

PERSONAL TREASURE

#5: PRAY GREAT PRAYERS

P – PRESENT _____

- *MONITOR YOUR FOUR GAUGES
- *PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR FEELINGS
- *PRESENT YOURSELF HONESTLY TO GOD

PSALM 22:1-2 *MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM SAVING ME, SO FAR FROM THE WORDS OF MY GROANING? O MY GOD, I CRY OUT BY DAY, BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER...*

A – ATTEND TO HOW YOU ARE _____

MATTHEW 7:9-11 *"WHICH OF YOU, IF HIS SON ASKS FOR BREAD, WILL GIVE HIM A STONE? OR IF HE ASKS FOR A FISH, WILL GIVE HIM A SNAKE? IF YOU, THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!"*

P – PURGE YOURSELF OF ANYTHING THAT _____

GALATIANS 2:20 *I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME.*

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 *... DO YOU NOT RECOGNIZE THIS ABOUT YOURSELVES, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS IN YOU—*

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL

1 JOHN 1:9 *IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US.*

A – APPROACH GOD AS THE _____ IN YOUR LIFE

MATTHEW 6:33 *SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:8 *I CONSIDER EVERYTHING A LOSS COMPARED TO THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD, FOR WHOSE SAKE I HAVE LOST ALL THINGS. I CONSIDER THEM RUBBISH, THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST...*

SAMPLE PAPA PRAYER

(FROM LARRY CRABB'S BOOK "THE PAPA PRAYER")

"PAPA, I'M REALLY FRUSTRATED RIGHT NOW, AND WORRIED, AND SCARED, AND, I GUESS, A LITTLE ANNOYED THAT I CAN'T COUNT ON YOU TO HEAL MY TOOTH **(PRESENTING)**. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE GOOD, AND THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS GOOD TO ME. AND IN YOUR GOODNESS, YOU'RE COMMITTED TO A HIGHER PURPOSE THAT I DON'T ALWAYS APPRECIATE **(ATTENDING)**. IT'S SO EASY FOR ME TO WANT SECOND THINGS MORE THAN FIRST THINGS, TO PREFER RELIEF OF PAIN (WHICH I REALLY WANT) OVER YOUR USING MY PAIN TO PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH HOW MUCH I WANT YOU. AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ME THESE LAST FEW MINUTES **(PURGING)**. "SO, ALTHOUGH I'M STILL ASKING YOU TO STOP THE PAIN IN MY TOOTH AND NOT LET IT COME BACK, AT LEAST FOR TWO WEEKS, THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING I WANT MORE. IF YOU CAN DRAW ME CLOSER TO YOU AND GET PLEASURE OUT OF MY LIFE BY LETTING THE PAIN GET WORSE, THEN I ACCEPT THAT. I CAN FEEL MY DESIRE TO HAVE YOU SATISFY MY SOUL WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND TO MAKE ME MORE LIKE JESUS, MORE ABLE TO LOVE MY WIFE, DELIVER MESSAGES IN YOUR POWER, IMPACT MY KIDS AND GRAND KIDS FOR GOOD. THAT'S WHAT I MOST WANT AND I CAME TO YOU FOR IT **(APPROACH)**."