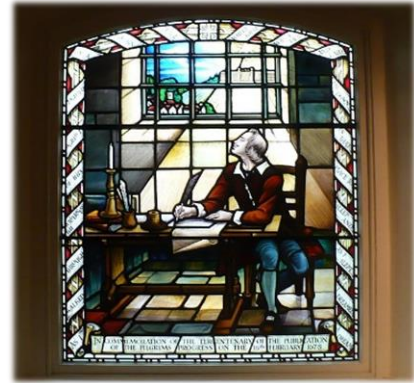


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Good morning, Everybody.

I wanted to remind us this morning of our young people and the staff serving them at Camp Peniel. Be sure to pray for them throughout the day (smile). It's helpful to both the earnestness and the effectiveness of prayer to sow it in just a few very specific requests. For instance, that strong, *spiritual* friendships would result from this week. Or, that those who are not yet truly regenerated would have their eyes opened to their need. Or, that the staff who are volunteering and serving this week would be encouraged by being able to see even small evidences of spiritual fruit.



When I'm really intent on praying about something, I like to pray the same few requests about it several times during a day, or at least once for several days in a row. That helps me have a necessary sense of completion (knowing for sure when I've actually *finished well* a time of prayer). It also helps me *remember* what I prayed about. When we pray in very general terms, it's hard, even a day or two later, to remember *what* we prayed, or even if we prayed at all! That makes one's prayer life a constant frustration, which in turn feels like defeat. So much of that can be eliminated by (just to summarize) (1) taking a moment to conceive narrowly focused, specifically worded requests, and then (2) praying those same requests in much the same wording repeatedly.

Of course, you'll often have the experience of feeling a kind of spontaneous enlargement when you pray that way. That enlargement enables you to expand upon the requests in very soul satisfying ways. But it starts with deliberately deciding specifics.

Praying for You Today (about some specifics; smile),

Pastor Minnick