

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022



### Part 9: "Let's Be Zealous"

#### The Final Three Imperatives toward Being Zealous for Good Works

1. Get \_\_\_\_\_ and stay \_\_\_\_\_ – 3:8
2. Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ (3:9-11)
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12-1; John 15:8, 16)
  - HOW? Good works are \_\_\_\_\_
  - WHAT? Good works \_\_\_\_\_
  - WHY? Good works make us \_\_\_\_\_

### Growth Group Study Guide for May 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Announcements

1. This Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. Fellowship is partnering with the Norwalk ACTS Churches in hosting a prayer event on the 5<sup>th</sup> in Norwalk City Hall parking lot on North Ave. from 5:30 – 5:55 to pray for our community, state, and nation. Join us as we exercise our God-given and lawful right and privilege to pray for America.

#### Getting Started

This week we will be celebrating The National Day of Prayer (the first Thursday of each May). During our time together we're going to pray for a number of requests and people connected with our nation. But let's begin by taking a fun little quiz. Split your group into two (men and women?) and answer the following questions. The group that gets the most answers right wins. See the end of your study guide for the correct answers.



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## National Day of Prayer Historical Quiz

1. Which document established in its statement that we as Americans have inalienable rights that are God-given, such as the liberty to pray?
  - (a) The Bill of Rights
  - (b) The Constitution
  - (c) Declaration of Independence
2. What date was this document signed?
  - (a) July 4, 1776
  - (b) March 4, 1789
  - (c) September 17, 1787
3. The First Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1776.
  - (a) True
  - (b) False
4. Which president signed a joint resolution before Congress establishing an annual National Day of Prayer?
  - (a) Theodore Roosevelt
  - (b) Harry Truman
  - (c) John F. Kennedy
5. What year did Congress pass this joint resolution establishing a National Day of Prayer?
  - (a) 1952
  - (b) 1948
  - (c) 1961
6. What president amended this resolution that permanently set the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer observance?
  - (a) Jimmy Carter
  - (b) George Bush
  - (c) Ronald Reagan
7. What year was this amendment signed?
  - (a) 1985
  - (b) 1988
  - (c) 1991
8. Who wrote these words, "God governs in the affairs of men. Without His help, we will get nowhere"?
  - (a) Patrick Henry
  - (b) Betsy Ross
  - (c) Benjamin Franklin
9. What president said these words, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor"?
  - (a) Thomas Jefferson
  - (b) Abraham Lincoln
  - (c) George Washington

10. In what year were the following words stated by a famous American, “We must select Christians as leaders”?

- (a) 2006
- (b) 1991
- (c) 1816

### Digging Deeper

As you can see from the quiz there is a lot of historical support for the necessity of all Americans to pray for their nation and their leaders. There is also much biblical support as well. Consider these verses that deal with our prayers, our leaders, and our responsibility to those in authority:

1 Tim. 2:1-2 (NIV) “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- [2] for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

Romans 13:1 (NIV) “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

Proverbs 21:1 (NIV) “The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.”

Proverbs 16:10 (NIV) “The lips of a king speak as an oracle, and his mouth should not betray justice.”

Faith, courage, and prayer birthed our great nation and has guided America through more than 200 years of wars, natural disasters and national crisis. Prayer is a right given to us by God and guaranteed to us by our founding fathers. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, honor and sacred duty. History has proven that forces will wage war against our freedom. Terrorism has shed blood on American soil. Violent crime has invaded American homes and schools. Drugs and alcohol abuse rage against the innocence of our youth. Forces of darkness threaten our morality, integrity and our faith. Prayer for our nation is our defense.

Now is the time to be resolute in our defiance against the forces of destruction – to unite as a nation and not succumb to fear. Americans must stand strong and remain bold in faith, courage and prayers. The nation needs our prayers. Our leaders need our prayers. Our armed forces and emergency personnel need our prayers.

### Wrapping Up

Spend the rest of the group time in prayer for our nation, our leaders and for revival and spiritual awakening in our land.

Answers to Quiz:

- 1. c
- 2. a
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. a
- 6. c
- 7. b
- 8. c
- 9. c
- 10. c – Here’s the full quote by John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court: “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”