

The First Line of My Daily Prayer

Last year sometime I wrote "My Daily Prayer," (they are located on the tables in the back of the church). It was not meant to be a prayer, but an outline to follow while doing a daily prayer. For example, we are told in the Bible not to pray the same things over and over in our prayers. God heard it the first time. However, to do things religiously means to do them over and over.

For instance, let's look at the first line. 1. "Grant me the wisdom to be a faithful representative of the body of Christ." As we are taught by Christ how to pray the Lord's Prayer, we first acknowledge God as our Father and benefactor. So the prayer might start with "Almighty God," expressing your love and joy and honoring Him. Now you might say, "On this day (Monday), grant me the wisdom, enlighten me, let me be aware, let me be a representative, (I will represent you as Christ would by being aware of those in need no matter what their circumstance).

The last of the line is being a representative of the body of Christ. What does that mean? When we accept Christ and ask him to come into our lives, we agree to change. Love other's as you would love yourself; draw no conclusion about their status in this world, do not judge. You have membership in the body of Christ, which is made up of Christian's all over the world.

Do you think about how you conduct yourself in the presence of others? Open up your heart and become aware of your conduct.

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