

One Way to Measure Your Faith

Remembering back to the time when I was growing up there were four days out of the year that I dreaded and four days that I loved. The interesting thing is that they were the same four days. Those four days were report card day. I dreaded those days when my work for the semester was being revealed to my parents and I knew that they were going to be disappointed. But I loved those days when my work for the semester was going to be revealed and I knew my parents were going to be proud of me. Report cards don't reveal potential or effort. Report cards reveal the truth.

How would you be feeling today if it was report card day and you were being graded on your faith? Would it be a day that you are filled with a sense of dread or a day that you are enthusiastically waiting to see your grade? For me, and I assume most everybody else, my enthusiasm would vary from day to day. Some days I feel like my faith is strong and other days I would feel fortunate just to get a D+. So how can I know if I am passing the test? Let me suggest one way of testing your faith that is a pretty good indication of how you are doing.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:43-45

Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount that we should love our enemies and spend time in prayer for those who are persecuting us. At other times, Jesus tells us to love our friends, neighbors and ourselves. Between enemies, friends, neighbors and ourselves, I think that pretty much covers everybody. It is easy to love those in our life who are lovable. But it takes real faith to love everybody. Especially those who are unlovable and those who stand against us. We have to have faith that God sees something lovable in them and we must follow suit.

It's report card time. What grade would you give yourself on the subject of loving everybody? More importantly, what grade would your friends, neighbors, strangers, acquaintances and enemies give you? Faith is not passive; it's active. When it comes to love, I don't just want to just squeak by with a passing grade. I want an A+ on my report card.

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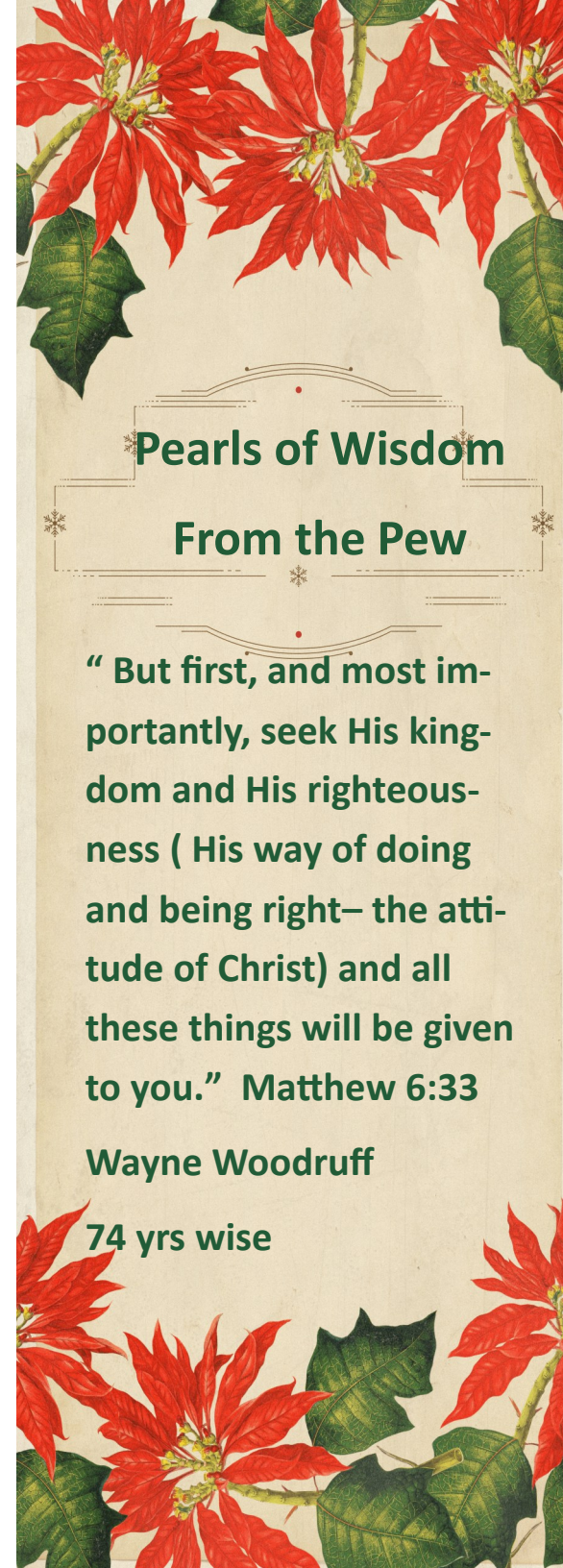
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