



STUDY GUIDE

GOOD SAYINGS GONE BAD 09.08.2019

[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
More full-time missionaries from CVC

[set up]

Describe a time when you worked hard - to the point of physical exhaustion - on a job or a project and now, as you look back at the outcome, you are glad you did.

Describe a time in your life when God intervened and obviously did something for you that you could not have done for yourself.

[digging deeper]

Read Psalm 127:1-2. How does this passage encourage diligence? How does this passage encourage dependence?

Read John 15:1-5. How does this passage encourage diligence? How does this passage encourage dependence?

Read Philippians 2:12-13. How does this passage encourage diligence? How does this passage encourage dependence?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:10, 58. How do these verses encourage diligence? How do these passages encourage dependence?

When and how is “God helps those who help themselves” not true?

Read the following: “God executes his will through means, and sometimes we are those means. God uses us as his instruments to affect his will in this world. And when he does, God will help us accomplish those ends. God will graciously manifest himself to us as we seek to see his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God will help us as we do what he has called us to do.”

What are the possible dangers of an extreme form of “let go, let God” spirituality?

What are the possible dangers of an extreme form of “do more, try harder” spirituality?

(over)

[living it out]

Which of the three main ideas in Sunday's message did you need to hear the most? Be helpless. Be dependent. Be generous. Why?

Brainstorm a list of 5-7 ways you can increase your dependence on God.

Brainstorm a list of 5-7 ways you can increase your diligence for God.

Close your time in prayer.