

Do Right!

A devotional from Dr. Bob Sr.'s *Do Right Daily*.

If you will keep your appointments with God, He will reveal Himself to you in ways that you never expected.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Acts 3:1

The hour of prayer had come. Peter and John started to the temple to pray. They had been through the most wonderful epoch in the history of the world. They had gone through the lonely hours when Jesus hung on the cross. They had gone through the lonely days when His body was in the sepulchre. They had gone through the glorious manifestation when He came out of the tomb. They had had fellowship with Him this side of the grave. They had gone through that glorious experience when they saw Him climb an invisible stairway back to the sky. They had gone through that glorious manifestation when cloven tongues of fire came down from Pentecost.

Now there they were, these men going along at the hour of prayer on their way to a prayer meeting. Say, they had kept a date with God. Do you keep your dates with God? You have a date with Him to read your Bible every day. Do you keep it? You have a date with Him to meet Him in prayer in some place of fellowship. Do you meet Him? At prayer meeting every week you have a date with God. Have you been keeping it? Peter and John said, "We have a date with God. It is time to go."

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You have no right to ask God for anything that you are not willing to give back to Him.

For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:27-28

Years ago there lived in a community in Louisiana a wicked man who had a wicked wife. One day they sent for the preacher and said, "Come over to our home quickly!" When the preacher got there they said, "The doctor has told us our little baby is dying. Won't you ask God to spare our baby, ask Him to let him get well?"

The preacher said, "I'm sorry, but I can't do it. You are old sinners. If the boy grows up here, he will go to hell as sure as the world. You will damn him. You will send him to hell. It would be better for him to die and go on to heaven. I hate to say that. It is awfully hard. But if your baby grows up here he will go to hell for sure." Then he put his arms around them and said, "If you will get right with God, I'll pray for him." The man got down on his knees and his wicked wife got down on her knees, and both of them were converted.

"All right," the preacher said then, "let's ask God to spare the baby; he is going to have a Christian father and mother now." He prayed. God saw fit to spare the baby, and the baby grew up.