

GOD'S PROMISE FOR THIS MONTH

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:5.

CHILDREN STORY

-Jacinth Aunty

One day, in a village there was a big shout going on saying fire, fire, water and people were running here and there. This was due to the fire that has taken place in a building. They brought an old lady down from the building who was dead due to the suffocation. Still there came a mild cry of a small boy telling help me, help me, save me from the fire. The boy was shouting from the second floor of the building. Already fire has reached the second floor and the people do not know what to do for this? Suddenly a man ran inside the fire and brought the boy out safely but he fell down unconsciously. They sent him to a near by hospital and now there stands the boy crying granny, granny. Because James (the boy's name) lost his parents in an accident recently and was staying with his grandmother. Now he has lost her also and people were wondering what to do for the boy and at last took him to the church priest.

The church priest was already having 3 children and so he was also confused and he told the people that for time being let him be with me but if anybody who are interested in adapting him comes, I will hand over him to them for his better future. So they announced that a small boy James of 8years old do not have anybody for him, so those who are interested in adapting him can come forward to adopt him. Hearing this announcement a rich couple from the church who do not have any child came to the priest house and asked for the boy. The priest told them that I can not take any decision on my own and I will call for the committee meeting on next Sunday after the service. You both come at that time for taking the decision.

The couple was very happy that they are going to get a boy for them. That Sunday after the church service, a special meeting was called regarding the adaptation of James by the rich couple. While coming to the meeting only they brought toys, dress and eatables for James. The meeting started and the church people was also happy that the boy is going to be



adopted by the rich people but suddenly a man with full scars on his body entered the hall where the meeting was going on and told the priest that he is also interested in adopting that boy. People were shocked as that man Mr.Williams is staying alone was an atheist. As two of them were interested in adopting the boy, the priest asked both the people to tell the reason for adopting the boy James. The rich people told that they have enough money but no child but the man didn't tell anything instead showed his burnt hands and body while saving James. Everybody there was confused and so the priest asked James only to tell with whom he is interested in going? The boy went and caught the hand of the man.

Mr.Williams took care of James very well. One day both son and father went to an exhibition. When they entered in to the art gallery, James was asking about the pictures to Mr.Williams. He told James, this picture is Abraham Lingon's who struggled for the removal of slavery and he was telling about the pictures about whom he knows. While crossing a picture James told that daddy, see this picture, who is this man? Why he is on the cross? This resembles your suffering for me. Mr.Williams has to recollect his Sunday school story. He told James, this is Jesus Christ who was crucified for our sins, died and risen in 3 days. The next picture was St.Thomas and James asked his father about him also. He told this is St.Thomas, he was one of the disciple of Jesus Christ who didn't believe when his fellow people told about Jesus' resurrection, instead he told unless and until I touch his scars I will not believe that Jesus is risen and when Jesus came inside the room he asked Thomas come and touch my scars. After that both of them went home.

At night while taking dinner James told daddy, that Jesus picture is still in front of my eyes. That day since you showed your scars I have become your son. His face itself shows that He is a very nice person but I don't like that Thomas. He was with Jesus and couldn't believe him that he is risen? Then James went to bed but Williams didn't get sleep. The words what James told was ringing in his ears. He thought like that Thomas even I didn't believe Jesus who was my savior once. I betrayed Him and become an atheist. He forgot Jesus and His blessings and went away from him into the sinful world. He knelt down near the cot and prayed to Lord Jesus to forgive his sins and accept him as his child. Dear children many a times we too do like him by forgetting to read Bible, to pray, some times fight with each other and do not follow god's commandments. Let us tell Jesus about all our sins and ask him to forgive us because He is ready standing at the doors of



our heart to get inside and sit with us. Revolution 3:20.Read this and ask Jesus to enter your heart and stay with you. May god bless you.

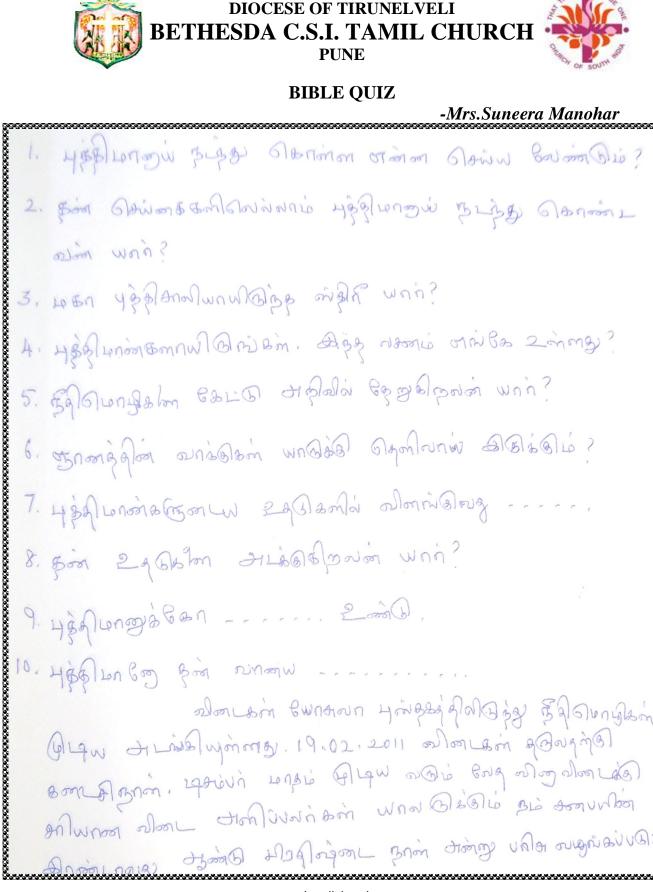
SEVEN ESSENTIAL 'T'S FOR OUR DAILY LIFE -Mrs.Suneera Manohar

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- TEACH ME AND GUIDE ME O LORD yennai phothithu valleenadathum.
- > TRAIN ME O LORD yennai payeettuvium aandavarey.
- > TEST ME O LORD yennai paritchithuparum aandavarey.
- > TOUCH ME O LORD yennai thottu gunnamakkum aandavarey.
- > THINK OF ME O LORD yennai maravathirum aandavarey.
- TRUST ME O LORD yennai ummudaiya numbhikkaikku pathiramakkum aandavarey.

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HUMILITY

-Mrs.Merryl Stephen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thank the Lord for being our strength throughout this year. I trust His power had delivered us out of every infirmity.

"Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word". Isaiah 66:2

Three things that God prefers in his Magnificent Temple are: a humble man, a contrite man and a man who trembles at His word.

HUMILITY = OBEDIENCE.

Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. As a result God exalted Him.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

The way of greatness in the world is to go up by every means at the expense of others; the way of the gospel is totally reverse, that is to go down to become the least and the servant of all considering others to be better than self.

There is a difference between inferiority complex (defeated foe) and humility. We did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but we received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, "**Abba**, **Father**." The Spirit Himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children. **Romans 8:15**. Remember the tax collector's prayer (**Lk18:13**): '**God**, **be merciful to me, sinner that I am!**' Jesus heard and honored this prayer, immediately He forgave Him as it was done with humility. Whenever I confess that I am a sinner, I wouldn't be able to lift up my head or control my tears as the joy of forgiveness from God fills my heart. Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you.

It is difficult to be humble before the person who hates you or do not love you. But God gives greater grace to be humble before everyone. Men can oppose us but we never want to be opposed by God. As God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble. The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he delivers those who are discouraged. The godly face many dangers, but the Lord saves them from each one of them. He protects all his bones; not one of them is broken. **Ps34:18**.

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Two sacrifices are always acceptable to God: 1. A broken spirit. 2. A broken and repentant heart. The gift is: God will favor you and do what is good for you. **Ps51:17**. He heals the brokenhearted, and bandages their wounds. **Ps147:3**.

We are not talking about the dejected spirit that develops many bodily illnesses. Nothing ruins health more than grief, continual worry, anxiety, bad tempers, hatred, and envy. The end of these things is death. We should get rid of such health-destroying agencies. We are talking about the humble spirit, the effect sin has upon the sensitive and holy soul which is filled with Spirit of the Lord and with the words of His holiness.

Our conscious mind wants us to be known as good, but our subconscious mind, which is self-centered (selfish) does not want us to obey anything but itself. It is the driving urge. There is an inward division like someone said "I love God but I don't want to obey all His words". To rectify this problem we are provided with a divine presence of the Holy Spirit who redeems and unifies the whole personality.

Prayer: Father, I am tired of inward division that threatens to tear me apart. Tame these wild horses within me that I might know Thy perfect peace in humbling every part of my being by obeying Your words. For Jesus sake, Amen.

Your loving sister in Christ, Merryl Stephen