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my motto be: Help me to live for  
others that I may live like thee.

Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way, that even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do to  
ever be sincere and true and  
know that all I'd do for you must  
needs be done for others.

Let “Self” be crucified and slain  
and buried deep. And all in vain  
may efforts be to rise again  
unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is  
done, and my new work in  
heaven's begun, may I forget the  
crown I've won, while thinking  
still of others.

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- CD Meigs-

As you think about your relationship with others, as Meigs so elegantly puts it in the hymn, we are reminded of Scriptures that teach us about our relationship.

Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves  
which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who,  
although He existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God a thing  
to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself,  
taking the form of a bond\_servant, and  
being made in the likeness of men. 8  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
He humbled Himself by becoming  
obedient to the point of death, even death  
on a cross.

Matt 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and {their} great men exercise authority over them. 26 "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

You might think about the attitude which accompanies these thoughts and what the results are going to be in your life.

There are even broader implications of these simple truths found in God's word.

“History is driven over the long haul, by culture – by what men and women honor, cherish, and worship; by what societies deem to be true and good and noble; by the expressions they give to those convictions in language, literature and the arts; by what individual and societies are willing to stake their lives on.” – G Weigel

Solzhenitsyn pointed out, “ The failings of human consciousness, deprived of its divine dimension, have been a determining factor in all the major crimes of this century. ...

World War I, World War II .. The only possible explanation for this is a mental eclipse among the leaders of Europe due to their lost awareness of a Supreme Power above them.”

Europe has lost its faith in God and has come to a secular state in which no mention of God is made in public and where the people in the street are amazed that religion intrudes on the lives of those in the US.

The problem is that such conditions can easily become the norm in our society as we see religious groups around us move into a secular mind set. Their focus is not to save man from sin but to fit the Scriptures to their idea of what God should have done.

Whether it's the Episcopalian church reaffirming its stand on approving practicing homosexuals as Bishops or the AME church appointing its first woman Bishop, the result is to deny that we have a complete revelation which does not change with the political climate.

2 Pet 1:3 seeing that His divine  
power has granted to us  
everything pertaining to life and  
godliness, through the true  
knowledge of Him who called us  
by His own glory and excellence.

In making fun of the huge number of different churches in the US, the population and the leaders of Europe justify their “reason” and “enlightenment” without pausing to think where these came from.

Those in places of authority who do not seek God have inserted an atheistic secularization which led to the “crisis of civilization” leading to the moral crisis which the wars fought in Europe in the last century emphasize.

Can this happen here? It depends  
on whether we recognize the  
value of “others”.

Who are these others?

Jesus taught the principles of brotherhood and caring for others, regardless of their station in life in the parable of the “Good Samaritan”.

Luk 10:25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (26) "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" (27) He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (28) "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." (29) But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luk 10:30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. (31) A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. (32) So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. (33) But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

(34) He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35) The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' (36) "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" (37) The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This caring Samaritan was posed in answer to a question asked by a lawyer – “and who is my neighbor?” He was really asking who is the “other” whom I should love (serve)?

We are surrounded by those who are focused on self and the pleasures of this world. As children of God, we have chosen goodness.

A true Christian's focus is on helping others.

Help me in all the work I do to  
ever be sincere and true and know  
that all I'd do for you must needs  
be done for others.

1 Cor 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2

And if I have {the gift of} prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed {the poor,} and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

God does not advise us to fail to speak,  
to fail to know, to have a weak faith, or  
to help the poor and deny ourselves to  
help others. He tells us we must do this  
because we care.

We must adjust our attitude to  
one of caring (loving) others.

Phil 3:8 More than that, I count  
all things to be loss in view of the  
surpassing value of knowing  
Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I  
have suffered the loss of all  
things, and count them but  
rubbish in order that I may gain  
Christ,

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Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren,  
whatever is true, whatever is  
honorable, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is  
lovely, whatever is of good  
repute, if there is any excellence  
and if anything worthy of praise,  
let your mind dwell on these  
things.

That's the kind of society in which I want to live. In order to have that kind of society, these must be the values I cherish and those I share with others.

It is only by acknowledging the  
God of heaven and the revelation  
of His Son to mankind that you  
can truly participate in making  
such a society.

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified." (37) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38) And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.