

Bits of Home Chat: Hi to you, individually and collectively,

I write this so each person can have a letter with his or her lesson. It takes a good deal of time and effort to put each of these together; each one is meant to be a healer, and a help to your soul. We trust they are!

Some of you are familiar with prison facilities where there are wards of the sick and dying. We have recently been made aware that people there are often suffering, alone and in pain. One of your fellow students has a real burden for those who are there. We can be a great aid to these people by collectively praying that God will reach into these places with better medical care. That will bring help for their days. But a greater need is for each of them to hear the gospel, the good news of salvation. Please pray for these places, for the sick and dying, that they may find more release from agony now through improved medical care, and release from agony for eternity as God sends forth both men and women to testify of God's saving grace!!

Here I am, sitting at our dining room table, burdened with this need. There you are, in a cell or a room at home, or in a halfway house, or in a nursing home. Would you please write a little note to remind yourself to pray for these people? I just made one to stick up on the windowsill above the kitchen sink. Collective prayer of the brethren is blessed by God. When I get done writing, I will find some scripture verses that show that.

Spending time in prayer should be a vital part of our day, not something tacked on to begin or end the day. It is such a magnificent privilege to enter the throne room of God at any, and all times. He desires our fellowship, and He is brought honor and glory when we commune with Him! Satan, however, desires to take our avenue of prayer and make it seem as though it is of little worth. He wants us to spend our time elsewhere. We urge you, don't be duped by the devil! Learn to follow the example of Jesus who prayed much to His Father in Heaven even though He was God in the flesh.

Another of our granddaughters graduated from high school on June 21st. She was successfully home schooled and received a diploma at a ceremony held at our church, with her Father giving a challenge. She sang a song instead of making a speech. Her mom and dad presented her diploma' and she then switched her tassel over and marched down the aisle to the foyer. Her plan is not the usual plan of going to college or getting a job, but rather is getting married this fall. She has been pursued by a young man who saw her about 2 years ago and believed she was the girl he would one day marry. They have spent a lot of time together at her home, at church, and out with others. Her fiancée is older and has been responsible to work. He has also been a faithful Christian, which is what she prayed for.



It seems that the marriage bug has bitten most of our adult grandkids at one time. Brian's son and a young lady from our church are talking about marriage. Martin's sons are both on their way, one with a ring on the finger of his girl, and the other showing strong signs of it coming. My daughter's one girl just posted a picture of her diamond in the last 2 weeks! We did not know she and her boyfriend were so serious, so we were quite surprised! If they all get married, that will only leave one granddaughter unmarried out of 10! Thankfully she is only 14, so we can enjoy her as a single for a few more years! Wow! has this ever been a whirlwind situation. Carl's and my families are gonna faint when they realize they need to buy all those wedding gifts within a few months! I'm doing a bit of hyper-ventilating myself!!! I guess I will just take that all to the Lord in that special avenue of prayer that I talked about! The bible says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Till next time, God Bless! From the Earley family, Carl and Kay

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*Verse to memorize of focus on:*

I Chronicles 16:10 & 11 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

*Verses to ponder:* I Kings 18:24-39; Palms 5:3; 88:13; 143:8; Isaiah 33:2; Psalms 88:1; Psalms 55:17; Daniel 6:1; Luke 6:12; I Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:16