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WHEN TO PRAY

Robert Murray McCheyne said: "I ought to pray before seeing anyone else. Often when I sleep long, or meet with others early, it is eleven or twelve o'clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system. It is unscriptural. Christ rose before day and went into a solitary place. David says: "Early will I seek thee." "Thou shalt early hear my voice." Family prayer loses much of its power and sweetness, and I can do no good to those who come to seek from me. The conscience feels guilty, the soul unfed, the lamp not trimmed. Then when in secret prayer the soul is often out of tune. I feel it is far better to begin with God - to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

George Matheson was engaged to a Christian young lady. He came down with a disease and the doctor said you will go blind. Matheson wrote to his fiancé and told her saying, I will release you from our engagement if you wish. She replied that she could not marry a blind man. Shortly afterward he wrote the song: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

QUIT YE LIKE MEN

David Otis Fuller said: "The French Foreign Legion is world famous for its *esprit de corps* and daredevil spirit. It has a motto: 'If I falter - push me on. If I stumble - pick me up. If I retreat - shoot me.' A far cry from the soft and silken ways of the average Christian of our day." I have read somewhere that two hundred years ago was a time of wooden ships and iron men but we are now living in the days of iron ships and wooden men. We need to remember that we are not on a beautiful cruise ship to Heaven, but we are on a battleship; we are in a war! We are called to "**endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.**"

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY

Thomas Edison said this - and he certainly knew what he was taking about: "*The reason a lot of people cannot recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing coveralls looking like hard work.*" I think he also was the one who said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." Laziness is truly a sin and the Bible teaches that a person ought to work. We certainly ought to be busy in the Lord's work! Jesus said, "**The laborers are few.**" What are you doing for God and His Church?