Come and See the "E" - in P.O.W.E.R. = "Encouragement"

John 17:1-26
January 22, 2017

JANUARY 2017 - MEMORY VERSES

John 15:7-8,
If ye abide in me,

and my words abide in you,

ye shall ask

what ye will,

and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified,

that ye bear much fruit;

so shall ye be my disciples.

THE "P" IN P.O.W.E.R. - "PRAYER"

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The Petitions Introduced with the Word "That"

(1) That thy Son may glorify thee
(2) That he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him
(3) That they might know Thee
(4) That they may be one
(5) That they might have my joy
(6) That thou shouldest keep them from the evil
(7) That they might be sanctified through the truth
(8) That the world may believe that thou hast sent me
(9) That the world may know that thou hast loved them
(10) That they be with me where I am
(11) That they may behold my glory

THE "O" IN P.O.W.E.R. - OPENNESS

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OPENNESS IS SEEN IN . . .

1. Confessing your Sin to God and to One Another
2. Praying Publicly
3. Asking Prayer for your Needs
4. Being Honest about Difficult Theological Topics
5. Your Assessment of your Relationship with God
6. Your Assessment of your Work, Calling, Mission in Life
7. Sharing your Dreams, Hopes, Desires
8. Challenging One Another to Study and Obey God's Word
9. Talking about your Fears
10. Admitting that You are a Grumpy Young or Old Man or Woman
11. Discussing your Strategy for Evangelizing the World
12. Transparency Regarding your Differences
13. Expressing your Love for God and Others

THE "W" IN P.O.W.E.R. - the "Word" of God

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THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. Our Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God
2. Our Faith is Demonstrated by Keeping the Word of God
3. God's Nature, Mission and Purposes are Known by the Word of God
4. Fulfilled Prophecies Increase our Confidence in the Word of God
5. The World Hates us Because of the Word of God
6. Our Sanctification is Experienced Through the Word of God
7. Our Service and Purpose for Life is Determined by the Word of God

SIX PRINCIPLES TO APPLY IN INTERPRETING THE OLD TESTAMENT

Dr. Shumate will be here next Sunday morning and will be teaching a one-hour class during the ABF hour on Hermeneutics.

He will be teaching in the Fireside Chapel from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We have room for about 30 people, first come - first serve!

Encouragement Comes by Reading and Studying God's Word

2 Chronicles 31:4,
Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

Psalm 119:16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.
Psalm 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
Psalm 119:28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
Psalm 119:49 ZAIN. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
Psalm 119:50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
Psalm 119:54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
Psalm 119:74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
Psalm 119:76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
Psalm 119:92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
Psalm 119:114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

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"THINK ON" ENCOURAGING "THINGS"

1 Samuel 30:6,
And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

Philippians 4:8,
Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

Bike rides on trails and climbing on mountains
Skiing at Copper and sitting by fountains
Riding my cycle and feeding the deer
Watching the grandchildren and being a seer.

Puzzles at Christmas and paint by the numbers,
Meals with Friends and Dessert with church members,
Walking with Allissa and seeing my mother
Visiting my sons and and teasing my brother.

When the Broncos lose, when the IRS rings,
"When I'm feeling sad,
I simply remember my favorite things
and then I don't feel so bad!"

#1 - I AM ENCOURAGED WHEN I SEE JESUS PRAYING

John 17:1,
These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO PRAY!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO MAKE SURE MY MOTIVES ARE RIGHT - THE GLORY OF GOD!

#2 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS ALL-MIGHTY, SOVEREIGN GOD

John 17:2,
As thou hast given him power over all flesh,
that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO TRUST AND OBEY GOD!

#3 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT I HAVE ETERNAL LIFE NOW!

John 17:2,
As thou hast given him power over all flesh,
that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

John 17:3,
And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW WHERE I WILL SPEND ETERNITY!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT I AM THE FATHER'S GIFT TO HIS SON!
IT ENCOURAGES AND HUMBLES ME TO KNOW THAT THE FATHER CHOSE ME TO BE HIS CHILD BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO LIVE GODLY AND HOLY TODAY!

#4 - I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST

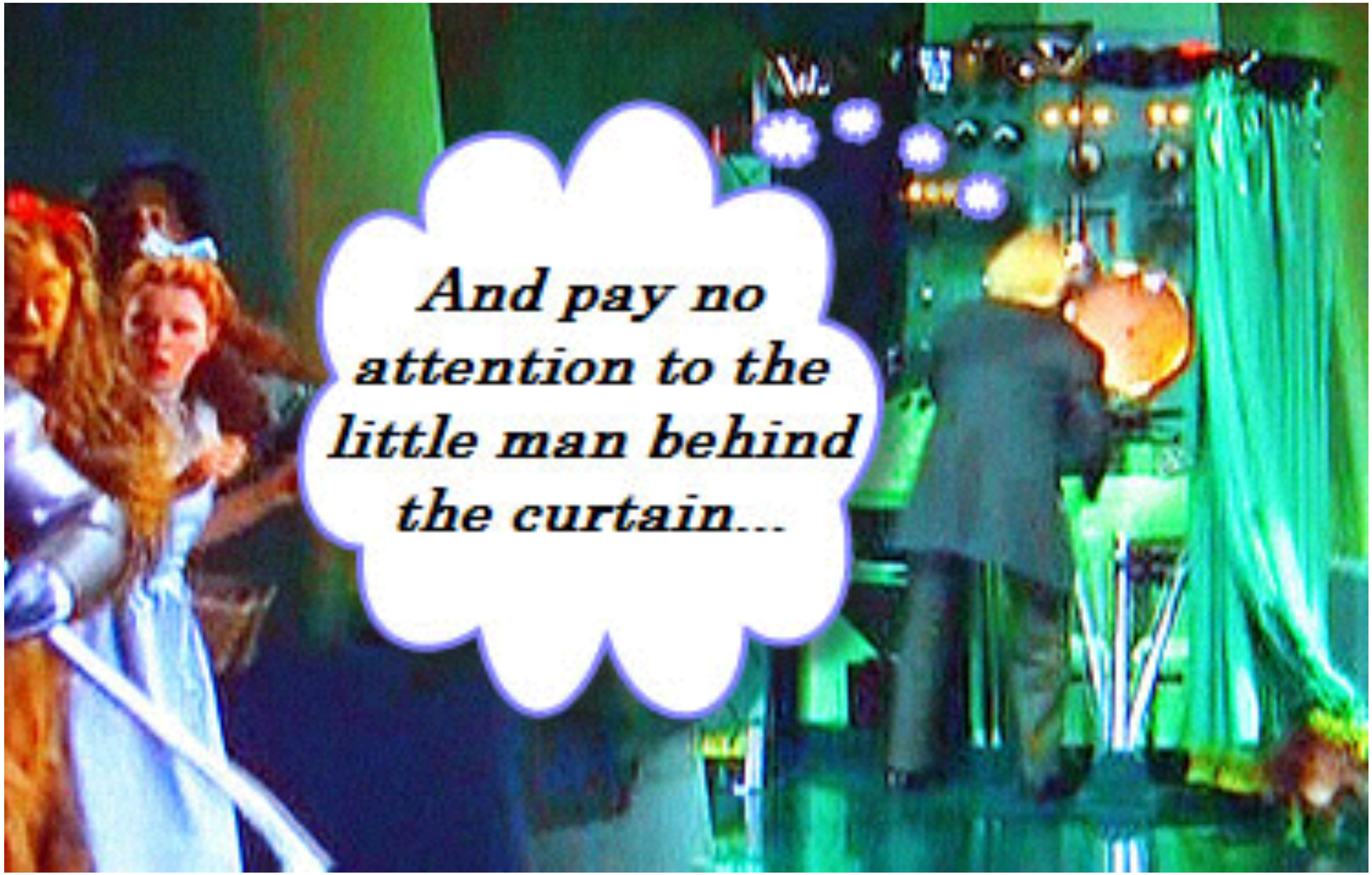
John 17:4,
I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO REST/TRUST IN THE ATONING WORK OF CHRIST!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO WORK NOT FOR MY SALVATION, BUT BECAUSE I AM SAVED!

#5 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT I WILL SEE THE GLORIFIED SON OF GOD

John 17:5-8,
And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KEEP HIS WORD!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO THINK THAT I TOO WILL BE GLORIFIED!


And pay no attention to the little man behind the curtain...

#6 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW JESUS PRAYS FOR ME!

John 17:9-12,
I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. [10] And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. [11] And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW WHAT JESUS PRAYS FOR! MY ETERNAL SECURITY!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THE FATHER WILL ALWAYS ANSWER HIS SON'S PRAYERS!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO SEEK BIBLICAL UNITY!

#7 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW JESUS WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY - JOYFUL!

John 17:13-15,
And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [15] I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS INTERESTED IN MY EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS INTERESTED IN MY PHYSICAL WELL-BEING!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS INTERESTED IN MY SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS INTERESTED IN MY TOTAL WELL-BEING!

#8 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW JESUS SURRENDERED ALL TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL!

John 17:16-20,
They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. [18] As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. [19] And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO SET MYSELF APART TO DO THE WILL OF GOD!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO SURRENDER ALL!

#9 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW JESUS IS PRAYING FOR SINNERS TO BE SAVED!

John 17:20-23,
Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; [21] That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. [22] And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: [23] I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO PRAY FOR SINNERS TO BE SAVED!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST!

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#10 - I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT GOD LOVES ME!

John 17:23-26,
23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

IT ENCOURAGES ME TO LOVE GOD!
IT ENCOURAGES ME TO LOVE OTHERS AS MYSELF!

JOHN 17 ENCOURAGES ME . . .

1) To pray
2) To evaluate my motives
3) To trust and obey God
4) To know where I will spend eternity
5) To know that I am the Father's gift to the Son
6) To know that God the Father chose me
7) To rest in the finished work of Christ
8) To glorify God by my works
9) To know that I too will be glorified and if faithful - rewarded
10) To know that Jesus prays for my eternal security
11) To know that the Father will always answer His Son's prayer
12) To seek biblical unity with the brethren
13) To know Jesus is interested in my total well-being: emotional, physical, spiritual
14) To surrender all to God and to serve Him with all of my being
15) To pray for lost sinners and to present the Gospel to them
16) To love God with all my heart
17) To love others as myself

CALL ON CHRIST IN FAITH

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

After hearing Your Word this morning, I now repent of my sins and believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose again the third day. I call on You to forgive me of my sins and to give to me eternal life.

I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.