

Emmanuel Prayer list - July

Outreach Prayers

- Christians and churches stand strong in their faith for Christ in Canada.
- Pray for God to prepare our hearts to reach out to the lost in our relationships.
- Who is God asking you to engage in regular prayer for their salvation?
- Pray for our government and leaders.
- Pray to be salt and light to those we come into contact with.

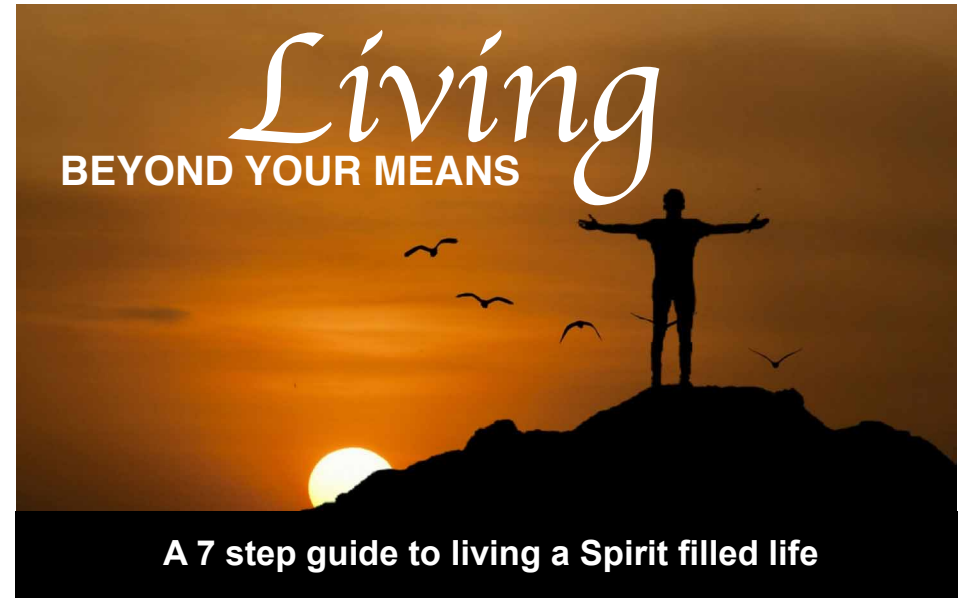
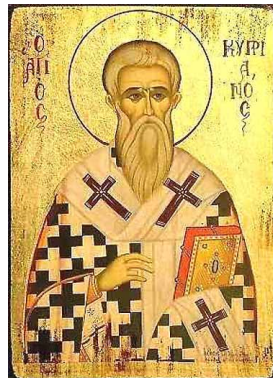
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9. Prayer is what keeps us in the presence of God. In the presence of God we can be joyful in hope, because God is the source of joy. Being joyful in hope enables us to be patient in affliction, because the joy of the Lord is our strength. Therefore, be faithful in prayer. What does it mean to be “faithful” in prayer?
10. We can pray at specific times of day. We can pray when we hear of a need. But prayer is also an attitude of talking to God in every aspect of our lives as we go about our day. How do you think you can improve your prayer life, so that you can better fulfill Romans 12:12?

Bishop Cyprian 210-258

An excerpt of a letter to a friend

“It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and good people who have learned the great secret of life. They have found a joy and wisdom which is a thousand times better than any of the pleasures of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are Christians, and I am one of them.”



A study on Romans 12

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| 1. Surrendered | Romans 12:1 |
| 2. Changed | Romans 12:2 |
| 3. Obedient | Romans 12:3-8 |
| 4. Sincere | Romans 12:9-11 |
| 5. Reliant | Romans 12:12 |
| 6. Empathetic | Romans 12:13-16 |
| 7. Peaceful | Romans 12:17-21 |

Living Beyond Your Means - Reliant - Rom 12:1

Be _____ in hope, _____ in affliction, _____ in prayer.

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE

_____ is the emotion of salvation

Happiness =

Joy =

To know true joy, I need to be _____ on the source of joy.

Nehemiah 8:10 - The _____ of the Lord is your _____.

Why Nehemiah say this to the people of Israel?

Reasons we struggle to know true joy:

1. Joy is found in _____

2. Joy is a _____ we make

PATIENT IN AFFLICTION

Patient =

When the _____ of the Lord is our strength, then we are able to be _____ in affliction.

Why?

2 Cor 4:8, Psalm 30:5

FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

Prayer is what keeps us in the _____ of God.

The presence of God makes us _____ in hope.

Being joyful in hope enables us to be _____ in affliction.

1. Read Romans 12:12. How do you think this verse fits in with the previous 11 verses?
2. How would you describe the difference between happiness and joy?
3. Quite a few people struggle to experience joy. Why do you think this is?
4. What do you think the overriding problem is if we, as Christians, become people who are irritable, angry, complaining, annoyed and miserable?

Read John 10:10. How does Satan steal joy from our lives?

5. Read Nehemiah 8:1-12. The people of Israel had been sent into captivity, because they had turned away from God. Seventy years later, God enabled them to return, but they were still being oppressed by their enemies (see Neh 1:2-3). God then sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall, so that the city would have defense against their enemies. When the wall was finished, they dedicated it to God and Ezra read from the book of the law. The people then came to fully understand their sin, were grieved and wept. Nehemiah told the repentant people not to weep as this was a holy day, and told them, "The Joy of the Lord is your strength." What do you think he meant by that? In what way is the joy of the Lord our 'strength'?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:6-8; James 1:2; Galatians 5:22; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Psalm 118:24. From these verses, why should we rejoice?

What is the source of joy?

Why is joy a choice?

7. Romans 12:12 tells us to be joyful in hope. (Read Romans 15:13) What is the hope we are rejoicing in?
8. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction. How does being joyful in hope lead is to being patient in affliction? (also read 2 Corinthians 4:8-10; Jeremiah 29:11)

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