit of others. Humility is characterized by a deep love for God and for His people. God's love is evident through self denial.

Pray:

1. For the spirit of humility to under-gird our faith in Christ
2. That the love of God would keep us humble
3. For our good works to flow from a humble and contrite spirit

Esteem others

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

To esteem is to consider or think about others. A pattern of self denial is one where we consider the well being of others before ourselves. Selfishness flows out of no consideration for another person. This is evident by the way we think and the way we act.

Pray:

1. That we would consider the well being of others
2. For a willingness to esteem others better than ourselves
3. That in esteeming others better than ourselves we would be recipients of grace

Interest of others

Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Most people live for the interests of themselves not for the interests of others. To look out is to be aware or look for the opportunity to be a blessing to another. While we must look out for our own interests we should always be aware of the interests of others

Pray:

1. That we would be aware of the interests of others
2. That we would not only be self interested but also interested in the care for others
3. For opportunities to be a blessing to others

Obedient

Philippians 2:8 (NKJV)

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus Christ gave us a pattern of self denial. He became obedient even to the point of death. Obedience will kill our flesh just like it did for Abraham. We must always be willing to obey if we want to be blessed.

Pray:

1. That like Christ we will remain obedient so that our flesh will die
2. For obedience to be our key to prosperity
3. That as we die daily we will become more obedient