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MEDITATE ON THIS:

For,

"THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.
"HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD;
HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.
"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

1 Peter 3:10 - 17

Eighty-two ... Watch and Pray

There's a story about a preacher boy who was invited to a dinner for the old-timers who had long graced the local pulpits. Having been warned that the length of their sermons and prayers were legendary, the young preacher set in for a long day. It was during the rather lengthy prayer of thanks for the food that he could no longer contain himself. Seeing all the grey heads bowed resolutely around the table, the young preacher quietly took to his seat and began to devour the food set before him. By the time the 'Amen' was said, he had consumed all on his own plate, all on the plate to his right and was halfway through the plate to his left. When sensing all the horrified stares of his elders upon him, he looked up and said, "Watch and pray, brothers. Watch and pray!"

It was 82 years ago that a lot of meetings and speeches were being held in Europe. 1938 can now be seen as the year that talk should have ceased and action should have taken against Hitler's Germany. Although Churchill warned of a coming of a literal second world war, (he saw Hitler's standing army of 150,000 troops as an evil portent), all eyes were closed in hope that it would all just go away. After all, the last thing Britain wanted was another war. The sting of truth is never pleasant. Especially when it comes from an unpopular source. It is then that we are tempted to cut off our noses to spite our face.

The mature Christian is made of better stuff. He learns from history—even when it is held up menacingly to his face. He prepares for the hard days ahead with ceaseless prayers upon his lips and his eyes wide open. We are warned to expect the Day of the Lord. It will come suddenly. "Watch and pray, brethren. Watch and pray!"

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Niki Willemse (Colette's sister in South Africa): Please continue to pray for her and the family.

Anje Colvin (Celine's friend): Anje and her family moved to NZ from South Africa nine months ago and recently moved to Auckland. She has been trying hard to find a job. Please pray for her.

Dave Howell: Please pray for Dave who has not been feeling well.

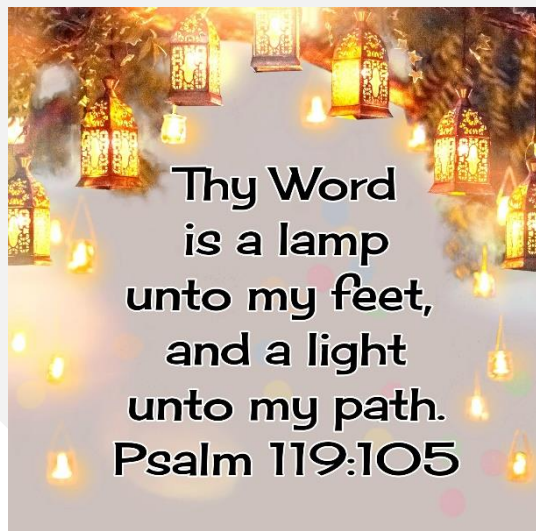
Ethan van Aswegen (in South Africa): Please keep praying for him and his family.

Brian Caitor (Matt's brother): Please keep Brian in your prayers. He is recovering from Chemo and adjusting to his new way of life.

Sandra Setters – Tricklebank Lynda & family: Please keep praying for Lynda and the family.

Julie Christopherson (Lynda's friend): Please pray for Julie who is not doing well.

Betty Potgieter: Felicity's Mom is very frail. Please keep her in your prayers.



Baptism now saves you 1 Peter 3:21

We rejoice with the angels in heaven to have a new brother in the Lord. Dominic Malo was baptised into Christ on Sunday 16 August 2020. Welcome to the family of Christ, Dominic. We pray God's richest blessings upon you, Kalani and Ephesian as you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise God for you.

REST IN PEACE John Shepherd

John passed away on Monday 10 August 2020. He was a long-time member of the Napier Church of Christ. Our love goes out to his wife, Anne, their family and the brethren at the Napier Church of Christ. John was 79.

He will be missed, but we praise God that he has reached his goal in the Lord.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121:7-8



AUGUST

28 Merania Timoti

SEPTEMBER

01 Maryann Anacan

02 Hester Unkovich

07 Michal Fay

12 Jasmine Tavita

PRAYER REQUESTS?

ANY NEWS?

If you have any prayer requests or news to share, please send me an email: info@vintagerosecottage.co.za

Love Colleen de Steur