

Preparing for the Bible Conference

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We must never come to the place that we presume upon the Lord for His blessing.

Pray! Pray! Pray!

Let us not presume, but be as Ezra

Ezra 8:22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him. **23** So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

Remember the Purpose

It is a Bible conference. And as the Lord, His Gospel and glory are the theme of the Bible. So our 1st purpose is that in all things the Lord would be glorified. It isn't even primarily about us, and our blessing, but His glory. As the Lord is glorified, His people are always blessed.

1 Corinthians 10: 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Pray for the Preachers

For those who will be preaching that...

1) the Lord would prepare and fill their hearts with Himself and His love (Eph.3:18-20,; 2Co.5:14; Gal.5:22-23)

2) the Lord would give them just the right message that we need; that it would be as a fire in their bones that cannot be contained; that God would be glorified by our

being grounded in the truth, reproved, corrected and instructed in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

3) the Lord would refresh all of our preachers, their members and us while they are here with us...

a) spiritually 2 Corinthians 4:15-16; Rev.2:4-5 on fire Ezra 6:22; 1 Chronicles 28:20 (It's not about us...)

b) physically 2 Timothy 1:16-18

Pray for Each Other...

That we would have the hearts of Mary & Martha...

1) a heart like Martha's to serve, for the need is there just as we've seen to give the cups of cold water, to refresh our brethren (Mark 10:43-45)

but at the same time not to fail to have ...

2) a heart that is not cumbered about with our much care so that we fail to be sitting at Jesus' feet and hearing His Words (Luke 10:38-42)

3) Wisdom in preparation. All that we can prayerfully prepare ahead of time will help us at the time to keep our focus right. Pray for the preparations. Pray for others in their preparations. Pray about what you can do to help.

Workday, Cooking, Cleaning, Transporting, Greeting

4) that the Lord would help us to keep our focus right...

It's about God's glory & ... It's about others

1 Corinthians 10: 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. **32** Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: **33** Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

5) The Atmosphere, 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24