

St. Paul AME Church Wings (Women In God's Service)

Women In God's Service Bible Study

Series: "Growing Through Prayer"

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Today's Lesson:
"Fruit of the Spirit:
"Faithfulness"

FRUIT *of the* SPIRIT
{ LOVE }
JOY Peace
PATIENCE
kindness
GOODNESS
faithfulness
GENTLENESS
Self-Control
GALATIANS 5:22-23

Walk
BY
Faith
NOT BY
Sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

faithfulness

Opening

Prayer

Sis. Daphne Wright

Scripture #1 Read By

Sis. Mary Mullins

Proverbs 3:3; Matthew

24:44; Matthew 25:14-21

Please be prepared to read
other scriptures in case I need
you to do so.

Scripture #2 Read By

Sis. Alison Strong Smith

Matthew 25:22-30

Revelation 2:10

Please be prepared to read other
scriptures, in case I need you to
do so.

Do You Remember...



From last Week's Lesson

1. What does 1John 4:13 tell us? _____
2. What does Romans 5:5 tell is? _____
3. What does the Bible tell us the Fruit of Light is? _____
4. So, the scriptures teach us that God is light, and Jesus said He is the Light of the World, If we use John 1:12 as a reference- what do you think 1Thessalonians 5:5 means when it says we (Christians) are the children of Light? _____
5. Complete the following sentence: God has called us an _____ faith.
6. When we let our light shine what do people see? _____
7. What are we to reflect to the world? _____
8. God wants our good works to direct the eyes of the people to whom? _____

9. There were 7 suggested ways we could let our light shine. They were:

S _____

C _____

E _____

Share a T _____

Use our T _____

Do not F _____

S _____ others.

10. Jesus said if we let our light shine what would happen? _____

Introduction

Provided by P. E. Samuels (Ret.)

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Read by Sis. Charlotte Williams

Galatians 5:22 tells us that faithfulness is one of the extensions, or products, of the Fruit of the Spirit. When we believe and are born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. We, then, have overflowing faithfulness available to us! This doesn't mean that we will never fall slack/short. However, as we come to know God more and more, Faithfulness will become part of who we are. I want to share a story, with you. It's a story of a lady named Lottie Deville Moon who lived out her faithfulness to God. [Born December 12, 1840, Lottie Moon was the daughter of, and was raised by, very wealthy, religious parents, who valued education. John Broadus, her Pastor and one of the founders of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said: "Lottie is the most educated lady in the South." (She attended several schools and learned 5 languages) She was against all religions, until she was 18 years old. The referenced resources say, just before Christmas -1858, God broke **into** Lottie's heart. She gave her heart to Christ, was born again, and filled with the Holy Spirit. In 1871, Moon and her friend, Anna Safford, opened Cartersville Female High School in Cartersville, GA. In 1873, at the age of 33 and unmarried, while teaching in Cartersville, GA and ministering about Jesus in Bartow County, Lottie Moon felt that God wanted her to do a very special thing.

Lottie knew that there were millions of people in China who didn't know about **Jesus**. She felt that God wanted her to be a part of taking the Good News of Jesus to the Chinese people. So Lottie told God, "Yes," and set out to become a Missionary and do what God had asked her to do. She had to overcome many obstacles. At that time, people didn't think that young, unmarried, women should travel overseas to do mission work. But Lottie and some friends, convinced the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Church to send her to China. Lottie was faithful and worked hard for 39 years in China. She served the people of China and told them about Jesus. She also wrote many letters to important men in the United States. She convinced them that more money and more missionaries

were needed in China. Lottie knew that God wanted everyone to know about the Good News of Jesus, and she knew that she needed help. Lottie wrote articles for newspapers, and other publications, to let people in churches all over the United States - know that the missionaries and the people of China needed their help. Times weren't easy for Lottie. She very rarely got to come back to the United States to rest. It was 14 years before she made her first visit back to the United States to visit her family. Even as times got worse and worse in China, Lottie was faithful. There was a war; a rebellion against the Chinese government; then famine and disease. Lottie had enough support from the United States to take care of herself but, instead of helping herself, she gave her food and supplies away to help the many, many people around her, who were starving to death. She gave away so much of her food that she was slowly starving to death. During the time of her deepest trials, toward the end of her days – as she suffered with the Chinese in the famine, she wrote, "I hope no missionary will be as lonely as I have been." In 1912, shortly before Christmas, Cynthia Miller, a faithful nurse, started **back** to America **with** Lottie Moon, to get medical help for her, and to take care of her but, because she had grown so weak from starving, death came to the frail missionary on Christmas Eve, while the ship was at harbor in Kobe, Japan. The Women's Missionary Union, (WMU) sponsored by the Southern Baptist Church, organized **The Lottie Moon International Mission Board** and sends millions of dollars to foreign missions all over the world, each Christmas. Lottie was faithful to the end. She literally gave her life for God's people. {The Chinese people}

* (cgbcbelton.org 2014/09; Wikipedia.org; imb.org; georgiaencyclopedia.org)

Lesson Taught by (Ret.) Presiding Elder Ella M. Samuels



Foundation Scriptures: Galatians 5:22 and Proverbs 3:3

The Lesson *faithfulness* for Today

Prayer will follow the Sharing of the Peace

SHARING OF PEACE



Peace be with you

And also with you



Prayer

The Closing

Rev. B.A. McGill