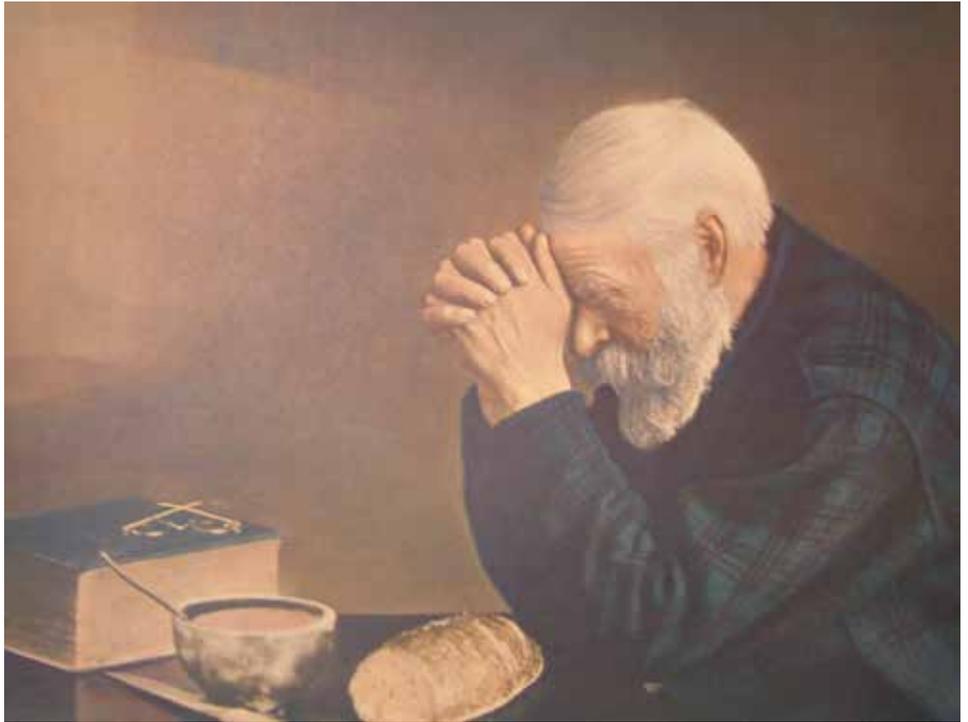


“We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since We Heard Of Your Faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.” Colossians 1:3-4 KJV



If you're in love, everybody knows it. Love of God is a righteous obsession. It will permeate, dominate, and saturate your life from your speech to your deeds! People will HEAR of your faith! You will be a shining beacon of hope in the darkness in spite of your circumstances. Folks will wonder how you do it while you are wondering if you can. The closer you get to God, the more

wretched you will see yourself, but that's OK, because God is perfect and He loved you first! *“God commended His Love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.”* I must always remember that, but for the Grace of God, I am nothing! But *“my life is hid with Christ in God.”* So if I see my sin in the Light of Truth, I repent of it and return to obedience. BUT...this must be predicated on my love for Christ or it is worthless! *“ALL our righteousnesses (good deeds) are as filthy rags. We love Him, because He first Loved us. And this is the Promise that He hath promised us, even Eternal Life.”* If you love someone, their desires become your desires. *“Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart!”* Who is your heart's desire?

Faith that's heard is a shining Light,
To those who walk in sin's dark night,
If we will walk in path of Right,
We walk by faith and not by sight! –CGP

If we just concentrate on pleasing God, *“No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”* If I fall, I get back up, because I love God and want to please Him. *“A just man FALLETH seven times and riseth YET AGAIN.”*

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 KJV