

doesn't like that God gives preferential treatment to inferior living beings.

1 Thessalonians 3.6-13 contains a guide for avoiding burnout in our faith. If we start to run out of steam, we should remember how important our work is. It's also encouraging to think about the lives we've impacted. This is grounding, and it's a tangible reminder of how important our work is. We also learn that it's important to focus exclusively on other people. This is even used in behavioral therapy to help manage depression and anxiety—doing things for others is very beneficial for our own mental health.

When we start to burn out, we can also pray constantly. Even though the conversation is one-sided (from our perspective at least), prayer is how we communicate with God. When we get burnt out. God will give us the oomph we need if we just ask for it. Our ultimate goal is to be morally pure when Jesus comes back, and the only way we'll be able to make that happen is with his help.

~ Gary Pollard

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Encouraging Each Other

1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.5 proves that Satan will always try to interfere with our work. He will do everything within his power to keep us from encouraging each other. It's very interesting that of all the things to target, he's identified our encouraging each other as most threatening to his goals.

He'll also do everything in his power to destroy our confidence in God. For reasons I don't fully understand, Satan has it out for the human race. This is pure conjecture, but perhaps jealousy has something to do with it. We know from scripture that angels really wanted to know what God was doing with his plan to save humanity (1 Pt 1.12). Angels don't get any kind of grace when they mess up (Jd 6; II Pt 2). Maybe Satan – as a bad-guy angel –

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Continue to remember Gord Cramp, Jean Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch and Edythe Williams.

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Peter McDonald will be presenting our lesson this morning.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cyndi Neff (26)

Let us ask ourselves as we arise each morning, What is my work today? We do not know where the influence of today will end. Our lives may outgrow all our present thoughts and outdazzle all our dreams. God puts each fresh morning, each new chance of life, into our hands as a gift, to see what we will do with it.

~ Anna R. Brown Lindsay



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Years ago it was the custom for the people to bring their gifts to the front of the building. A well-known preacher was making an appeal to the people to give for a good cause. Many came to present their offerings of love. Among them was a little crippled girl who hobbled along a the end of the line. Pulling a ring from her finger, she placed it on the table and made her way back up the aisle. After the service an usher was sent to bring her to the preacher's study. The preacher said, "My dear, I saw what you did. It was beautiful. But the response of the people has been so generous that we have enough to take care of the need. We don't feel right about keeping your treasured ring, so we have decided to give it back to you." To his surprise the little girl vigorously shook her head in refusal. "You don't understand," she said. "I didn't give my ring to you, I gave it to God!"

~ Author Unknown

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 9: February 26 — March 5— **Love**

26) John 17:20-26

27) John 21:15-19

28) Hebrews 13:1-6

1) Matthew 5:43-48

2) Galatians 5:16-26

3) Lamentations 3:21-24

4) Philippians 2:1-11

Questions to consider:

Summarize this passage in two to three sentences.

What does this passage teach you about love?

What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?