
Weekly Schedule

- Tues, Oct 6th (Lewisville) Joseph & Lillykuty's residence (7 PM)
- Fri, Oct 9th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
- Sat, Oct 10th (Rowlett) Sabu & Bindhu's res. (6:30 PM) [972 412 7174]
5102 Alexandria Dr, Rowlett, TX 75088
- Sun, Oct 11th (Metro) Youth Sunday (10 AM)
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Words of Wisdom

"If we work on marble it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work on men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with just fear of God and love of their fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something which time cannot efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

- Daniel Webster

Prayer for the Nations: Niger (Africa)*

- Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world with minimal government services and insufficient funds to develop its resource base. The largely agrarian and subsistence-based economy is frequently disrupted by extended droughts common to the Sahel region of Africa.
- Severe droughts and famine in the '80s brought the country to its knees – the desert is still consuming vast areas of the land. Only 3% of the country can be used for farming –and 90% of the population struggle to make enough to live.
- Niger is so poor that it has received 100% multilateral debt relief from the IMF.
- For some years there has been tension between Tuareg rebels in the desert north and groups in the south.
- Niger became independent of a largely atheistic France in 1960; it is now 80% Muslim. Although Niger is predominantly Muslim, there is a surprising openness – albeit general unresponsiveness – to the Christian message. Many Muslims are willing to listen.
- Radio Station ELWA and the new Radio Espoir in Niger's capital, Niamey, have helped prepare the hearts of many nomadic Tamajaq and Fulani.
- Niger has one of highest infant mortality rates in the world at 118.25 deaths for every 1000 live births.
- Aid agencies estimate that tens of thousands of children are in the advanced stages of starvation.
- For the first time, a few people from the Fulbe and Manga Kanuri Muslims have been giving their lives to Jesus.
- Christian organisations have been active in giving Niger vital help to recover from the droughts – and as a result more churches have been planted.
- In the last 25 years the number of churches in the capital Niamey has grown from just one to 50!
- Many Christians in Niger are isolated and as many cannot read, it is a real difficulty for them to get to grips with the Bible. Pray for loving and Godly leaders who can take on the challenge.
- There is a 1,000 year history of Islam in the Kanuri peoples, pray that missionaries will be equipped to reach these people groups.
- Young people are some of the most receptive to hearing about Jesus, but there are not enough people committed to working with this generation. Pray for workers.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=89

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...Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. (Ps 89:2,5)

“Children... honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise” (Gal 6: 1, 2)

Praise the Lord and we are glad to welcome you all into the house of the Lord for a time of praise and worship. The action song of the Metro Junior choir may resonate with the verse that is before us. It indeed is the fifth commandment in the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) but the very first with a promise. The first four are clear commands and does not entail any promise along with that. But this commandment brings to focus on the relationship of parents and children in a family context. Let me share a story.

There were a father and mother who lived with their three sons in a remote town of England. The father died early on and the mother struggled to raise the three children and as many others through poverty and lack the children grew up to become very successful. All three of them left their town and settled outside and had very flourishing business and jobs. The poor mother was left alone at home and these children would take turns to come and visit her now and then. But none of them was willing to make a sacrifice taking care of their aged mother. She was down with sickness and they all came to see her and one evening they all enjoyed a hot bowl of porridge which their mother made. As they were eating at the family table accidentally one of the sons hit his feet on a chest underneath the table. It jingled with something valuable like gold or jewelry. The sons inspected the box and found it to be a treasure chest which was locked. They said to themselves that their parents had hidden all their riches here and made them live in poverty and hunger through their growing years.

But since the mother is alive they thought that the best thing would be to take care of their mother so that they can finally partake of the treasure inside the chest. So they decided to take turns looking after their aged mother and finally the old lady had some peaceful years and then she died. The sons gave her a befitting farewell and finally they came and took the treasure chest and opened it. All they found inside was some broken pieces of glass and a note. One of the sons was mad by seeing that. But they began reading their mothers letter. It said that after seeing their apathy towards her she decided to approach her friend a carpenter to make a treasure chest. Then she also got some broken pieces of glass from another of her friend. The sound of treasure was nothing but the glass pieces jingling inside. All the children suspecting treasure took really good care of her. Finally in the chest was found a plaque with this words “Honor your father and mother” One of the son was really mad at his mother for fooling them but the other son said indeed that was the truly great treasure that she gave them. It was what they needed as they went along their ways.

I hope that the message is loud and clear to all of us. There is great blessing in honoring parents. God honors such as those who honor their parents.