

Hypothesis presented in Worship - October 22, 2006

ME, MYSELF & I

We live in a culture of self-centeredness, instant gratification and convenience. These cultural expectations affect our participation in church activities, programs, and liturgy.

What this hypothesis causes me to pray for is:

- Wisdom to understand what is more important.
- for the giving of ourselves and that the world would turn to God to hear the truth and to realize that all of us are God's children and we are all part of the Body of Christ.
- that I may live my days in such a way that I might be considered counter culture and instead do those things that make life better for others.
I also pray that our congregation leaves our wilderness on the right path.
- People who are hurting, those whose loved ones have died, those who need help, the people in war zones, those who are in the hospitals, those who are seeking help, those who are without food or money or shelter, and those who just need prayers.
- 2) The people who live in the east side of Tacoma who are in pain and those who need love, joy, and guidance. They need refuge and Jesus in their hearts.
1) We must be patient, calm and think of others before we speak.
- My priorities - is always being busy serving others? Or am I putting work/projects, etc. above other obligations (like church) that are more focused on serving others?
I pray for balance in my life, and for others experiencing the same thing.
- Young people to open their hearts to see beyond themselves to be open to others and to be willing to share with others their talents and gifts.
- People to come together and not be so self-indulgent and to make the world a better place for all of us and the generations to come. Be more service to others as Jesus was. "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
- To become more disciplined in my prayer life and to spend time in service - serving others with compassion.
- Those who work in the community to raise money or work to help people in need, be it medical, spiritual or any other way they need.

- The old adage stands true, peace on earth, good will toward man.
- Strength and grace to live God's word so that others may be inspired to learn about the Lord.
- People to put God first in their lives and to put other people's needs first. I want to pray that our culture will become empathetic and not to be so protective of their own selves (time, activities, etc.).
- Continuing good health.
- Putting Christ first - with me in the background. Make my life worth something - that is - serving God. Taking advantage of the many opportunities to help others. Being open to God's calling.
- A deeper personal relationship with God. Also, to be able to take the grace God has given me through my joys and my trials and witness to others God's love and eternal embrace.
- These days everything seems to be centered around money, power and personal gain. This takes our focus away from who we should be to who we want to be or have.
- a better openness and understanding and acceptance of God's call to us as a congregation and as individuals.
- Continued work to help me be a part of a successful church and belief in Jesus.
- Tolerance.
- Less self centering. More for the world and lots for the environment.
- More time(?) to - pray; focus on positivity; correct injustices to which we may contribute - either by belief or action or passivity.
- Confidence in living simply.
- Neighbors. Self health. Happiness.
- a person to reflect his love.
- to think beyond myself - think how and what I can do to help others.
- Simplification, direction, strength.
- So many people are so self-centered that they do not have time or feel they do not have time to participate in church. Attending church means you at times must give up another part of your life. A part that many people refuse to do. Attending church requires a self-sacrifice that many people refuse or do not want to do.