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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



A new month, a new year of the Lord - 2017! How many of us ever thought we would reach this far? And how many of us will be here another day, none of us knows, only our Lord knows when our time here will be no more!! So I write to you, those that are called, to hold to the precious gift, which is irreplaceable and irreversible. Because it's always with us,

we sometimes take it for granted, waste it, or use it foolishly. But what we do with it determines the direction and fruitfulness of our entire life. This amazing gift is **our Time**.

All of us have been given 24 hours a day, which soon turns into weeks, months, and years - and eventually adds up to a lifetime. Although the Lord has ordained the number of our days (Ps. 139:16) we generally have the freedom to choose how to use our time. God's desire is that we would invest it in a manner that allows us to accomplish what He's planned for us. However, in order to achieve this goal, we need a balanced schedule.

Although some people may consider a schedule restricting, it actually frees us to pursue God's will without being hampered by other distractions. It's simply a way to allot increments of time for our various activities and responsibilities. The goal is summed up in Ephesians 5:15-17, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men-women but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Remember, we're not just making a schedule to help us get things done but are organizing our time to achieve what God wants us to do. We live in a pressurized society that can overextend us in some areas while causing us to be neglectful of others. That's why we need to establish God's will as our foundation when we plan our days.

The first priority is **time alone with the Lord**. Before facing the day, we need to spend time in the Scriptures and prayer, seeking God's direction, aligning our thoughts with His mind, and deepening our relationship with Him. Even Jesus considered this essential. Mark 1:35 says, "In the early morning, while it was still dark. Jesus got up left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there". If the Son of God needed time alone with His Father, how much more do we?

CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:00 am – Noon**

Holiday Inn – Carlyle

2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Phone: 703.960.2000
2 minute walk from Eisenhower Ave Metro

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Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast

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Next, we must **reserve time for relationships**. When we enter into marriage, parenting, or friendship, we also assume the responsibility of investing time. Relationships never thrive if we let other activities crowd them out, Jesus always had time for the people in His life, whether it was family, or friends, His disciples, or those needed His help (Mark 6:34).

Work is the means by which we provide for ourselves and our family, and we are to do it to the best of our ability as unto the Lord (Col. 3:23). However, if our ambition is to gain approval or riches, work will begin to dominate our time and throw our schedule out of balance.

Fourth, we require **time for rest and recreation**. God didn't design our bodies to function without adequate rest. If we short-change sleep, we'll lose productivity and creativity throughout the day. King Solomon said, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors: for He gives to his beloved even in his sleep" (Ps. 127:2). Another essential element in life is recreation and fun. We all need time to be refreshed and enjoy the blessing God provides.

And finally, we should **set aside time for worship and ministry**. The author of Hebrews admonishes us with these words: "Let us consider how to stimulate one another with love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (10:24-25). God is exalted, our hearts are encouraged, our minds renewed with the word, and our bond of love is strengthened. We see this every Monday at our prayer group, and our bi-monthly Breakfasts.

A Blessed, New Year,

*Your Servant,
Stella Davis*

You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **HOLIDAY INN - CARLYLE** at **2460 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314**. Off Interstate 495, this hotel is a two minute walk from the Eisenhower Avenue Metro station. For more info go to www.cwiaholyspirit.org or call Patti 703.971.3633. Price is \$15 and includes a Buffet Breakfast and all tax/gratuities. If you wish to stay at the hotel on Friday night, ask for the CWIA discounted rate (for the breakfast meeting). Bring a friend. Great speakers, fellowship, praise & worship. Men and women are invited. The Lord is waiting for you! There will be a healing service afterwards.

January 28th Guest Speaker: "TERRY BEATLEY" Terry is president of Hosea Initiative, started from a promise to Dr. Bernard Nathanson to accept his pro-life mantle and teach how he deceived America with the "Catholic Strategy", an 8-point strategy of deception to strip the unborn child of all rights and protections. Terry's book entitled What If We've Been Wrong? Keeping my promise to America's "Abortion King" is dedicated to the Mother of Christ. Her research of the abortion industry helped lead her back to the Catholic faith. In February 2016, Terry consecrated her life to the Virgin Mary. Terry is a contributing writer to outlets such as The Washington Time's "Power of Prayer" supplement, and her radio and podcast interviews include Radio Maria, In the Market with Janet Parshall, Family Research Council's "Washington Watch" and lecture talk, Dr. Richard Land Live, Culture Shock Radio, The Gospel of Life, and Dominion Radio. Terry has been interviewed for articles in The Catholic Herald newspaper, World Magazine, Virginia Right, and The Washington Post. Terry is a worldview graduate of Chuck Colson's Fellows Program, former Virginia coordinator for ParentalRights.org, a former investment broker of 14 years and a retired homeschool mother of two daughters. A graduate of Virginia Tech, she currently serves on the Virginia Christian Alliance Board of Directors. Terry has been married for 30 years to Kenny. Bring a friend.

Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, March 25, 2017.

We're planning to tour the beginning of our Catholic roots in Southern Maryland in June 2017. We will give you more details as soon as they become available from dear friend, Pat Cosey.

"Apparition Hill": The CWIA movie showing was a tremendous success! Many were touched very deeply. Consider continuing the journey and travel with us to Medjugorje in July 2017.

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, Virginia, 22315

Prayer Chain: For prayer, e-mail our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.