

- B. The personal attitude of commitment as seen in John 4:34. His real work or meat as the text says, was to do the will of the One who sent Him. This is reflected throughout His life and becomes the great redemptive theme of Hebrews 10. His personal interest was not for Himself but for the work of the Father---the doing of what the Father gave Him to do---a truth later summarized in John 17.
- C. The personal attitude of consideration for others. Note how this is developed in John 4 with regard to the Samaritan woman and His own disciples as He sends them to town to find something whereby they might nourish themselves. He is tired and sits to rest but His rest is not so important as to make Him forget or ignore the needs of others. His consideration of the multitudes will later be seen in the feeding of the 4,000 and the 5,000 as well as in many other accounts. We cannot escape the fact that the duplication of this personal attitude in our lives would deliver us from a great many of the problems we face in our own time.

III. Conclusion: You may write it or spell it anyway you wish but the bottom line is just this: let the personal attitudes of the Lord Jesus be a pattern for us and allow His standards to govern ours.

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MESSAGE # 3: HIS LIFE: A LIFE OF PRAYER

Biblical passages: Mark 1:29-38 et al.

I. Introducing the Subject:

In a biblical and spiritual sense, prayer is the conscious communication with deity. It is not a matter of form, specified language, or posture but one of the heart addressing the Lord--communicating with the God who has provided grace for us and assured us that He will hear and meet us. It is not a means of pressuring God or somehow getting our own way but a means of talking with the Lord of the universe and it is a big part in the life of the Lord Jesus. Technically one might wonder why He prayed---He was the incarnate God--but practically He prays to show us where the source of our strength is and to offer us an example that will quiet our souls and reassure our living. The Lord's