

March 3-6

Monday, March 1, 2010 *Read: Luke 10:21-37* Imagine how hard it would be for a Jewish person, especially a Pharisee, to hear this story. The honorable religious leaders are cast in a bad light. The Samaritan outcast is a model of love. For Jesus, the real question is how a person shows themselves to be a neighbor to another person. **Prayer starter: Pray for an opportunity to show the love of Jesus to another person today.**

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 *Read: Luke 10:38-11:1-4* Where do we find the motivation to love our neighbor? By first sitting at the feet of Jesus and hearing and meditating on His Word. The “one thing needful” enables us to get all the other needed things ordered properly in our lives. **Prayer starter: Do you need to get your priorities in order? Has the Lord and His Word taken a back seat to the less important in your life? Talk to the Lord about it.**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 *Read: Luke 11:5-28* Here is some good reassurance that prayer is important to God. In verses 5-8, Jesus urges us to be bold and confident when we pray; verses 9-13 Jesus explains that the Father hears and answers our prayers. **Prayer starter: Do you have a prayer request that you’ve given up on? Dust it off and present it to the Lord again. Be faithful in your prayer life and watch what God does.**

Thursday, March 4, 2010 *Read: Luke 11:29-44* In verses 33-36, Jesus uses the example of the lamp to say something about Himself. The people of His generation were demanding a sign. But no sign is needed because Jesus Himself is the light of the lamp. One only has to look at Jesus, His preaching and His words to see that He is the Son of God. **Prayer starter: Thank God that through the gift of faith, you can see the light of Jesus’ love in your life.**

Friday, March 5, 2010 *Read: Luke 11:45-12:12* Luke notes that the crowds following Jesus are on the increase. Jesus warns these followers that there will be persecution but that they can also expect the help of the Holy Spirit. **Prayer starter: Ever had a time when the Holy Spirit put just the right words in your mouth? Praise God for His help.**

Saturday, March 6, 2010 *Read: Luke 12:13-34* These words of the Lord echo what we’ve read in Matthew, chapter six. Some of us, who are given to worry, need to read these encouraging words of Jesus every day. **Prayer starter: What’s on your “worry list?” Write one today and then sit aside some quiet time to talk to the Lord about your concerns.**