



In His Presence

Psalm 16:11

We invite you to read and be blessed by this recent devotional written by one of your own, Jim Wilcox Jr.

Of the many blessings we as believers in Christ enjoy in this earthly life, his presence in our daily lives is the most precious.

His presence is our protection. He is, after all, almighty God! And he loves you and me more deeply than we can imagine. His infinite lovingkindness shines on us 24-7-365! The psalmist says, *"My times are in your hand."* Psalm 31:15a (ESV). That tells me we are invincible until our Lord says it is time for us to come home.

His presence is our provision. As I review the past eight decades, he has always proven faithful to meet all my needs and most of my wants. He promises to provide everything we need to live a life of faith and godliness. "Reckon it," that is, consider it true and act like it!

His presence is seen in his promises. Some of my favorite words of Jesus are found in John 14:20 when he said, *"You in me, and I in you."* Beloved ones, we can't get any closer than that! He promises the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in human hearts! He promised eternal life with

him in our eternal home! He promised that we would share his glory! What a joy it is to "stand on the promises."

He, in his presence, is a very present help in every time of need. Some of our hymns tell us to "Trust and Obey," "Tell it to Jesus, Jesus will help you, Jesus alone," and "Jesus cares about all our troubles." He victoriously faced every temptation and trial we may face, so he can surely help you and me along our way. He is continuously interceding with the Father on your behalf and mine, and the Father always hears the pleas of his Son for you and me.

In his presence, he is our daily guide. He knows the way; he is the way! Someone said, "He who walks with God always gets to his destination." My favorite hymn says, "When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way! Let us do his good will; he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey."

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11 (KJV)



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Valuable Resources



As we become aware of additional resources that could be of value to all our recipients, we'll pass them on to you! If you have any questions on any of the resources listed below, please call the Mission:Dignity office.



American Dental Education Association

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) provides a list of dental schools that offer dental care at a discounted cost.

[ADEA.org/DentalSchools](https://www.aede.org/DentalSchools)



GoGo Grandparent

Order rides for groceries, prescription medications, meals, home chores and more with a simple phone call. The GoGoGuardian technology dramatically improves the reliability and usability of partners like Uber, DoorDash, Instacart and others for people who want to live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

[GoGoGrandparent.com](https://www.gogograndparent.com) | 1-855-464-6872



Modest Needs

Modest Needs is a tax-exempt charity where you can apply for small, emergency grants to cover unexpected expenses and bills. An active email account is required in order to register.

[ModestNeeds.org](https://www.modestneeds.org)



Mission:Dignity Devotional Book 2024



This year, Mission:Dignity released a 40-day devotional book highlighting devotionals written by recipients — including the one you read on page one. We passed these books out at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in New Orleans in June and could not have had a better response!

We'd like to create a new version for 2024. **Would you consider writing a short devotional for the 2024 edition?** It can be based on a previous sermon or personal experience — however the Lord leads.

Here is a description of what we're looking for:

- 150-450 words (handwritten or typed)
- Corresponding Bible verse or passage
- Recent photo

Please send your devotional to Susan Ervien's attention via mail to our office or email Susan.Ervien@GuideStone.org.



In order to be considered for this year's edition, submissions need to be received by November 30, 2023. We are excited about this new annual tradition and pray the Lord leads and blesses you as you write and, eventually, as others read.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

How to Handle Solicitors at Your Door or Over the Phone

Solicitors that call or show up at your door unexpectedly can be frightening as well as annoying. Follow these suggestions to better navigate these unwanted impositions.



For phone calls, simply say, "Thank you for calling, but I don't do business over the phone." And then hang up.

For door solicitors, put a note on the inside of the storm door or somewhere where the message can be read from outside that reads, "We don't do business at the door. You are welcome to leave any information on the porch, and if we are interested, we will call you."

We hope these suggestions will give you greater peace of mind when dealing with solicitors.



Beware of Text Messages Asking for Bank Information

Recently, a ring of cybercriminals used a new attack in order to steal credit card information. Read the below information to learn more about this scam and how you can protect yourself from cybercriminals.

In this scam, cybercriminals send text messages pretending to be a bank. The message says that a security issue needs to be resolved and will prompt you to click a link to your bank's login page. This page looks legitimate, but it's actually a fake page that records your login and password. If you enter your bank login information, cybercriminals will use this information to hack into your bank account.

FOLLOW THE TIPS BELOW TO STAY SAFE FROM SIMILAR SCAMS:

- Think before you open a link. Cyberattacks are designed to catch you off guard and trigger you to panic and open links impulsively.
- Never enter your bank login information from a link in a text message. Instead, navigate to your bank's official website to log in or call them and see if the text is legitimate.
- Remember that this type of attack isn't exclusive to banks. Cybercriminals could use this technique to impersonate any organization you have given credit or bank information.



Mission:Dignity staff will not text you to ask for important or confidential information. If you receive a text message on your phone saying it's from Mission:Dignity, please call or email us to confirm or report fraudulent contact.

Look for Our Call!

When the Mission:Dignity staff calls you, our phone number may appear as our 1-800 number:

1-877-888-9409, Dallas, TX

Please save this number on your phone and pick up the call, as we may have important information for you!

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