

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
1 Corinthians 15:33

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Are You Drunk?

"Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine." 1 Samuel 1:13-14

Here in scripture we see Hannah deeply troubled and pouring out her heart to God. As she prayed in her heart she indeed was moving her mouth but was not praying out loud that anyone would hear her voice. It appeared to the onlookers that she was talking to herself and acting strange. Eli watching her and not understanding assumed she must be drunk to act in this manner.

It is right and just to take your deep troubles to God. Praying is the ultimate communication tool that never loses a signal no matter where you are or how low on energy you may find yourself. Whatever life events

are troubling you do not think they are too small for God to care about you. He cares and delights in our humble and willing requests to Him.

Furthermore, don't be discouraged if an onlooker misinterprets your pleas to God as though you must be crazy or drunk. After all Eli was the priest, but being only human misunderstood the heart of Hannah. No matter how much we may misunderstand each other God always knows everything about us. Upon listening to Hannah explain her actions; Eli realizes she is not drunk but rather praying. Eli says to her, "Go in peace, and may God grant you what you have asked of him." 1 Samuel 1:17.

Until Next Time,



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Fishin' Buddies...

A few years ago I was fortunate enough to begin volunteering with Fishermen for the Hungry, an organization aimed at feeding those suffering from malnutrition and hunger. Throughout the years I have met many fishermen at numerous bass tournaments. Over time some of them go from being a name on a registration form to being a good ole fishin' buddy. Jimmy Parker and his outstanding family are some of those great people.

Jimmy is most notably an easy guy to like. Win or lose he is in a good mood. He always displays great sportsmanship. One of the things I admire the most about Jimmy is he loves his family. Don't get me wrong he likes to fish, but fishing is not more important to him than his family. One of the most challenging things in life is to keep our priorities in

order. As humans we struggle with this our entire life. It is refreshing to meet people in life who have their priorities in the correct order. Such an attribute enables us to handle life circumstances whatever they may be in the correct way. I believe the reason Jimmy can handle winning money or not, catching fish or not, so well is because he knows the correct order for the importance of things.

