

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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**"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"**

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## What's Tattooed On Your Mind?

In his book, *Power of the Plus Factor*, Norman Vincent Peale relates this story. Once walking through the twisted little streets of Kowloon in Hong Kong, I came upon a tattoo studio. In the window were displayed samples of the tattoos available. On the chest or arms you could have tattooed an anchor or flag or mermaid or whatever. But what struck me with force were three words that could be tattooed on one's flesh, *Born to lose*. I entered the shop in astonishment and, pointing to those words, asked the Chinese tattoo artist, "Does anyone really have that terrible phrase, *Born to lose*, tattooed on his body?" He replied, "Yes, sometimes." "But," I said, "I just can't believe that anyone in his right mind would do that." The Chinese man simply tapped his forehead and said in broken English, "Before tattoo on body, tattoo on mind."

Once a person's mind is tattooed with negative thinking, self-deprecating thoughts, or a losing mentality, the chances for success are nil. This is true in every area of life. Sports. Business. Relationships. And, of course, our spiritual walk with God. The concept of a proper spiritual attitude is found throughout the Bible. Solomon in Proverbs wrote, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (**Prov 23:7**) The apostle Paul exhorted, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (**Phil 2:5, NIV**). Likewise, Peter wrote that we should arm ourselves "with the same attitude" as Christ (**I Pet. 4:1**). In His Mountain Message, Jesus began with the Beatitudes, which speak to eight important attitudes that we His Disciples need to possess in order for our "righteousness to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees." (**Matt 5:1-11; 20**)

The Nineteenth century British author, James A. Allen was right when he wrote, "Man is made or unmade by himself; in the armory of thought he forges the weapons by which he destroys himself. He also fashions the tools with which he builds for himself heavenly mansions of joy and strength and peace." Consider these three applications of this principle.

### #1 Our Attitude Determines Our Character.

The kind of person we are is the result of the kind of thoughts we have been thinking. Jesus affirmed that this is so. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (**Matthew 15:19**).

If we are to become the kind of person that God wants us to be, it must begin with the right kind of thinking. Indeed as Emerson said, "A man is what he thinks about all day long."

### #2 Our Attitudes Precede Our Actions.

Since we are what we think, what we do will be the result of what we are thinking about. A person's thinking is so important because it determines his deeds. Good deeds result from good thinking; bad deeds result from bad thinking. While it is important to always correct our wrong deeds, it is more important to correct our wrong thinking.

### #3 Our Attitude Impacts Our Circumstances.

This is a general principle. Obviously, some events beyond our control may happen in life that affect us adversely. But it is usually true that our lot in life has been determined by our thoughts. Solomon said, "The thoughts of the diligent tend to the plentiful; but of everyone that is hasty only to want" (**Prov. 21:5**).

**We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.**

Even when bad things happen to good people who've been thinking righteous thoughts, our attitude and thinking will determine the way we deal and feel about misfortune. Paul demonstrated this kind of thinking in the different situations of his life (**Phil. 4:11-13**).

Samuel Smiles challenges us to right thinking when he wrote:

Sow a thought, and you reap an act;

Sow an act, and you reap a habit;

Sow a habit, and you reap a character;

Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.

What's tattooed on your mind? Do you need "to be renewed in the attitude of your mind?" (**Eph 4:23**)

**-Ken Weliever, [thepreachersword.com](http://thepreachersword.com)**



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 2-21-2016

# Before God Forgives Sin...

**II Chronicles 7:11-15**

We must \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_.

We must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

We must \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.

We must \_\_\_\_\_ away from \_\_\_\_\_ ways.



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Sunday PM Notes 2-21-2016

# God's Providence In The Life Of Joseph

Genesis 50:19-21

Possible places where God provided for Joseph:

- Joseph not being \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joseph being \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ who end up taking \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joseph being \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and his quick \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ for Pharaoh and being put in a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_.

Learning Points:

- God is in \_\_\_\_\_
- God uses the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for His \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Daily Bible  
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### Times of Worship & Bible Study

#### Sunday:

**9:30 AM Bible Study**

**10:30 AM Worship Service:** You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

**5:00 PM Worship Service**

#### Wednesday:

**7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship**

### Weekly Attendance

**Last Sunday AM Worship.....114**  
**Last Sunday PM Worship.....81**  
**Last Wednesday Bible Study.....76**

## In Our Prayers

### RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

**-Melessa Sain & Baby Sain...**Baby Sain is due within the month. Please be praying for a safe delivery and healthy momma and baby!

**-Family of Charles Patrick...**Our neighbor who sold the church this land recently past away. Please pray for his family in their time of loss.

**-Adam Womble...**work associate of Tim Phillips who was involved in a serious car accident and suffering severe head trauma. Please pray for his recovery and 2 young daughters.

**-Bobby Giles...**under medical care for heart failure. Please pray for his and his families comfort.

**-Roy Lovell...**diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing radiation. Please keep Roy and Helen (also in poor health) in your prayers.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

\*\*\*Our expecting mothers: **Melessa Sain, Spring McDonald, & Katie Angel.**\*\*\*

**-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...**still struggling with his health.

**-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...**young man struggling with his health.

**-Barbara Leonard...**shut in and struggling with her health.

**-Christian Shadburn...**20 yr. old Christian battling cancer.

**-Stephanie Still (Becky Waddell's cousin)...**dealing with numerous health issues.

**-Robin Hill.....** battling cancer.

**-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...**Battling Melanoma.

**-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)...**Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

**-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)...**Battling leukemia..

**-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.**

**-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.**

\*\*\*If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.\*\*\*

## Pleasant Plains News

### Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - March 6th** at the Angel's home after evening service. **Song leaders: please be thinking of 4-5 songs that you would like to learn/practice during our time together.**

✓**Men's Bible Class - March 5th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 4 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - March 1** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 5 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - February 28th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson two of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings & Events

●**Annual Singing at the Market Street Church in Athens, AL...** Feb. 26 at 7pm.

●**Bible Workshop Weekend with the Fairview Park Church in Little Rock, AR...**Study for young people will be March 4 & 5. If you are interested please see Nick. See back board for more details.

●**How to have a Godly Marriage with Shawn & Diane Bain at the East Shelby Church in Collierville, TN...** March 5 from 3-6pm and March 6 from 9am-12pm.

●**Gospel Meeting at the Elliot Street Church of Christ with John Gibson...**March 13-18 at 7pm during the week.

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Exodus 7-14

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**