

A Table For Two

Part One – June 5, 2022

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. You prepare a feast [set up a table] for me in the presence of my enemies.

(Psalm 23:5, New Living Translation 2nd Ed.)

Jesus invites ME to come and enjoy a meal with him!

“You belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory.... because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

(1 John 4:4)

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

(John 10:10)

Keep watch!.... If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. You... must be ready all the time.

(Matthew 24:42-44)

1. I must take my thoughts captive.

We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds.... we capture... rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

(James 4:7)

Jesus told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

(Matthew 28:18)

2. I must Switch the channel in my mind.

Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

(Romans 13:14)

3. I must fill my thoughts with scripture.

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

(2 Timothy 2:21)

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

(Psalm 119:11)

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

(Joshua 1:8)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

(Ephesians 2:10)

My (GOD'S) grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. So now [I can say] I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

(Isaiah 49:16)

You are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you.

(Isaiah 43:4)

I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.... he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

(Psalm 116:1-2)

You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is good for you. And even though 'I am allowed to do anything,' I must not become a slave to anything.

(1 Corinthians 6:12)

Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

(Matthew 11:28)

Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

(2 Chronicles 15:7, New International Version, 2011)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

(Psalm 136:1, NLT 2nd Ed.)

4. I will invite a friend to the table.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome.... you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:1-2)

They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

(Mark 2:4)

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

(Revelation 3:20)