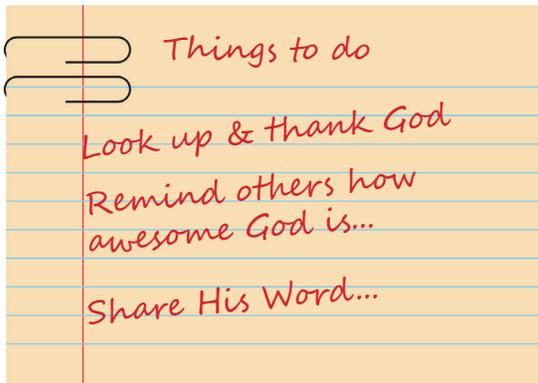


Make A List

Lists. We create them for a lot of things. We have to-do lists. Grocery Lists. Shopping lists. Lists for names, phone numbers, and addresses. Some of us have smaller lists to remind us to add things to our larger or our “master list”. We make lists for bread, milk, and eggs. We make lists of our errands; reminding us to go to the grocery store so we can get our bread, milk, and eggs. We even have lists of lists. Sometimes we take one thing off a list only to add it to another list. We remind ourselves of our needs, of special events, dates, and celebrations. Our lists remind us to: clean the bathroom, give the dog a bath, and change the oil in the car. Lists remind us of what we need and what we need to do. Lists remind us of things that we do not want to forget - that’s why it’s so important that we don’t forget to have our list with us when we need it. There is nothing more frustrating than losing a list or not having it with you right when you need it the most. How will you be able to scratch those things off your list when you know you’ve gotten them, or successfully accomplished something?



As we think of our earthly lives, and the lists we create to help us with those needs, how awesome it would be to make lists to help us with our spiritual lives! For those of us, who know Jesus as our Savior, we can call it our “Master’s List”. Create a list of people whom you are praying for (and their needs), and be sure to keep track of when and how those prayers are answered. List the blessings God has given you and ways He’s answered your own personal prayers and fulfilled your own needs. Make a list of God’s promises so that when you are feeling discouraged, you can remind

yourself (and others) of God’s faithfulness. Make a list of your favorite Bible stories, Bible characters, or keep a list of Bible verses that mean a lot to you. Remember we create lists of things that we need to have and things that we do not want to forget. **Psalm 103:2 tells us to, “Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits”.** God tells us not once, but twice to: **“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds: tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,” Deuteronomy 11:18-20 and Deuteronomy 6:6-9.** You see, it’s God’s idea to make lists and memorize His Word. It’s beneficial for us to remember God’s faithfulness and His goodness, so that when we face troubling times in life, we can grab our list of Bible verses and say, **I lift my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2.** So, grab a notebook, journal, sticky note, or even your phone or tablet and start a list. Make several. One of your lists could be reminding yourself to get something for supper, pick up cat food, or get school supplies. Create a prayer list for anyone you know and love who is sick and pray about getting that new job. We, here at The Christian Center would appreciate being added to your prayer list. Jot down the many blessings God has given you this week. Add unlimited faithfulness and grace to the list of His promises for you. And be sure to add this to your Bible verse list, **I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your wonders of old. Psalm 77:11.**



God bless you all,

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